

The Board of Barnes County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Barnes County Highway Superintendent, and Barry Schuchard, Kadmas Lee and Jackson, met with the Commission. Barry presented an Environmental Assessment schedule for Project BRU-2-990(01)015 (west 4th Street Bridge, Valley City). Barry stated that there will be three public meetings for resident input.

Kerry presented a utility permit from Quest Corporation for county road right of way access in Section 2 Township 140 Range 58 on County Highway 6.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Berntson seconded to approve the Utility Permit for Qwest Corporation. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

Kerry informed the Commission that he purchased a used one-way plow for \$200.00.

Kerry discussed leftover FEMA dollars that he has been given permission (by FEMA) to use for purchasing equipment. He explained the different items he would be interested in purchasing. It was the consensus of the Board that Kerry obtain prices and bring them back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Jan Froelich, Barnes County Clerk of Court, met with the Commission to discuss salary for her deputy clerk. The Commission had approved a grade level change for this position during the 2004 budget process.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Berntson seconded to increase the salary for Gloriann Gaarder, Deputy Clerk, from \$11.65 to \$11.95 per hour to be effective with the February 2004 payroll. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

Jan also presented information on fees that her office has collected, which include state and some county funds.

Ken Rasmusson, Chairman of the North Dakota Winter Show Board, met with the Commission to introduce the new Winter Show Manager, Brad Hertel.

Karen Magnuson, Treasurer, met with the Commission to present and ask approval for Pledge of Securities for each bank to cover deposits.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded to approve the Pledge of Securities for all of the Financial Institutions presented by the Treasurer as depositories and for investment of Barnes County Funds. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes" motion carried.

Jane Amundson, Lance Fugleburg, and Keith Jacobson representing the Steele County Commission met with the Commission to discuss concerns they have at their Highway Departments since their Road Superintendent has been deployed to Iraq for 18 months. They were wondering if they could utilize the services of Kerry Johnson, Barnes County Highway Superintendent, as an advisor for them.

Commissioner Paulson moved and Commissioner Berntson seconded to allow Kerry and his staff, as time permits, to help out the Steele County Road Department and see how it goes, with any compensation paid back to Barnes County. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes" motion carried.

Commissioner Paulson moved and Commissioner Berntson seconded to approve the minutes of January 6 and 16, 2004, with corrections. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded that the County use work orders for all major maintenance projects through the Buildings & Grounds Department. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

The Commission commended Robin Huseby, Barnes County States Attorney, the Clerk of Court's office, and the Barnes County Sheriff's Department for their professional and efficient handling of the Jantzen Trial.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Berntson moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded to adjourn.

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Palmer Paulson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission