

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 with Cindy Schwehr, Bill Carlblom, 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.

VC-BC Development Corp – Request for Funds

Jennifer Feist, Director of Development – Valley City-Barnes County Development Corporation, along with Tony Kobbervig and Wade Bruns, requested approval of \$50,000 for an economic development project. John Froelich moved to approve a motion of support, pending a contract and further financing falling into place and a final request; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator

Bill Carlblom introduced Jessica Jenrich, who will be hired as Planning & Zoning Coordinator starting April 4, 2016 at \$20.09 per hour, subject to background check and 6-month trial period. John Froelich moved to approve hiring Ms. Jenrich; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Planning & Zoning – CUP (Tyler Roach) / Open Position

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Ag to Residential, from Tyler Roach (Raritan Township, SE ¼ 2-137-56). John Froelich moved to approve the application; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Koslofsky requested permission to advertise for an Administrative Assistant starting at \$16.40 per hour to replace Stacie Leier. The new person would be expected to complete their training within two years. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Tax Director Position

John Froelich introduced Stacie Leier as Tax Director in training. Ms. Leier will remain in her same position and pay until Betty Koslofsky vacates the office on August 9th. When Ms. Leier becomes the Director, she will be paid \$21.84 per hour. John Froelich moved to approve hiring Stacie Leier beginning August 9, 2016 at a Grade 10; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

City of Sanborn Water Improvements

Rodger Berntson moved to state that the proposed water project in the City of Sanborn does not conflict with the County comprehensive development plan for the area; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes / Game & Fish / County Government Week

Bill Carlblom moved to approve the March 1, 2016 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bill Carlblom moved to have the Auditor’s Office be an online vendor for Game & Fish licensing; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Bill Carlblom moved to proclaim April 18th – 22nd as County Government Week; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

PROCLAMATION

County Government Week – April 18 – 22, 2016
“Safe and Secure Counties”

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, Barnes County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, well-being and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, through National Association of Counties (NACo) President Sallie Clark’s “Safe and Secure Counties” initiative, NACo is encouraging counties to focus on strengthening the safety and security of their communities; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe, and economically competitive, America’s counties provide public health, justice, emergency management and economic services that play a key role in everything from residents’ daily health to disaster response; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote programs and services to the public we serve; and

WHEREAS, Barnes County is committed to moving forward by continually working to address safety and security within the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, MIKE METCALF, BARNES COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, do hereby proclaim April 18 – 22, 2016 as County Government Week and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities. Dated this 15th day of March, 2016.

Mike Metcalf, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor

Paul Stenshoel – Hobart Lake Project

Paul Stenshoel, Barnes County resident, discussed wetlands and easements for the Hobart Lake Project. Barry Borg expressed concerns over how much money has already been spent by the County and the State for grade raises on Hobart Lake.

Truck Regulatory Vehicle

Carl Martineck presented Version II of the Truck Regulatory Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). John Froelich moved to approve the MOU; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Rodger Berntson voting “no”. Upon further consideration, John Froelich moved to approve a revised MOU; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Rodger Berntson voting “no”.

Highway Dept – Engineering Agreements

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Shawn Mayfield, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, presented an Engineering Agreement for all the 2016 paving projects (approximately 25 miles of milling, hot mix asphalt overlay & incidentals) at a cost of \$267,034 for approval. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Agreement; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Mr. Mayfield presented an Engineering Agreement for the Faust Dam Bridge Project at a cost of \$98,700 for approval. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Agreement; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Commission Discussion

Upcoming meetings were discussed. The auction of County Equipment was held at the North Dakota Winter Show last week, and appears to have been a success. The west main culvert was discussed. Barnes County Township Officers Association meeting will be held April 24th; Vote-By-Mail will be explained to township officials at that time. Randy McClafin, Sheriff, presented a request to obtain additional office space at a cost of \$2,400 per year, and it will be brought up for a vote at the next meeting. Mr. McClafin informed the Commission of discussion with Barnes County North school district regarding a Resource Officer.

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

Mike Metcalf, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

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