

The Board of Barnes County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, March 1, 2005, with all members present.

Chairman Berntson opened the public hearing concerning the Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Rehabilitation Project at 8 a.m. No comments were given at the hearing, and no comments were given prior to the meeting by mail or phone.

With no one present for or against the project, Chairman Berntson closed the hearing and opened the regular Commission meeting.

Legislative issues were discussed by the Commission.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Schwehr seconded motion to e-mail local legislators requesting a "yes" vote on SB 2065, relating to county mill levy limitations for comprehensive health insurance. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Triebold seconded motion to e-mail local legislators requesting they vote against SB 2277, relating to limitations on regulation of seed by political subdivisions. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Schwehr seconded motion to e-mail local legislators requesting a vote against HB 1299, relating to setting speed limits on county roads to 60 mph. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Kerry Johnson and Ross Eberle of Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson met with the Commission. Eberle presented an engineering contract between Barnes County and KLJ for the following summer projects that were bid: Projects SC-0212(051) & CP-0207(005) – BG 3A – HBP Overlay on Rogers & Leal roads; CP-0219(005) – BG 3B – Subgrade Repair near Wesley Acres, Bridge Rail Retrofit, and Guardrail; and HSC-0221(065) – BG 3C – Bridge Rail Retrofit, Guardrail and incidentals at bridge numbers 122-25.0 and 122-29.0.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded motion to approve entering into engineering contract services with KLJ for the projects. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded motion to sign a letter stating their satisfaction with and acceptance of the following projects: AC-SC-0222(068); CP-0002(004)A; CP-0002(004)B; HSC-0221(063); and HSC-0221(064). Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Johnson informed the Commission that he is looking into traffic counters for Barnes County.

Commissioner Triebold moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion to approve the minutes of the meeting February 15, 2005. Motion carried.

Jerome Ertelt met with the Commission to discuss three topics, the first being renewable energy. He informed the Commission of plans regarding wind generation in North Dakota, and requested the Commission pass a resolution supporting renewable energy development in Barnes County, and that a sign (10x20-foot) be placed along I-94 stating that the County Commission supports renewable energy development in the county.

Ertelt also asked the commission to fund a building for a recycling center in Barnes County, proposing the county's share would be approximately \$100,000. He also suggested a survey be done in the local newspaper measuring public support for such a center in the county.

Ertelt also discussed school nutrition, requesting that pop machines be removed from schools, that schools serve more locally grown foods for lunches, and that the use of transfats in schools be restricted.

It was the consensus of the Commission that they support the use of renewable fuels and recycling, but no action was taken on any of the proposals at this time.

Commissioner Berntson opened the bid letting for Asphalt and Reclamite Road Materials and Rubberized Asphalt at 10 a.m. The following bids were received:

- Koch Materials, Fargo           MC-300 - \$1.043 per gallon
- Northland Asphalt, Fargo       MC-300 - \$1.0335 per gallon

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded motion to accept the low bid of Northland Asphalt at \$1.0335 per gallon of MC-300. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Culvert bids were opened at 10:15 a.m. One bid was received, from Johnston Fargo Culvert Co., Fargo.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded a motion to accept the bid from Johnston Fargo Culvert Co. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Equipment Rental bids were opened at 10:30 a.m. The following bids were received:

- OH Blumer Construction, Valley City
- Butler Machinery, Fargo
- Industrial Builders, Fargo
- Star Enterprises, Valley City
- Jim Van Dyke, Valley City

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Triebold seconded motion to accept all the bids for Equipment Rental. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Johnson made a request to fill an open position for Equipment Operator II.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion to allow the Highway Department to fill the Equipment Operator II position, with a starting salary of \$9.31 per hour, depending on experience. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding contracts between the Airport and the North Dakota National Guard. It was the consensus of the Board that Commissioner Schwehr and States Attorney Robin Huseby work toward renewing the contract.

Theresa Will, City-County Health Director, met with the Commission. She discussed application for a grant to study behavioral risk factors such as meth, alcohol, smoking, obesity, etc., and requested the Commission sign a letter of support for the grant.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Triebold seconded motion to sign the letter, supporting City-County Health and Home Care's proposal for consideration for the North Dakota Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance program. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Will informed the Commission of several upcoming events in CCHD, including 1) Family Fitness Fair, being presented through the Community Resource Grant/Dakota Medical Foundation; and 2) Upcoming public blood sugar screenings scheduled through the Diabetes Prevention Project.

Will also discussed teaching classes at the jail on administering medications. She related problems involving the Corrections staff giving medications under her license. The classes will be put on hold until after the Public Health Directors/Administrators meetings in June. The Jail contract was discussed, and it was the consensus of the Commission that the contract between the Jail and CCHD would continue as it is until after this June meeting, when changes may need to be made based upon information received at that time.

Will also informed the Commission that the CCHD will be closed on March 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a continuing education course for all employees.

Will also discussed two other grants: one for cholesterol screenings that could be used for testing county employees; a second would provide flu shots to county employees, with the County covering 25 percent of the cost.

Jan Froelich, Clerk of Court, met with the Commission to discuss the awarding of a Courtroom improvement grant, and how it will be used.

The following expenditures were approved for payment for the month of February - **GENERAL FUND:** AP Equipment Inc \$2.50, Anderson, Jody \$25.00; AT&T-Omaha \$8.78, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$1,352.13, Benson, C. Milo \$36.74, Berntson, Rodger \$84.32, Best of Times Printing \$115.00, Best Western-Mandan \$135.00, Burchil, Gayle \$35.50, Cass County Electric \$177.64, City of Valley City \$15,429.23, Cole Papers Inc 92.43, Comfort Inn-Bismarck \$90.00, Computer Professionals Unlimited \$480.00, Cruff, Benora \$31.78, Dacotah Paper Co \$263.69, Dakota Industrial Supply \$180.70, Dakota Plains Cooperative \$71.55, Delaney, H Jean \$177.36, East Central Co Commissioners Assn \$100.00, Eggert, Robert \$28.68, Ekern, Gloria \$20.00, Engle, Mary \$33.64, Etter, Joanne \$42.63, Franklin, Julie \$28.68, G&K Services \$281.67, Goven, Thomas \$227.08, Hansen, Stanley \$25.00, Heinze, Beth \$35.50, Hovel, Larry \$24.34, HSBC Business Solutions \$459.92, Huseby, Robin \$90.60, Jewett, Joann \$35.50, John's I-94 Tesoro \$35.58, Johnson Controls \$92.95, Kapaun, Brett \$33.64, Kratz Hardware \$10.19, Legge, Scott \$36.12, Lettenmaier, Duane 31.78, Litchville Bulletin \$118.14, Loibl, Steve \$50.00, Maasjo, Dale \$189.10, Marco \$916.59, Mastercard \$82.23, McClafin, Randy \$650.95, McGough, Edward \$19.84, Meritcare Medical Group \$90.00, Mid-American Research Chemical \$475.32, Miller, Larry \$28.10, Miller, Norma \$25.00, Miller, Scott \$25.00, Monson, Donna \$36.74, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$4,499.78, Motorola \$35,508.00, ND Assn of Counties \$500.00, ND Assn of Counties WC \$103.00, ND County Auditors Assn \$75.00, ND States Attny Assn \$400.00, Nelson, Jordan \$25.00, Nelson, Shelly \$38.60, Noeske, William \$26.20, ND Safety Council \$60.00, Officeland \$432.37, Opdahl, Harlan \$127.10, Otis Elevator Co \$85.78, Overn Electric \$2,263.91, Pearson Electric Motor Co \$60.70, Pedersen, Bertel \$31.78, Pedersen, Dave \$25.58, Pederson, Dennis \$22.48, Perkins Inc \$428.65, Person, Mary \$24.34, Postage By Phone \$2,000.00, Postmaster \$37.00, Qwest \$2,218.91, Ramstad, David \$20.00, Schuldheisz, Lynn \$25.00, Schwehr, Cindy \$24.80, Servicemaster \$25.00, Sheyenne Auto Center \$73.06, Sheyenne Publishing \$114.41, Slater, Mark \$64.64, Sortland, Duane \$27.13, S Central Adult Services \$14.40, Stein's Inc \$176.00, Stevens, John \$23.72, Stoudt-Ross Ford Inc \$26.58, Streicher's \$339.80, Suhr, Andrea \$25.00, Supercircuits \$109.95, Systems & Services Inc \$4.17, TDS Metrocom \$315.65, State Chemical Mfg Co \$128.00, Thompson, Mary \$33.64, Thrifty White Stores \$19.45, Tingley, David \$42.94, Triebold, Donald \$103.54, Utke, Tom \$27.75, Valley Auto Parts \$376.05, Valley City Fire Dept \$15,000.00, Valley City Public Works \$917.05, Valley City Times-Record \$521.40, Valley Officeworks \$28.99, Verizon Wireless \$351.04, Visa \$640.00, White Banner Uniform Co \$68.75, Wieland, Beth \$29.30, Winkler, Arvid \$28.06; **CITY COUNTY HEALTH FUND:** Buelow, Loralee \$41.85, Central Business Systems \$316.52, Central Valley Health \$1,195.00, Corwin, Lori \$31.62, Dakota Central Telecommunications \$14.90, Dakota Plains Cooperative \$70.35, Dex Media East LLC \$40.20, Gerntholz, Tamie \$194.63, Glaxosmithkline Pharm \$37.00, Grant, Marcy \$49.55, Grim, Lela \$10.85, Leever's Super Valu \$5.34, Martin, Angie \$14.55, Med2000 Inc \$98.00, Mercy Hospital \$2,022.52, Meritcare Medical Group \$135.00, ND Winter Show \$250.00, NDACH State Office \$250.00, Officeland \$79.85, Olson, Elizabeth \$43.40, Pesek, Gloria \$148.32, Qwest \$216.44, Rehabcare Group \$1,121.00, Rosenau, Vicki \$36.00, Scantron Corp \$122.76, Sheyenne Publishing \$80.49, TDS Metrocom \$49.70, Thompson, Laurel \$2.17, Thomsen, Paula \$43.40, United Rentals \$87.98, VC Area Chamber of Commerce \$15.00, Valley Drug \$9.58, Will, Theresa \$131.71, Yellow Book USA \$517.50, Young People's Healthy Heart \$100.00; **VETERANS SERVICE FUND:** TDS Metrocom \$5.75; **SOCIAL SERVICES FUND:** Acordia Mountain West \$50.00, Altringer, Patty \$57.04, Barnes Co Treasurer \$864.60, Barnes Rural Water \$45.80, Bergan, Bob \$270.00, Bergson, Beverly \$219.39, Bros III \$41.30, Cass Co Electric \$75.00, Cellular One \$146.86, Central Business Systems \$400.72, Cole, Marlyce \$58.59, Drake, Tammy \$260.00, Drew, James \$170.50, Faust, Dan \$250.00, Goodmanson, Vance \$200.00, Huss, Candice \$7.75, Johnson, Lisa \$134.85, Meikle, Marlo \$16.99, Meritcare Medical Group \$90.00, National Eligibility Workers Assn \$35.00, ND Assn of Co Social Service Directors \$25.00, ND Assn of Counties \$102.00, ND Dept of Human Services \$6,158.92, ND Eligibility Workers Assn \$120.00, Officeland-Jamestown \$28.06, Ottetail Power Co-Jamestown \$91.36, Pamida \$30.00, Qwest \$35.93, Secty

of State \$25.00, Sexton-Brown, Jeanne \$38.75, Sheyenne Publishing \$7.50, TDS Metrocom \$173.39, Valley City Public Works \$350.63, Valley City Times Record \$64.50, Wagon Wheel Inn \$38.95; **COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND:** A&H Transfer \$2,582.84, ABF Freight \$279.50, Appliance City Radio Shack \$13.49, Bauer Built \$4,836.00, Bayshore City Side \$631.34, Bumper to Bumper \$21.54, Butler Machinery Co \$132.75, CH Carpenter Lumber Co \$35.88, Carquest Auto Parts Store \$527.71, Catco Clutch & Transmission \$51.75, Clement Communications \$305.76, Conney Safety Products \$60.18, Cummins North Central Inc \$375.83, Dakota Plains Cooperative \$1,947.17, Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative \$64.08, Enginaire, Inc \$151.12, Enterprise Sales Co \$512.08, Etter, Gordon \$300.00, Fenderco Enterprises \$3,812.00, Gille Auto \$50.00, Grotberg Electric Inc \$53.00, Inter-Community Telephone \$69.66, Johnson, Kerry \$6.00, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$307.80, Kratz Hardware \$25.13, Krider Equipment \$999.28, Laker Chemical, Inc \$371.75, Meritcare Medical Group \$310.00, Mid-States Wireless Inc \$586.00, Miller Motors \$3.84, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$869.74, Natl Assn of County Engineers \$600.00, Northwest Tire Inc \$1,824.00, Officeland \$9.88, Pamida \$35.66, Peak Equipment & Transfer \$3,385.60, Perkins Inc \$24.30, Plains Grain & Agronomy \$1,608.16, Praxair Distribution Inc \$493.83, RJs Plumbing & Heating \$216.45, S&S Auto Electric 263.41, Star Enterprises Inc \$2,053.50, State Fire & Tornado Fund \$6.30, Stoudt-Ross Ford Inc \$72.88, Sweeney Bros/ Fargo \$1,778.27, TDS Metrocom \$89.47, Window Man \$100.00, Valley Auto Parts \$1,165.75, Valley City Public Works \$2,111.71, Valley Extinguisher \$90.65, Verizon Wireless \$100.97, Vining Oil Co \$18,274.28, Wallwork Truck Center \$65.83, Wick Construction \$130.10, Winings, Don \$37.80, Yanish, Gary \$6.00; **COUNTY PARK FUND:** Cass County Electric \$2,186.64, Dakota Plains Cooperative \$20.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative \$17.09, Gille Auto \$25.00, ND Health Laboratory \$300.00, State Fire & Tornado Fund \$3.63; **WEED CONTROL FUND:** Best Western-Mandan \$245.00, NDSU Extension Pesticide Program \$65.00, TDS Metrocom \$34.06, Verizon Wireless \$27.13; **ADVERTISING FUND:** ND Assn of County Superintendents \$50.00; **OASIS AND SOCIAL SECURITY FUND:** Computer Professionals Unlimited \$1,432.12, Information Technology Dept \$445.00, Meritcare Medical Group \$40.00, Officeland \$1,076.20, TDS Metrocom \$9.76, Visa \$6,455.50; **COUNTY AGENT FUND:** Advanced Crop Advisers Workshop \$50.00, Bjelland, Ellen \$56.26, GE Capital \$145.55, Grueneich, Randy \$95.31, McClaffin, Luetta \$5.00, NDSU \$12.00, Officeland \$70.26, TDS Metrocom \$93.10, Viking Office Products \$48.24; **FARM TO MARKET 15 MILL:** ND Dept of Transportation \$7,882.33, Ottetail Power Company-Wahpeton \$200.00; **BC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND:** VC-BC Development Corp \$17,400.00; **GAME & FISH FUND:** ND Game & Fish Dept \$32,230.00; **COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER FUND:** AR Audit Services \$334.27, Ace Hardware \$28.92, Anderson, Jake \$82.00, Appliance City Radio Shack \$34.97, Bob Barker Co \$271.69, Cass Clay Creamery \$570.34, Environmental Enterprises \$139.98, Food Services of America/Fargo \$4,537.68, Galls Inc \$562.49, High Plains Water Treatment Inc \$10.00, Kratz Hardware \$5.63, Leever's Super Valu \$120.13, Marketplace Food & Drug \$299.15, Mercy Hospital \$125.00, Meritcare Medical Group \$562.50, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$1,499.94, Odne, Dr Lynn \$176.00, Officeland \$63.98, Pamida \$4.00, Reliance Telephone Systems Inc \$6,247.30, RJs Plumbing & Heating \$40.00, State Fire & Tornado Fund \$3.60, Stutsman County Correctional Center \$1,322.97, TDS Metrocom \$28.44, The Forum \$261.56, Thrifty White Stores \$1,861.39, Valley City Public Works \$199.36, Valley City Times-Record \$60.40; **INSURANCE RESERVE FUND:** State Fire & Tornado Fund \$208.80; **COUNTY BRIDGE FUND:** Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson-VC \$6,622.94; **COUNTY AGENT REVOLVING FUND:** City of Fargo \$100.00, Leever's Super Valu \$57.80, McClaffin, Luetta \$5.00, NDSU Ag Communications \$26.00, NDSU Extension Pesticide Program \$11.00, NDSU Extension Service \$16.00, Valley City Broadcast Center \$125.00, Valley City Eagles \$961.40; **COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND:** Workforce Safety & Insurance \$180.00; **SOIL CONSERVATION FUND:** Barnes Co Soil Conservation District \$6,145.86; **GARRISON CONSERVANCY DIST FUND:** Garrison Diversion Conservancy District \$6,265.40; **AIRPORT FUND:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$14,552.60; **911 EMERGENCY FUND:** Dakota Central Telecommunications \$35.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative \$231.00, Inter-Community Telephone \$150.00, Qwest \$873.95; **STATE FUNDS:** ND State Treasurer \$28,749.18; **WINTER SHOW FUND:** ND Winter Show \$14,561.16; **OLDER PERSONS FUND:** South Central Adult Services \$12,044.97; **AMBULANCE:** Barnes County Ambulance \$2,640.00; **WATER RESOURCES FUND:** K&S Carpet Cleaners \$70.00, Postmaster \$37.00; **HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUND:** Barnes County Historical Society \$1,546.99; **LIBRARY FUND:** Valley City Public Library \$8,928.53; **RECORDERS PRESERVATION FUND:** Cass County Treasurer \$378.00; **CITIES FUND:** City of Dazey \$130.02, City of Fingal \$668.79, City of Kathryn \$362.93, City of Leal \$132.90, City of Litchville \$1,781.08, City of Nome \$163.93, City of Oriska \$866.46, City of Pillsbury \$386.01, City of Rogers \$412.25, City of Sanborn \$2,293.78, City of Sibley \$359.75, City of Valley City \$332,986.39, City of Wimbledon \$4,087.35; **TOWNSHIPS FUND:** Alta Twsp \$6,692.91, Anderson Twsp \$3,572.53, Ashtabula Twsp \$2,377.70, Baldwin Twsp \$2,324.41,

Binghamton Twsp \$3,470.41, Brimer Twsp \$4,291.97, Cuba Twsp \$4,946.10, Dazey Twsp \$1,991.52, Eckelson Twsp \$2,815.39, Edna Twsp \$6,639.25, Ellsbury Twsp \$2,777.16, Getchell Twsp \$3,477.34, Grand Prairie Twsp \$2,400.72, Green Twsp \$2,745.18, Greenland Twsp \$3,040.48, Hemen Twsp \$3,323.62, Hobart Twsp \$4,263.10, Laketown Twsp \$2,811.26, Mansfield Twsp \$3,836.20; Marsh Twsp \$4,385.63, Meadow Lake Twsp \$4,380.31, Minnie Lake Twsp \$3,696.36, Nelson Twsp \$2,533.62, Noltimier Twsp \$3,918.66, Norma Twsp \$3,671.35, Oakhill Twsp \$1,604.33, Oriska Twsp \$2,560.32, Pierce Twsp \$1,764.90, Potter Twsp \$2,533.50, Raritan Twsp \$2,379.76, Rogers Twsp \$3,578.68, Rosebud Twsp \$2,868.22, Sibley Trail Twsp \$2,731.87, Skandia Twsp \$2,339.42, Spring Creek Twsp \$2,604.54, Springvale Twsp \$5,418.42, Stewart Twsp \$4,137.31, Svea Twsp \$2,423.34, Thordenskjold Twsp \$4,592.57, Uxbridge Twsp \$2,520.15, Valley Twsp \$12,232.29, Weimer Twsp \$2,961.22; **PARK DISTRICTS FUND:** City of Fingal \$50.98, City of Kathryn \$20.34, City of Litchville \$233.10, City of Nome \$14.04, City of Sanborn \$94.94, Valley City Park District \$72,061.86; **SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND:** Enderlin School Dist #100 - \$25,045.51, Griggs County Central School Dist #18 - \$3,644.25, Hope School Dist #120 - \$20,295.71, Litchville–Marion SD #46 - \$70,577.42, Maple Valley School Dist #4 - \$138,967.93, Montpelier School Dist #150 - \$13,368.47, North Central School Dist #65 - \$181,453.55, Page School Dist #160 - \$14,123.28, Valley City School Dist #2 - \$646,951.35, Wimbledon School Dist #82 - \$42,325.17; **RURAL FIRE DISTRICT FUND:** Dazey Rural Fire District \$1,815.92, Edna Rural Fire District \$1,978.66, Enderlin Rural Fire District \$63.21, Fingal Rural Fire District \$1,207.16, Hope Rural Fire District \$1,193.49, Kathryn Rural Fire District \$579.72, Nome Rural Fire District \$792.93, Page Rural Fire District \$496.33, Sanborn Rural Fire District \$4,934.26, Tower City Rural Fire District \$476.17, Wimbledon Rural Fire District \$1,507.27; **MARTIN'S LANDING ASMNT FUND:** Barnes Rural Water \$946.92; **HIGHWAY/BYWAY FUND:** Valley City Area Chamber of Commerce \$24,992.00; **WERNERS WATER IMP DIST 1 FUND:** Barnes Rural Water \$373.04; **MIEKLE SUBDIVISION WATER:** Barnes Rural Water \$255.78; **INTEREST FUND:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$5,527.89.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Edward R. McGough  
Barnes County Auditor

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Rodger Berntson, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission