

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2016 with Cindy Schwehr, Bill Carlbom, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Mike Metcalf was unable to attend. Vice-Chairman Carlbom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed. John Froelich added Glacier Ridge Wind Farm discussion to the agenda, under Commission Discussion.

Community Service – Clarification / Correction

John Froelich made a motion to clarify and correct the record, showing that the new Community Service Coordinator will be paid \$16 per hour, up to 29.5 hours per week (rather than 20); Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Planning & Zoning - Variances

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Setback of 100’ from center of road from Caitlin M Wolters (Thordenskjold Township, NE ¼ 12-137-57). Cindy Schwehr moved to deny the application; John Froelich 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 road from Carl M Pederson (Marsh Township, SW ¼ 10-139-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented an application for a Variance – Lot Size from Shawn E Uecker (Valley Township, SW ¼ 24-140-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to table the decision until the October 4th meeting; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Rescue Squad - Equipment

Gary Retterath, Valley City Fire Chief, appeared, along with Captain Scott Magnuson, and requested up to \$15,000 for updates to the rescue squad equipment. John Froelich moved to approve the request; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Special Event Permit – Riverbend Farms / VC Eagles 2192

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Application for Special Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at a Special Event at Designated Premises from the Valley City Eagles 2192 for an event September 30 and October 1, 2016 at Riverbend Farms in Marsh Township; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes

Rodger Berntson moved to approve the September 6, 2016 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Garrison Conservancy District Director Appointment

The unexpired term of Rodger Bischoff as Director, Garrison Conservancy District will not be filled; the position will be filled by a vote of the people at the General Election on November 8, 2016.

Commission Discussion

John Froelich made a motion to support the Glacier Ridge Wind Farm with the details available at this point, with the details to be worked out at a later date; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Valuation changes and tax credits were also discussed.

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Mike Metcalf, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

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Barnes County Auditor