

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 with Mike Metcalf, Bill Carlbom, 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.

Planning & Zoning – Variance

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, presented an application for a Variance – Setback of 30' from center of subdivision road from Rick Welk (Ashtabula Township, Werner's Subdivision 27-142-58). Mike Metcalf moved to approve the application; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Social Services – Use of the DES Room

Candy Huss, Social Services Director, and Lisa Bayley-Neurauter appeared before the Commission to request use of the DES room for family services. Mike Metcalf moved to allow Social Services priority use of the DES room; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Social Services – New Director

Candy Huss will be retiring July 31st. Ms. Huss introduced her replacement, Rick Bolonchuk, to the Commission.

VC – BC Development Corporation – Funding Request

Jennifer Feist, Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation Director of Development, requested approval of \$70,000 from the Barnes County Economic Development Fund for year 2 of infrastructure development for the ND National Guard and the I-94 Regional Development Corridor. Mike Metcalf moved to approve the request; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Rodger Berntson voting "no".

Auditor – Minutes

Mike Metcalf moved to approve the July 7, 2015 minutes with corrections; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rotunda Repair – Architect Proposal

Mike Metcalf made a motion to hire an architect for the rotunda repair project at a cost not to exceed \$20,000; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Harold J Rotunda – 2014 Financial Statement / 2016 Budget

Harold J Rotunda, CPA, discussed the 2014 Financial Statement, as well as levy changes for 2016 budgeting purposes, with the Commission.

Department Head Meeting

Stan Horst, Building & Grounds, stated that the Courthouse steps repair is nearly complete, as well as some of the sidewalks. VSO Officer Chad Clement reported that Dennis Maresh, VSO driver, was recently honored with the Red River Valley Fair Hometown Hero Award for his service to veterans. City-County Health Director Theresa Will informed the Commission that they are offering a falls-prevention class for persons over 65 years of age, as well as presenting server training to reduce under-age drinking and binge drinking. Tobacco cessation class is still available. Employees are reminded that the south side of the middle row in the north parking lot should be reserved for the public; employees should either park in the west lot or the north half of the north lot. Recorder Jody Pfaff indicated that her office is prepared to issue same-sex marriage licenses, if requested. Kim Franklin shared that the Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved, and the work on the tower should begin the end of this week. Also, the two newest dispatchers are now fully trained, so two more applicants will be offered positions. Highway Superintendent Kerry Johnson thanked the Commission for their consideration with the recent salary increases. The clutter in the basement was discussed, and organization of a clean-up day was suggested.

With no further business, Mike Metcalf made a motion, seconded by Bill Carlbom, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor