

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

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, presented temporary construction easements for re-aligning driveways for the installation of bridge guard rails along County Road 21 (Kathryn Road).

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Berntson seconded motion to allow the three temporary easements to be signed by the Commission Chairman. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Johnson discussed ongoing projects that the County is working on due to the nice fall weather.

Johnson also discussed the water problems at Little Yellowstone Park.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Schwehr seconded motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2004 meeting. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo encouraged the City-County Health Board to call for a complete audit of their 2003-2004 budget by the State Auditor's Office.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded motion that the County go forward with the purchase of unlimited licensing for the Docudex program, to provide extra sites for the Courthouse. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion stating the City of Valley City can be included in the read-only software with their investment of \$1,500.00.

Mark Finstad, Paul Rechin, and Greg Gramza, representing the Dream House Program, met with the Commission to request that Barnes County financially support the program. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to possible use Barnes County Development funds toward this program, with the understanding that if the contribution is made before January 1, 2005, the amount will be \$39,600; if after January 1, the amount will be \$49,500.

No action will be taken on the matter until the Commission can meet with Jennifer Feist of the Barnes County Development Corporation.

Jennifer Feist of the Barnes County Development Corporation, met with the Commission to request \$50,000.00 from the County Development Funds for a feasibility study and business plan for the proposed Joint Law Enforcement Center/Correctional Facility, to include a \$2,000.00 cap for out-of-pocket expense, with the City of Valley City and Barnes County sharing expenses equally.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded motion directing the Commission Chairman to sign a contract for the feasibility study and business plan after its approval by the Barnes County States Attorney. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Auditor Ed McGough conducted the Barnes County auction of tax properties.

Outgoing Commissioner Palmer Paulson was presented a plaque, citing his "unselfish dedication and service to the residents of Barnes County."

There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Berntson moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded motion to adjourn. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Palmer Paulson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission