

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 with Bill Carlblom, Cindy Schwehr, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Mike Metcalf was unable to attend. Chairman Schwehr called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

County Burn Ban

The Commission discussed the County Burn Ban, which expires at noon today and whether to continue it. Upon the advice of representatives from the Sanborn, Litchville, and Valley City Rural Fire Departments, it was decided to allow the ban to expire; however, people should continue to use extreme caution when burning, until conditions improve.

Dispatch Update

Holly Neuberger, Acting Dispatch Coordinator, and Sue Lloyd, Assistant Emergency Manager / Dispatch Coordinator, updated the Commission on issues in Dispatch and with the mapping project.

County Agent

Randy Grueneich, Extension Agent, requested pay-out of 30.25 hours of vacation time for Tammy Jacobson. John Froelich moved to approve the request; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes". Luetta McClaflin is helping out in the office until mid-December.

Employee Policy Manual

Bill Carlblom moved to approve the updated Employee Policy Manual, effective November 1, 2015; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Auditor – Minutes / NDSU Contract

Rodger Berntson moved to approve the October 6, 2015 minutes with corrections; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried. John Froelich moved to approve the Contracted Services Agreement for the Nurturing Parent Program, contingent upon Beth Didier getting answers regarding some questions on the contracts; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Sidewalk Replacement

John Froelich moved to replace 87' of sidewalk at an estimated cost of \$3,001.50; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Planning & Zoning – CUP & Variance / Repair / Chairs

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from Ag to Residential, as well as a Variance – Setback of 162' from center of township road, from Myles Geinert and Jenny Elston (Mansfield Township, NE ¼ 30-139-61). John Froelich moved to approve the application; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Betty Koslofsky asked for approval to pay bill for repairs to the pickup in the amount of \$1,409.14, as well as \$718 for chairs. John Froelich moved to approve the requests; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call, with all members voting "yes".

VC – BC Development Corporation – Funding Requests

Jennifer Feist, Director of Development – Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation, Kay Vinje, Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President, and Deb Kantrud, South Central Dakota Regional Council Executive Director, appeared before the Commission. Ms. Feist requested approval of \$5,000 to support the Chamber of Commerce. John Froelich moved to approve the request; the motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Feist requested approval of \$18,765 for 2016 membership in the South Central Dakota Regional Council. John Froelich moved to approve the request; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Commission Discussion

City-County Health open house 3 – 6 pm, with ribbon-cutting 3:30 pm this afternoon.

Department Head Meeting

Topics discussed included: 1) Burning of scented waxes and other air fresheners is prohibited on County properties, due to the fact that there are health concerns, 2) The County Employee Policy manual has been updated, 3) Use of County Vehicles vs Privately Owned Vehicles and insurance coverage, 4) City-County Health update: Open house

today at CCHD new building; 3-6pm; see the mobile medical unit; "flu fit" colorectal screening kits for ages 50-75 (\$1500); Hepatitis-C screening for ages 50-70; Received an accreditation grant to work on public health accreditation now thru May (\$15,000); Received a Chronic Disease Block Grant ; Barnes On the Move, work with community leaders on Health in All policies, school wellness, community health assessment, community health improvement planning, community blood pressure screenings, Stepping On (falls prevention classes), Diabetes Prevention classes, offer health education and screenings for area farming community (\$25,000); Million Hearts grant to do community blood pressure screenings; (\$2500); By the end of the month will have provided more than 40 flu clinics throughout the county; Working with State partners to better understand Primary Care and public health integration and what that means for the future; Community Health Assessment is underway; is available in electronic and paper format. We ask for any assistance that you may be able to give in distributing the survey but also PLEASE complete the survey. We need to know community perceptions regarding what is working well in our community and what we need to do to improve. A box will be set up in the rotunda for community members to complete; please encourage those who come to your office to complete the survey, 5) Tax Director is about done updating the soils with NRCS data, 6) MIS has increased the County bandwidth, 7) Sheriff reported increased coroner activity, jail is busy, and the tower has been completed, 8) Disabled Veterans deer hunt is coming up next month, 9) Social Services is working on letters to needy families for holiday baskets, as well as some Halloween public relations promotions, 10) Thank you and compliments to the IT staff, 11) Veterans of the County are holding a Veterans Day feast, and the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Chad Clement will be hosting a chili feed for County employees, and 12) Auditor reminded about upcoming mandatory training, the County's legal obligation to provide meal periods for employees, notification of office closures, monthly budget reports, and Family Medical Leave Act information.

With no further business, Bill Carlblom made a motion, seconded by Rodger Berntson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor