

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 with Cindy Schwehr, Mike Metcalf, Bill Carlbom, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Chairman Carlbom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Planning & Zoning - Variances & CUP / Drain Tile Discussion

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Setback – Trees 100' from the center of the township road from Jerome & Yvonne Steidl (Alta Township, SE ¼ 26-140-57). Mike Metcalf moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Setback – Trees 50' from center of the township road from Justin Mueller (Dazey Township, SW ¼ 15-143-59). Rodger Berntson moved to approve the application; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Setback for Utilities from Dicky Rural Telephone Cooperative (Rosebud, Spring Creek and Oakhill Townships. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and a Variance – Setback for Utilities from Inter Community Telephone Company (Dazey, Minnie Lake, Sibley Trail, and Springvale Townships). Mike Metcalf moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

The Barnes County Planning & Zoning Board met on April 12, 2018 and voted not to approve a Resolution to Adopt Revisions to the Barnes County Development Code, in regards to subsurface tile drainage. The Commission discussed this further. Mike Metcalf moved to leave the policy as is, and not add the word "utility"; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Weed Control – Spray Equipment

Jamen Windish, Weed Control Officer, presented a request (previously approved by the Weed Control Board) for an entire spray unit (including pickup, flatbed with mounting and tool boxes, datalogger, sprayer, and safety lights, with a total cost of approximately \$41,175, with adjustments, once final prices of fabrication are done. Mike Metcalf moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Auditor – Minutes

Mike Metcalf moved to approve the April 3, 2018 minutes with corrections; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City-County Health District – Federally Qualified Health Center

Theresa Will, City-County Health District Director, informed the Commission that County Health District is working with Family Healthcare from Fargo to provide a primary care clinic within the CCHD office. This will allow increased access for medical, as well as mental health services, including medication assisted treatment for those with addictions. Cindy Schwehr moved to support CCHD pursuing this further; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included County Burials, continuing jail planning meetings, rotunda plaster repair, City-County Health has South Central Human Services leasing offices upstairs, and bracelets for home-monitoring. Harold Rotunda, CPA, updated the Commission on 2017 year-end financials, specifically, Weed Control.

Department Head Meeting

The Tax Equalization office is wrapping up their equalization meetings this week. Emergency Management is pursuing grant funding for projects. Highway Department has started crack sealing, and county roads are holding up relatively well. Weed Control has two seasonal employees returning and two new hires, and is also pursuing grant funding. Extension will be trimming the trees on the boulevard. A pruning seminar is in the works. Veterans Services has their new van. Angela Hunt has been appointed Training Officer and Legislative Officer for her association. City-County Health District is working with Family Healthcare from Fargo to provide a primary care clinic within the CCHD office. This will allow increased access for medical, as well as mental health services, including medication assisted treatment for those with addictions. South Central Human Service Center will be renting space on 2nd floor and will have a full-time mental health counselor who will coordinate the Valley City services provided through SCHSC. There will also be a part-time licensed addiction counselor, a psychiatrist, an RN, a case manager and a case aid who will be working out of this office. We are hoping to grow these services as the need is certainly present. Shingrix is the new shingles vaccine. It is a 2-dose vaccine, so you get a dose, and in two months get a 2nd dose. There are sometimes more side effects, "may prevent individuals from usual daily activities for a few days" so may want to time this vaccine. We are still waiting to hear back from HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) regarding the grant we applied for, which would allow more physical activity and nutrition work in the schools. The work will start May 1st if we are funded. The Valley City Commission will have the first reading of the ordinance which includes Responsible Beverage Server Training (RBST), requiring that all who serve alcohol in our establishments take the two-hour course for RBST. Town Hall on the opioid crisis

was held April 5th with about 108 people attending. There was good discussion with the panelists. Substance use prevention is a community concern which we all have a role in. Dispatch is finishing up with the 911 addressing project: the state has okayed what has been done, thus far; now Dispatch must handle the finishing touches. Cindy Schwehr expressed gratitude for everyone's participation in County Government Week. MIS reminded people to be wary of phishing scams. Auditor's Office is preparing for the 2018 Primary Election on June 12, 2018. The County is looking into options for taking credit card payments in departments that have a need, and the group discussed processes necessary to make this work smoothly. John Froelich reminded Department Heads that it is their responsibility to monitor and manage their employees vacation accruals, in order to avoid getting in "use or lose" situations.

With no further business, Mike Metcalf made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

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