

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 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.

Social Services – Introduction of New Employees

Wanda Larson, Social Services Director, introduced Nikki Altringer, Administrative Staff Officer, and Caitlin Killeen, Family Services Specialist.

Planning & Zoning – Variances, CUP & Zoning District Amendment

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance (Setback of 150' from center of township road) from Paul A Falstad (Skandia Township, SW ¼ 26-138-59). John Froelich moved to deny the application; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the variance at 200' setback; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance (Setback of 110' from center of township road) from Kory A Kunze (Cuba Township, NE ¼ 10-139-57). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; Bill Carlblom 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) from ICTC (Hemen & Potter Townships, 139-60 & 140-60). Bill Carlblom 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 Zoning District Amendment (Agricultural to Residential) from Grant Michael Meyer (Edna Township, NW ¼ 32-142-60). Bill Carlblom moved to approve the application; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Auditor – Minutes / CCHD Board Appointment

Bill Carlblom moved to approve the May 2, 2017 minutes with corrections; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cindy Schwehr moved to re-appoint Tom Overn to the City County Health District board for another term; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Emergency Management - Mutual Aid Agreements

Sue Lloyd, Emergency Manager, presented mutual aid agreements with South Central Adult Services, Dietrich & Sons, City of Valley City, Stutsman County, Ransom County, Steele County, and Cass County. Cindy Schwehr moved to enter into mutual aid agreements with the entities listed; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". 911 addressing has now been sent to the State for their review and updating.

Commission Discussion

Legislative changes regarding Social Services funding will cost the County more money. The lost taxpayer savings due to the repeal of the 12% state-paid discount will not be fully made up by the Social Services costs being reimbursed by the State. John Froelich made a motion that, in the event that the Commission approves a Snagging & Clearing project, the County Commission has the option to pay their share out of the General Fund, rather than setting up an assessment district; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Cindy Schwehr moved to approve an estimate from Pro-Lot Maintenance for sweeping and re-stripping the parking lot; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Estimates have been requested for sidewalk replacement. Cindy Schwehr moved to allow Al Berg from Premier Benefits to review County insurance options; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". John Froelich provided an update on water issues, Silver Creek Drain, Devils Lake Outlet, and Hobart Lake Outlet.

With no further business, Bill Carlblom made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Mike Metcalf, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor