

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 with Mike Metcalf, Bill Carlblom, Cindy Schwehr, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Chairman Schwehr called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Keith Colville / Jack Ertelt – Wellness Center Funding

Keith Colville and Jack Ertelt, Barnes County residents, expressed concerns regarding funding sources for the Wellness Center.

George Gaukler – Wellness Center Financing

George Gaukler, VC-BC Development Corporation, explained some of the funding sources for the Wellness Center.

Litchville Car Show – Use of Advertising Fund Dollars

Bill Carlblom asked whether the Advertising Fund could be used to assist the Litchville Car Show with advertising expenses under ND Century Code 57-15-10.1. The State's Attorney will be consulted.

Harold J Rotunda – Annual Financial Statement

Harold J Rotunda, CPA, presented a preliminary report of the annual financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2014.

Auditor – Minutes/Miscellaneous

John Froelich moved to approve the May 5, 2015 minutes with corrections; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike Metcalf moved to appoint Scott Tichy to the County Park Board to fill an unexpired vacancy, with term to expire December 31, 2015; no seconded was made, due to lack of a board application in hand, and no action was taken. Rodger Berntson moved to approve a Gaming Site Authorization request from the Frank S Henry Post 2764 for a site at Ashtabula Crossing; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Planning & Zoning – CUPs and Variances

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) – Ag to Residential - from John J Borg (Hobart Township, NE ¼ 22-140-59). Rodger Berntson moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Koslofsky presented an application for a Variance – Setback of Structure 111' from center of township road from Jeff Wurzer (Norma Township, NW ¼ 13-138-57). Mike Metcalf moved to approve the application; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Koslofsky presented an application for a CUP – Ag to Residential and a Variance – Setback of Structure 160' from center of township road from Michael & Holly Olauson (Green Township, SE ¼ 6-139-59). Rodger Berntson moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Koslofsky presented an application for a CUP – Ag to Residential and Variance – Setback of Structure 2' off the section line from Rick Wiedeman (Getchell Township, NW ¼ 5-141-58). Mike Metcalf moved to approve the application; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Ms. Koslofsky presented an application for a CUP – Ag to Residential from Weston & Jolene Jewett (Ashtabula Township, NW ¼ 22-142-58). Mike Metcalf moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

VSO Recommendation

The hiring committee recommended Chad Clement be hired to fill the upcoming vacancy in the Veterans Services Office. Mike Metcalf made a motion to offer the position of Veterans Service Officer to Chad Clement; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Mr. Clement will start on May 25, 2015. Mike Metcalf moved to pay Mr. Clement \$19 per hour; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included moving the postage machine and possibly the copier to another location. John Froelich made a motion to accept the estimate of \$14,544 from Heise Maintenance Service for office renovations in rooms 102 and 103, and the estimate of \$1,200 from G.O. for painting; Mike Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Brian Mindt, Barnes County resident, asked why he hasn't gotten an answer to his question of December 16, 2015.

With no further business, Mike Metcalf made a motion, seconded by Rodger Berntson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor