

The Board of Barnes County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 18, 2005, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Ross Eberle of Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson met with the Commission. Eberle presented reports on the 4th Street Bridge Project, and a breakdown of costs for the paving project planned by the City of Valley City for the frontage road near the Alliance Pipeline office. The County Auditor will bill the City.

Johnson discussed bid letting for road oil and culverts. It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the bid letting for March 1, 2005.

Discussion was held concerning a State Game and Fish Department grant that Johnson and Commissioner Schwehr plan to apply for. The grant would be applied to improvements to Clausen Springs Park.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion to direct Johnson and Commissioner Schwehr to apply for the grant funds from the State Game and Fish Department for improvements to Clausen Springs Park. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Karen Magnuson, County Treasurer, presented a report for depositories and pledges with the local banks for approval.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Triebold seconded motion to approve the depositories and pledges with the following banks: Dacotah, Wells Fargo, U.S. Bank, First Community Credit Union, Fingal State, and Security State. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Theresa Will, City-County Health Director, updated the Commission on the financial status of the City-County Health Department, and discussed a story to be printed in the local newspaper.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded motion to amend the County Recorder's budget and the MIS budget for maintenance costs of \$1,800.00, so all computer maintenance costs will come out of the MIS budget. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion to cancel taxes on 2003 FEMA buyout properties as follows:

PCL 63-4000017	\$198.02
63-4000026	173.56
63-4000035	256.66
63-4000107	171.12
63-4000611	429.91
63-4000674	<u>253.14</u>
	\$1482.41

Jon Wagar, Valley City Commissioner, met with the Commission to present and request signature of a Memorandum of Understanding. The memorandum provides that the County not raise taxes by taking advantage of the increase in valuations as a result of the Vanguard re-assessment of City properties. It was the consensus of the Board not to sign the Memorandum, as the County only certifies taxes as needed to run the County.

Jim Drong, Veteran Service Officer, met with the Commission to officially inform the County that he will retire as of May 31, 2005.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded motion to approve the minutes of January 4 and January 10, 2005. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion to appoint Tom Overn to the City County Health Board. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Triebold seconded motion to allow Commissioner Schwehr nominate Barnes County for a National Award for Volunteerism along the Scenic Highway Byway. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Schwehr seconded motion to increase the salary of Bev Anderson, Parks Supervisor, by \$1,000.00, and amend the Park budget to reflect the increase. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Rodger Berntson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission