

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 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.

Dispatch – Courthouse AED

Holly Neuberger, Assistant Dispatch Coordinator, requested approval to purchase a new fully-automatic AED for the Courthouse at a cost of \$1,295, as the current one is obsolete. Bill Carlbom moved to approve the request; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Planning & Zoning – CUP’s & Variances

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Setback of 8’ from the side property line from Eric Myren (Getchell Township, Martin’s Landing 2nd Addition 5-141-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Bill Carlbom 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 (Utility) from Inter Community Telephone Co (Eckelson Township, 23, 22, 15, 16, 17, 20 – 140-61). Bill Carlbom moved to approve the application; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a CUP and a Variance – Setback (Utility) from Barnes Rural Water District (Alta, Noltimier, Getchell, Stewart, and Valley Townships). Bill Carlbom moved to approve the application; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Valley City Public Schools – Picnic on Courthouse Lawn

Jolene Hagen, Valley City Schools Director of Food Services, requested permission to use the Courthouse grounds for a picnic (Grades 7 – 12) on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Weed Control – Selling Old Equipment

Jamen Windish, Weed Officer, requested approval to sell three iPads and two dataloggers, with the proceeds from the sale to stay in the Weed Control fund. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes / Gaming Site Authorization

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the April 4, 2017 minutes with corrections; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rodger Berntson moved to approve a Gaming Site Authorization request from Frank Summerfield Post No. 3363 to conduct games of chance at Crossroads Steakhouse & Lounge; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Commission Discussion

Cleaning of the Courthouse building windows and County-Owned Land Lease Terms were discussed. John Froelich provided updates on Park Board and Water Board activities.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, presented the Final Project Certification for the six miles of paving between Dazey and Wimbledon, with a local cost of \$37,752. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Certification; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Department Head Meeting

Courthouse roof repair and parking lot sweeping and striping were discussed. Department Heads provided updates to the group.

City-County Health District provided this report: Community lipid/cholesterol screen set for May 24 from 7-9am. Call or email Angie to sign up; We are working on becoming designated as a Cardiac Ready Community. Mercy Hospital is taking the lead. This designation is based on having AED’s in appropriate places, having a community that is informed about blood pressure/risk factors, assuring that CPR classes are offered, etc.; Since our recent community health assessment top concern areas were substance use and mental health services, we are trying to focus more attention on behavioral health. We are working with Mercy Hospital on increasing community awareness and knowledge of “Mental Health First Aid,” which is an educational opportunity offered to groups to increase the awareness of mental health problems and how to assist others in getting the assistance that they need. This is particularly important at worksites, assuring that we notice red flags, offer the use of our EAP, etc. to prevent further harm. More to come; We will be closed from 10:30 -5 on Tuesday 4/25 and from 10:30-1 on Wednesday 4/26 for training on our new electronic health record; Through our safe sleep grant, we have cribs available for those who have babies up to 1 year and do not have a safe place for baby to sleep; The Diabetes Prevention Program classes are underway with about 17 people participating, learning ways to prevent diabetes for those who have current risk factors. 16 weekly sessions, then monthly; instructors have interaction with the participants for a full year. Taught jointly by CCHD, Barnes County Extension and Essentia Health; We continue to

offer free colorectal screening for anyone age 50-75 who hasn't had a colonoscopy in the last 10 years. A colonoscopy is still considered the "gold standard." This screening is more personally accepted by some, if any concerns are noted, a colonoscopy would be the next step.

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

Mike Metcalf, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor