

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 with Cindy Schwehr, Bill Carlbom, Mike Metcalf, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Chairman Metcalf called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

**Highway Department – Approach Applications**

Bill Carlbom moved to approve an Approach Application from Darin Tingley on 14-137-57; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. John Froelich moved to approve an Approach Application from Pat Altringer on 23-140-61; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Planning & Zoning - Variance**

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Setback of 185’ from center of County Road from Gary Duffy (Eckelson Township, NE ¼ 14-140-61). Rodger Berntson moved to approve the application; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Jenrich presented a preliminary plat of Riverbend View Subdivision in the NE ¼ 9-139-58 for review.

**Auditor – Minutes**

Bill Carlbom moved to approve the November 1, 2016 minutes with corrections; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Tax Equalization**

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve an assessing contract with Eckelson Township in the amount of \$976 for 2017 assessing; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Wellness Team – Upcoming Wellness Activities**

Sue Milender, Kerry Johnson, and Theresa Will, Wellness Committee members, thanked the Commission for supporting wellness activities, reminded them that On The Move will be beginning in January and going to April, our Biggest Loser challenge will be beginning in January and run for 8 weeks, and asked the Commission to support the county employee picnic. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to again apply for the NDPERS wellness grant in support of next year’s On The Move program (employees get their \$15 registration paid) and free cholesterol screenings; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**MIS – On-call Reimbursement**

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, requested on-call reimbursement of 4 hours per work-week, the same as Social Services policy, which was approved at the 11/1/2016 commission meeting. John Froelich moved to approve the request, excluding the department head; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Cindy Schwehr and Mike Metcalf voting “no”.

**Commission Discussion**

Barnes County Township Officer’s Association will be November 17, 2016. The 911 addressing project is making progress, with some residents near the lake receiving letters of notification.

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

Mike Metcalf, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor