

The Board of Barnes County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, March 22, 2005, with all members present.

Robin Huseby, States Attorney, and Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, discussed a contract with the North Dakota Game & Fish Department for grant dollars to repair the road through Clausen Springs Park, specifically to include a 1" hot mix asphalt overlay and chip sealing approximately one-half mile of access road and the existing parking area for the boat ramp. The contract is a cooperative agreement stipulating Barnes County will be responsible for project design, contracting for the work, overseeing the project, and all future maintenance. The grant monies are to be issued only after the work has been completed.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded motion to sign the agreement between the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and Barnes County for road work at Clausen Springs Park. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Johnson presented an agreement between Central Specialties, Alexandria, Minn., and Barnes County for the following upcoming projects:

Projects SC-0212(051), CP-0207(005), CP-0219(005), & HSC-0221(065) on County Road from Rogers, east, County Road from ND 9, north to Leal, County Road from 14 miles north of Valley City, North, and Structures 9.9 and 13.5 miles north of Kathryn (structure #02-122-25.0; structure #02-122-29.0); Type of work: Bituminous overlay subgrade repair, bridge rail retrofit, guardrail and incidentals.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion to sign the contract with Central Specialties. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Johnson discussed the overtime policy at the Highway Department regarding how it is handled with vacation and sick leave. It was the consensus of the Commission that Johnson continues handling overtime with vacation and sick leave as in the past, and the Employee Policy & Procedure Committee will word the policy as such.

Arvid Winkler, Cuba Township Assessor discussed a problem with a Canadian Pacific railroad crossing in Norma and Cuba townships. The crossing access was removed, which has hampered farm traffic to the fields. The Commission provided him with a contact name at the Association of Counties to obtain legal information.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Triebold seconded motion to approve the March 1 minutes. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion to transfer \$895.00 from Fund 72 (Clerk of Court District Special Fund) into Fund 001 (General Fund). Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

The Commission discussed the requests made by Jerome Ertelt at the March 1 meeting. The board agreed that, while Barnes County does support renewable energy development, but it was the consensus of the Commission to not sponsor the requested sign along I-94 stating that support.

Norma Duppler, Emergency Manager, discussed the Homeland Security grant recently received by the County, and the breakdown of how much must be used for specific projects. She presented a proposed contract with the North Dakota Association of Counties which would provide training and exercising for the county at a cost of \$14,000; and a request from the State Emergency Management Department that 14 percent of the Homeland Security law enforcement grant monies be "voluntarily" given back to help fund State Radio's switch from analog to digital equipment.

It was the consensus of the Commission to decline both proposals.

Discussion took place on the District Courtroom restoration project.

Theresa Will, City County Health Director, informed the Commission that Barnes County was chosen for grant dollars for the North Dakota Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance program, allowing her department to conduct a survey on high-risk health issues in the county.

Janna Zaun, Recorder, met with the Commission to discuss computer software issues in her office, and full- and part-time employees in her office.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion to allow States Attorney Robin Huseby to replace the window glass on the counter separating her office. 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 Triebold 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