Barnes County Commission
May 17, 2016
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 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.

Valley Quilter's Request

Auditor Beth Didier presented a request from the Valley Quilter's quilt guild to hold their annual quilt show at the Courthouse on August 6, 2016. Bill Carlblom moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Music on the Courthouse Steps

Bill Carlblom moved to allow Valley City Parks & Recreation to continue having Music on the Courthouse Steps, with the same stipulations for oversight as in the past, due to floodwall construction in City Park; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Barnes County Relay for Life – Site Request

Barnes County Relay for Life requested use of the Courthouse lawn for the 2016 Relay for Life event, to be held on June 17, 2016. John Froelich moved to approve the request; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Auditor – Minutes / Park Business

Rodger Berntson moved to approve the May 3, 2016 minutes; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Updated Park Manager job description and Operating Procedures were presented for Commission review. These have already been approved by the Barnes County Park Board.

Planning & Zoning – Variances & CUP

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Ag to Residential from Michael J Rufsvold (Spring Creek Township, NW ¼ 24-137-59). 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 CUP – Residential, Zoning District Amendment – Multi-Family and Commercial, and a Subdivision from Michael S Heinze (Sibley Trail Township, NE ¼ 13-143-58). 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 Variance – Setback from Jeffrey Gilbertson (Ashtabula Township, Jewett Beach 22-142-58). John Froelich moved to send it back to Planning & Zoning for further consideration; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Tax Director – Assessing Contracts

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, presented Assessor Contracts for the City of Wimbledon ($900), Brimer Township ($676), Valley Township ($1,904), Hobart Township ($1,250), Laketown Township ($676), and Oriska Township ($744) for approval. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the contracts; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". A presentation by Sidwell was discussed. County Equalization will be at 1 pm on June 7th.

Social Services – New Director

Social Services board president Tom Overn introduced Wanda Larson as the new Director of Social Services.

VC – BC Development Corporation – Requests for Funds

Jennifer Feist, Director of Development – Valley City –Barnes County Development Corporation, along with Paige Bjornson, George Gaukler, and Tony Kobbervig, requested approval of $70,000 for year 3 funding to support infrastructure development for the ND National Guard and I-94 Regional Development Corridor. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Rodger Berntson voting "no". Ms. Feist requested $50,000 for year 2 to assist with the Gaukler Family Wellness, Health & Physical Education Center. John Froelich moved to approve the request; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Rodger Berntson voting "no".

Treasurer – Bank Pledging

Bill Carlblom moved to go with the Insured Cash Sweep service through Dacotah Bank, rather than regular bank pledging; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

O'Brien Family – Urbana Projects / Rock Hauling

Louis, Jim and Richard O'Brien shared their concerns with the Commission regarding road project at Urbana and rock hauling.

VC Rural Fire Department – GIS Mapping

Gary Retterath, Valley City Rural Fire Department, presented a plan for a Command Center, to include a GIS mapping program from Zuercker at a cost of $4,575. Bill Carlblom moved to approve the request; John Froelich

seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

EMA – Emergency Exercises

Sue Lloyd, Emergency Manager, informed the Commission of upcoming emergency exercises, and asked for Commission participation.

Commission Discussion

Commission discussed a recent bill from Kohn Electric that came in above the quote; Mike Metcalf will ask Stan Horst to follow up. A letter regarding Lucca Cemetery was discussed. A Snagging & Clearing Project meeting will be held June 13th; Rodger Berntson, Mike Metcalf, and John Froelich will attend. John Froelich moved to approve the bill for the popcorn machine of $337.50; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

With no further business, Bill Carlblom made a motion, seconded by Cindy Schwehr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Mike Metcalf, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor