

The Board of Barnes County Commissioners met in special session Friday, June 10, 2005, with all members present.

Discussion took place regarding crop sprayers using County roadways for landing planes, with liability the biggest concern.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to deny all crop sprayers permission to use County roads to land planes due to the liability concern. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve overtime pay for Linda Westby in the States Attorney's Office, for approximately 9 hours transcribing the minutes of an abatement meeting. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve a contract with the State Corrections Department for boarding of their prisoners at a cost of \$50.00 per day. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Commissioner Opdahl, who voted "no," motion carried.

Chairman Berntson reconvened the meeting as the Board of County Equalization.

Julius Reitan appeared to request that his property valuation be decreased to its 2004 amount. (PCL:63-5420294). The City's recommendation was for no change, and it was the consensus of the Board that his request was dealt with in the motion of June 7.

BJ Edwardson, Tax Director, and Dave Ramstad, Valley City Assessor, met with the Board to discuss appeals from those present at the June 7 hearing. Ramstad submitted his recommendations in writing to the Board of Equalization.

Chairman Berntson and Commissioner Triebold each expressed their concerns on some properties.

The Commission then voted on the requested modifications (see list in June 7 minutes).

1. Chairman Berntson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to decrease the valuation of PCL:63-3320013 (Brothers 3) from the City recommendation of \$142,400.00, to \$125,000.00. Upon a roll call vote with Schwehr and Opdahl voting "no" and all other members voting "yes," motion carried.
2. Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to decrease the valuation of PCL:63-4271683 (Sather), from \$135,200.00 to \$82,000.00, as recommended by the City. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.
3. Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwehr, to decrease the valuation of PCL:63-6040153 (Cole), from \$23,500.00 to \$19,300.00, as recommended by the City. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.
4. Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to decrease the valuation of PCL:63-4000170 (written appeal, Gerrard), from \$36,800.00 to \$18,700.00, as recommended by the City. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.
5. Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to decrease the valuation of PCL:63-4170090 (written appeal, Gentile), from

\$93,900.00 to \$82,400.00 as recommended by the City. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Requests for valuation decreases on the following properties were voted on separately due to conflicts of interest:

6. Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, that no change be made to the City valuation of Lafarge (PCL:63-0520017 and PCL:63-0520521) as recommended. Upon a roll call vote with Commissioner Triebold abstaining and all other members voting "yes," motion carried.

7. Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, that no change be made to the City valuation of the Sheyenne Care Center (PCL:63-2660330 and 63-260060) and Craig Christianson (PCL:63-5150192) as recommended. Upon a roll call vote with Commissioner Schwehr abstaining and all other members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, that the County Equalization Board, having considered the assessments provided to them by the townships, unincorporated and incorporated cities, it now moves to accept and certify those assessments, except for the parcels or township assessments the Board has otherwise equalized separately. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

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

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Edward R. McGough  
Barnes County Auditor

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Rodger Berntson, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission