

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 with Cindy Schwehr, Bill Carlbom, Mike Metcalf, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Chairman Metcalf called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Auditor – Gaming Site Authorization

Auditor Beth Didier presented a Gaming Site Authorization request from the Frank Summerfield Post No. 3363 to conduct games of chance at the Crossroads Steakhouse & Lounge. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Highway – HP Load Restriction Assistance / Federal Aid Program

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, recommended that Barnes County request the North Dakota Highway Patrol’s assistance with road restriction weight enforcement in 2016. Cindy Schwehr moved to accept the recommendation; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Mr. Johnson presented the Final Project Certification of the County Road #27 project for approval. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Certification; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. John Froelich moved to approve the Final Project Certification of the Meadow Lake Realignment / CR # 7 Grade Raise project; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Federal Aid Program worksheet; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Sheriff – Truck Reg Vehicle Bid Opening

Carl Martineck, State’s Attorney, facilitated the auction of the Truck Regulatory vehicle. The bid of \$7,000 from Barnes County was accepted as high bid, pending verification that all parties involved have signed the Memorandum of Understanding, as well as determination as to whether the radios are included.

Tax Director – Abatement Request (Hochhalter)

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, presented a Request for Abatement from James Hochhalter. Mr. Hochhalter requested a reduction in the 2015 valuation of parcel 63-2040009 from \$252,900 to \$227,000. The Valley City Commission recommended lowering the value to \$238,700, as did Ms. Koslofsky. Rodger Berntson moved to approve the recommendation and lower the value to \$238,700; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. County Equalization will be held June 7, 2016 from 1 – 3 p.m.

Auditor – Minutes / Vote-By-Mail

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the February 2, 2016 minutes; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Beth Didier, Auditor, requested permission to go to Vote-By-Mail for the 2016 Primary Election. Rodger Berntson moved to approve the request; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Howard Rasmusson – Valuation Question

Howard Rasmusson called in to ask a question about the valuation process; due to technical difficulties, he will call discuss this at a later date.

Sanborn Lake Discussion

John Froelich updated the Commission on Sanborn Lake flowage easements. Rodger Berntson moved to proceed with the flowage easements, contingent upon follow-up with the State’s Attorney; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Paul Stenshoel – Hobart Lake Project

Paul Stenshoel, Barnes County resident, and Gary Krapu, Valley City resident, presented information regarding possible environmental impacts of the Hobart Lake drain project. The Commission thanked them for the information.

Dispatch License

Sue Lloyd, Dispatch Coordinator, requested approval to obtain a second CAD system console at a cost of \$15,000. John Froelich moved to approve the request; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

State’s Attorney – Salaries

Carl Martineck, State’s Attorney, requested promotion of Tanya Zachrisson to Admin III at a rate of \$20.00 per hour effective immediately. John Froelich moved to approve the request; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Mr. Martineck requested approval to pay \$16.50 per hour

for the Admin II/Victim Witness Coordinator position. John Froelich moved to approve the request; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

MIS – Mifi Device

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, requested approval to purchase a Mifi device at a cost of \$39.99 per month. John Froelich moved to approve the request; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Commission Discussion

Application deadline for Tax Director and Planning & Zoning Coordinator has been extended for two additional weeks. Other discussion included fuel prices and a Valley City Rural Fire Department request.

With no further business, Bill Carlblom made a motion, seconded by Rodger Berntson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Mike Metcalf, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor