

The Board of Barnes County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 16, 2004, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Barnes County Highway Superintendent met with the Commission to discuss County employees that operate county vehicles and have been charged with driving under the influence off duty. It was the consensus of the Board that the Barnes County Employee Policy Committee includes a policy in our manual for driving under the influence.

Ross Eberle, Kadmas Lee & Jackson, met with the Commission to discuss this summer's highway projects and presented an Engineer's Agreement with Barnes County.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded to accept and sign the agreement. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Berntson seconded to approve the minutes of March 2, 2004. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

Bernie Wagner and Joan Campbell, South Central Senior Adults Services, met with the Commission to request that they be put on the ballot for increasing the mill for Older Persons from 1 to 2 mills.

Commissioner Berntson moved and Commissioner Schwehr seconded to approve putting the Senior Citizens on the November Ballot for an increase of 1 mill. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded to accept Norma Duppler's resignation from the Water Board. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

BJ Edwardson-Tax Director, Mike Egan-EVE Farms, and Dave Lokken-City of Fingal, met with the Commission to discuss valuation on a grain storage facility in Leal.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded to approve the change of valuation on PCL #53-0300370 to \$98,900.00 as agreed upon by the Commission. Upon a roll call vote with Commissioner Maasjo, Schwehr, Paulson, and Opdahl voting "Yes", and Commissioner Berntson voting "No", motion carried.

Bid letting for Road Oil began at 10:00 a.m. with the only bid submitted: by Koch Materials Company, West Fargo, ND.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Berntson seconded to accept the bid for road oil from Koch Materials Company of West Fargo, ND, at a cost of \$0.9455 per gallon for MC (All Grades) and \$0.8455 per gallon for EM (All Grades). Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes" motion carried.

Bid letting for Culverts began at 10:15 a.m. with bids submitted: for corrugated metal culverts by Johnston Fargo Culvert, Inc. Fargo, ND, and Elk River Concrete Products of Maple Grove, MN.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded to accept the low bid for corrugated metal culverts from Johnston Fargo Culvert of Fargo, ND. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes" motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Berntson seconded to allow Kerry to get quotes for concrete culverts from Elk River Concrete Products on a case by case basis due to lack of a bond. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes" motion carried.

Bid letting for Road Equipment Rental began at 10:30 a.m. Bids were received from Industrial Builders, Inc., Fargo, ND Alan Komrosky-Valley City, ND, Star Enterprises, Valley City, ND, Sweeney Brothers Tractor, Fargo, ND, and Jim Van Dyke, Valley City, ND.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded to accept all equipment rental bids as submitted. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes" motion carried.

Kerry discussed the rates charged to the Townships for equipment rental.

Commissioner Berntson moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded to raise the rate for renting the motor grader to Townships to \$50.00 per hour. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

Kerry presented the following quotes for purchasing a generator for the Highway building.

Butler	Fargo, ND	\$27,481.00
Cummins Power	Fargo, ND	\$29,874.00
Interstate Detroit Diesel	Fargo, ND	\$28,380.00

The following quotes were presented for electrical.

Enterprise Electric	Valley City, ND	\$7,737.00
Grotberg Electric	Valley City, ND	\$9,251.00

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Berntson seconded to accept the quotes from Butler and Enterprise for the purchase and installation of a generator at the Barnes County Highway Department with costs coming from the Emergency Management Fund. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded to have Commissioner Schwehr proceed with the purchase of Monument Block for the Highway Shop. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

Marcy Grant, Director of City/County Health, met with the Commission to discuss moving. The Commission asked for her to report back to the Board at their next meeting on April 6, 2004, on possible relocations.

Jean Delaney, Assistant States Attorney, met with the Commission to discuss HIPAA information.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Maasjo approve the Anti-Retaliation Policy and Waiver of Rights Policy to be added to the Barnes County Employee Policy Manual. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded to adopt the Flex Plan Policy as presented designating Linda Anderson as the Privacy Officer and Edward McGough as the Complaint Contact creating a business association relationship with AFLAC. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

Wade Bruns, Ray Berntson, and Mike Berntson met with the Commission to discuss the request funding for Skandia Mills.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded to allow Commissioner Berntson to abstain from the vote. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Schwehr seconded to approve the request from the Valley City/Barnes County Development Corporation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Skandia Mills through the Barnes County Economic Development Fund. Upon a roll call vote with all Commissioners voting "Yes", except Commissioner Berntson who abstained, motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Board to set aside one hour at the next Commission meeting for portfolio discussion. The time set is 11:00 a.m.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Palmer Paulson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission