

The Board of Barnes County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, April 19, 2005, with all members present.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve minutes for April 5, 2005 as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Tax Director BJ Edwardson met with the Board to discuss County Equalization. It was the consensus of the Board that the Equalization meeting be held Tuesday, June 7, 2005, from 1 to 5 p.m. In the event the meeting goes beyond 5 p.m., the Commission will adjourn, then reconvene on Wednesday, June 8, at 1 p.m. and continue as such until all have been heard.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to adopt the following resolution declaring a 2005 Barnes County Burning Advisory as presented by Norma Duppler, Emergency Manager. The resolution will remain in place until lifted by the Emergency Manager and the Commission Chairman. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Resolution #7

2005 Barnes County Burning Advisory

WHEREAS, Barnes County is suffering, and has suffered with serious burning incidents from both controlled agricultural burns and accidental fires causing damage to private property; and

WHEREAS, much of Barnes County is still dangerously dry, with a large fuel load and frequent strong winds; and

WHEREAS, the cost to control these fires and the danger to both the volunteer fire personnel and the other citizens of Barnes County is great.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Barnes County Commissioners declare a burning advisory from today until there is significant rain and growth of green vegetation in Barnes County and the Barnes County Commission lifts the advisory.

Dated this sixth day of April, 2005
/s/ Rodger Berntson, Chair
Barnes County Commission

Theresa Will, City County Health Director, and Tom Overn, City County Health Board member, met with the Commission to discuss budget issues. Will outlined the programs and goals of the department, and the cuts they made in the 2005 budget so they can end the year in the black.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwehr, to allow City County Health to operate their budget with only the cuts they have already made, with no further cuts. The Commission will make up the dollars as needed at the end of the year. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Will also requested that the Community Resource Program be allowed to move back in to the City County Health office, as the program was more effective when it operated there. She stated a desk was available for the program in that office.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to approve the request to move the Community Resource Program. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Randy McClafin, Sheriff, and Denise Stanley, Chief Correctional Officer, met with the Commission to discuss an increase in prisoner boarding charges to out-of-county entities.

Norma Duppler, Emergency Manager, met with the Commission to discuss the Homeland Security grant. She outlined how the dollars will be distributed to the different entities, and how purchasing by the entities will be done to receive the grant dollars.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Rodger Berntson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission