

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 with Cindy Schwehr, Bill Carlblom, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Mike Metcalf was unable to attend. Vice-Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

**Dispatch – Holiday Hours**

Holly Neuberger and Sue Lloyd, Assistant Dispatch Coordinator and Emergency Manager/Dispatch Coordinator, requested that the Commission extend the use of Holiday Hours from one pay period to 3 pay periods, in order to realistically address staffing and coverage needs. Cindy Schwehr moved to extend the use period for the three 24/7 offices (Dispatch, Sheriff, and Corrections) to three pay periods; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**MIS – Server Options**

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, requested approval to purchase a new server from High Plains Technology at a cost of \$36,461.88. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Water Resources - Sheyenne River Snagging & Clearing**

Jerry Hieb, Water Resources board chairman, updated the Commission on the snagging and clearing progress (20 miles have been cleared), and informed them that the State Water Commission has changed the approval process, but indicated that funding of the previously approved \$25,000 match was likely not going to be a problem. John Froelich moved to approve cost-sharing with the Water Board for the additional \$25,000 from the County and \$25,000 from Water Resources, if the State doesn't come through; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Val Burchill – 40 Years of Service**

John Froelich and Wanda Larson, Social Services director, presented Val Burchill with a plaque in recognition of her forty years of service to Barnes County Social Services.

**Highway Dept – Faust Dam Bridge Contract**

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Shawn Mayfield, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, requested approval to sign the contract for the Faust Dam Bridge. Rodger Berntson moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Highway Department – Approach Application**

Mr. Johnson and Mitch Smith, Marsh Township resident, requested approval of an Approach Application for an approach in the NW ¼ of Section 6 in Marsh Township. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the approach, with the understanding that Mr. Smith pursues removal of an unused approach on land owned by an absentee landowner; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Auditor – Minutes**

John Froelich moved to approve the February 7, 2017 minutes; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**VC-BC Development Corp – Request for Funds (Chamber of Commerce)**

Jennifer Feist, Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation Director of Development, and Kay Vinje, Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President, requested approval of \$5,000 to support the Chamber of Commerce, with funds to come from the Economic Development fund. John Froelich moved to approve the request; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Rodger Berntson voting “no”.

**Chad Clement – Policy Manual**

Chad Clement, Marsh Township resident, met with the Commission to again inform them of his perceived infractions of County policy.

**Bryan Watters – ND Dept of Veterans Affairs**

Bryan Watters, Veterans Service Officer Supervisor with the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, expressed his department's support of Barnes County Veterans Service Officer Angela Hunt, stating that her performance is above-average. Barnes County, as a team, does a better job and extends more services than the majority of the counties in state, with the transportation program that we have in place. Local veteran Lenny Muir expressed thanks for Barnes County's transportation service and appreciation of Ms. Hunt's efforts at any time of the day. He also expressed his gratitude for the VFW and other organizations that provide assistance to veterans.

**Commission Discussion**

Sidwell has requested an additional \$8,000 to manage some lines on the GIS maps; a new contract was requested, to be presented in March. John Froelich moved to accept the offer of assistance from the North Dakota Highway Patrol with enforcing weight restrictions on County roads; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion

carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. City County Health District is getting estimates for window replacement in an effort to be more energy efficient. The Commission Agenda process was also discussed.

With no further business, John Froelich made a motion, seconded by Cindy Schwehr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Metcalf, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor