

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, September 6, 2005, with all members present.

Valley City Mayor Riley Rogers; City Commission members Jon Wagar, Ken Evenson, and Mary Lee Nielson; and Police Chief Dean Ross were present for discussion of the proposed Correctional Center. Wagar updated the Commission on the project, and said three of the four interested surrounding counties will inform the Committee by noon today if they will buy into the Correctional Center. Discussion was also held on who will hold the ultimate responsibility for the Center.

A motion was made by Commissioner Opdahl, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve the minutes from August 16, 18, and 25. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Kerry Johnson updated the Commission on ongoing projects. He informed the Commission that the chip sealing project is done, and thanked Chairman Berntson and Commissioners Maasjo and Opdahl for helping the road crew, allowing office personnel to keep the Highway Department office open. Also, by getting the job done this year, a significant savings in fuel costs was realized.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to include a \$5.00 per hour surcharge increase on road grading, from \$55.00 to \$60.00 per hour, effecting October 1, 2005. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo stated that the County Parks part-time wage line item allows for 480 hours, and that Parks Manager Bev Anderson told him she is going over on hours. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Anderson to have her husband work and to put in extended part-time hours.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to allow Robert Anderson to work part-time at the Park for the remainder of the season. Motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo informed the Board that Tim Van Hall has offered to give the County 10 trees for the cost of moving them. Maasjo will check on the costs involved.

Building and Grounds Supervisor Stan Horst presented the following bids for daily cleaning:

- ▶ Servicemaster: \$1,200.00/month
- ▶ K&S Cleaners: \$1,495.00/month

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to hire Servicemaster to do specified cleaning at the Courthouse each work day for \$1,200.00 per month, effective immediately. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Robin Huseby, States Attorney, met with the Commission to discuss state law regarding the 2 a.m. bar closing. The consensus of the majority of the Board is to allow the vendors in the County to decide when to close, as the law says they must close by 2 a.m.

Randy McClafin, Sheriff, and Jason Thiel, MIS Director, discussed Homeland Security grants.

Commissioner Maasjo made a move, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl to approve the grant project for Midstates, to include the steel door for the stairway on the east side of the Courthouse. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a move, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to accept the quote from Reliance Telephone, Inc. to purchase cameras at a cost of \$14,300.00, using a \$10,000.00 grant and the remaining \$4,300.00 to be funded by County dollars until after January 1, 2006, when the Sheriff's Department will seek grant funding to cover the \$4,300.00. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Chairman Berntson opened the hearing on combining the Tax Equalization and the County Recorder's offices; also, to make the elected position of County Recorder an appointed one.

Present for the hearing were James O'Brien, Charles O'Brien, Mary Svenningsen, LaVonne Zinck, Karen Magnuson, Rhiny Weber, Robert Eggert, Inez Eggert, Dave Johnson, Ralph Metcalf, Randy McClafin, Penny Birkeland, Jill Vandrovec, Tim Birkeland, Ross Fugleberg, Joseph O'Brien, Nyle Burchill, Arvid Winkler, Phillip Mueller, Tammi Severson, Debb Bjornson, Palmer Paulson, Kerstin Ertelt, and Betty Koslofsky.

During public comment, Jim O'Brien discussed using the microphones during the meetings so that the public can hear the discussion. Mr. O'Brien asked that it be explained why the Commission wants to take an elected position away from the public.

Joe O'Brien echoed Jim's comments.

Arvid Winkler expressed favor for appointment of the offices, stating the importance of hiring a person who has the mathematical ability to do the calculations required for the Tax Director's job.

Nyle Burchill spoke in favor of combining the offices.

Bob Eggert favored combining the offices, and keeping the position of Liz Roorda (Appraiser) on full time to help with the township assessing.

Debb Bjornson stated she favors combining the offices and appreciates the efficiency of the current office operations.

LaVonne Zinck said she has no problem with combining the offices, but does not agree with changing the Recorder's position from elected to appointed.

Palmer Paulson stated he is not in favor of changing the position from elected to appointed.

Phil Mueller discussed the Tool Chest program and suggested there be an evening meeting for the second hearing. He also stated he felt the Commission is doing the right thing.

Debb Bjornson stated she had contacted the Grand Forks abstract company, and that having the Recorder's position appointed there works well.

Ralph Metcalf said that the Commission has a tough job and are making tough decisions, but are doing it well.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to change the next hearing, set for September 20, from a daytime to an evening meeting (6:30 p.m.). Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Commissioners Triebold and Maasjo, who voted "no," motion carried.

Chairman Berntson then closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to close the meeting. Motion carried.

The following expenditures were approved for payment for the month of August:

**GENERAL FUND:** Ace Hardware \$43.97, Allard Trophy \$36.25, Anderson, Linda \$48.00, Appliance City \$29.49, Appliance City Radio Shack \$79.99, Assembled Products Corp \$2,761.24, AT&T Omaha \$9.52, Bakkegard & Schell \$95.00, Barnes Co Hwy Dept \$1,536.64, Berntson, Rodger \$76.50, Bullberry Systems \$750.00, CH Carpenter Lumber Co \$473.16, City of Valley City \$38,832.93, Computer Software Assn \$14.25, Dacotah Paper \$216.64, Decatur Electronics \$157.00, Dept of Motor Vehicle \$5.00, Edwardson, Betty \$186.72, Enterprise Sales \$5.03, G&K Services \$213.58, Galls Inc \$88.93, Goven, Thomas \$225.00, Hager, Brian \$25.00, Holm, Josh \$25.00, Image Printing \$191.68, Information Technology Dept \$450.00, Isensee Printing \$130.00, John's I-94 Tesoro \$89.45, Koslofsky, Betty \$84.94, Kratz Hardware \$214.54, L&H Shoe Shop \$138.00, Lane, Ryan \$25.00, Litchville Bulletin \$75.90, Maajso, Dale \$131.25, Mastercard \$70.48, Matthew Bender Co \$825.30, McGough, Angela \$25.00, McGough, Donovan \$25.00, McGough, Edward \$48.00, McGough, Keely \$25.00, Mercy Hospital \$98.30, MeritCare Medical Group \$400.00, Mid-American

Research Chemical \$297.00, Mid-States Wireless \$12,110.50, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$188.42, ND Assn of Counties \$132.12, Nelson, Teresa \$25.00, Niewind, Bryan \$25.00, Northland Security Products \$18,708.00, Opdahl, Harlan \$206.63, Orso, Kathy \$25.00, Otis Elevator Co \$85.78, Pamida \$13.98, Qwest \$2,201.08, Rapid City Meeting \$10.00, Reserve Account \$1,999.99, Roorda, Elizabeth \$325.13, S&S Auto Electric \$63.05, Schwehr, Cindy \$42.00, Servicemaster \$25.00, Shape, Geoff \$25.00, Sheyenne Auto Center \$117.50, Sheyenne Printers \$30.49, Simplex Grinnell \$959.54, Sminesvik, Olaf \$41.74, South Dakota LTap \$60.00, State Bar Assn of ND \$70.00, Streicher's \$103.85, Swenson, David \$25.00, TDS Metrocom \$261.56, Thrifty White \$44.40, Triebold, Donald \$36.00, Underground Vaults & Storage \$304.00, VC Public Works \$2,070.81, VC Times-Record \$1,225.30, Valley Extinguisher \$17.25, Valley Officeworks \$1,300.72, Van Hal, Martin \$79.00, Verizon \$402.74, Visa 193.17; **CITY-COUNTY HEALTH:** Appliance City Radio Shack \$28.56, Bradley Braunagel \$90.00, Central Business Systems \$306.59, Central Valley Health \$1,195.00, Dakota Plains Cooperative \$43.02, Dex Media East \$41.80, Foss Drug \$226.14, Grim, Lela \$8.25, Gulka, Carol \$200.00, Gulmon, Deb \$200.00, Hewlett Packard \$1,674.00, Johnson, Jody \$200.00, Kal Klingenstein \$90.00, Karen Duffy \$90.00, Klug, Dr. Marilyn \$1,100.00, Kratz Hardware \$14.99, Leever's Super Valu \$6.02, Lippencott Williams & Wilkins \$45.90, Lysne, Jenine \$200.00, Maasjo, Sharon \$200.00, Martin, Angie \$78.22, Medical Supplies Depot \$26.06, Mercy Hospital \$1,800.92, ND Assn of Counties \$617.54, Odyssey Research \$1,575.00, Officemax Credit Plan \$1,919.90, Omni Oral Pharm \$34.00, Pamida \$46.95, Qwest \$219.51, Sheyenne Printers \$12.64, SW Coalition of Safe Communities \$25.00, TDS Metrocom \$130.80, Timothy Haak \$90.00, Tisor, Nancy \$488.75, TWL Billing Services & Supplies \$39.80, Upper Missouri District Health Unit \$3,618.00, Ust, Becky \$453.75, Valley Drug \$92.34, Valley Officeworks \$888.45, Viland, Beth \$109.73, Visa \$62.02, Western Ophthalmics \$163.18, Wick Investments \$300.00, WRS Group \$85.48, Young People Healthy Heart \$1,901.50, Zaun, Sara \$200.00; **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE:** Barnes County Hwy Dept \$142.92, Meritcare Medical Group \$45.00, TDS Metrocom \$30.19, Valley Officeworks \$29.59; **SOCIAL SERVICES:** Altringer, Patty \$149.25, Baarstad, Diane \$84.75, Barnes Co Social Services \$50.00, Basilica of St James \$199.99, Budget Home Furnishings \$70.00, Burchill, Valraye \$6.00, Cass Co Electric \$213.21, Cellular One \$73.51, Central Business Systems \$353.39, Cole, Marlyce \$128.63, Comfort Inn Bismarck \$225.00, Comfort Suites Bismarck \$135.00, Dacotah Bank \$251.19, Drake, Tammy \$752.77, Expressway Inn \$89.90, Graham, Pamela \$50.00, Huss, Candice \$51.75, Kill, Jennifer \$177.38, Leever's Super Valu \$18.36, Meikle, Marlo \$16.99, Meritcare Medical Group \$45.00, Minnesota Dept of Health \$13.00, ND Conf of Social Welfare \$170.00, ND Dept of Human Services \$17,544.94, Oye, Shiela \$377.75, Pamida \$9.24, Pautz, Heather \$447.63, Prevent Child Abuse ND \$100.00, Sexton-Brown, Jeanne \$91.88, Sherlock, Helen \$6.00, Stutsman Co \$480.64, Super 8 Motel \$114.32, TDS Metrocom \$134.97, Uecker, Leslie \$81.38, Valley Officeworks \$577.12, Visa \$159.98; **COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE:** Action Digital \$1,688.00, Butler Machinery \$20,866.26, CH Carpenter Lumber \$11.36, Carquest \$541.30, Catco Clutch & Transmission \$83.96, Dakota Plains \$881.54, Dickey Rural Telephone \$64.08, Enterprise Sales \$4.70, Institute of Local Govt \$37.50, Inter-Community Telephone \$70.61, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$307.80, Kratz Hardware \$16.25, Krider Equipment \$94.82, Menards \$10.32, Meritcare Medical Group \$40.00, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$52.50, Morton Buildings \$37.74, ND Assn of Counties \$216.65, Northwest Tire \$22.98, Pamida \$4.99, Plains, Grains & Agronomy \$1,449.70, Praxair Distribution \$156.10, RC Welding \$10.00, Rapid City Meeting \$20.00, South Dakota LTAP \$120.00, State Fire & Tornado \$895.87, Sweeney Bros of Fargo 307.88, TDS Metrocom \$58.73, Valley Auto Parts \$1,205.89, VC Public Works \$772.40, Valley Officeworks, \$278.92, Valley Towing & Service \$9.00, Verizon Wireless \$114.35, Vining Oil & Gas \$17,224.75, Wallwork Truck Center \$57.80; **COUNTY PARK:** Bitz Tire & Service \$4.98, Bridgetown Imports \$77.00, Bumper to Bumper \$8.76, Dakota Plains \$46.98, Dickey Rural Telephone \$37.11, Erickson, Harold \$48.60, Floyd Preston \$125.00, Kratz Hardware \$14.56, ND Dept of Health-Chemistry \$24.00, Plains, Grain & Agronomy \$970.39, Quality Alignment & Brake \$21.82, Rusty Spur Café \$57.00, S&S Auto Electric \$178.38, Smith Lumber Co \$76.00, State Fire & Tornado Fund \$29.04, Waste Management of ND \$64.77; **WEED CONTROL:** ADM-Benson Quinn Rogers \$1,009.30, Barnes Co Hwy Dept \$1,669.35, Berge, Scott \$50.28, Bitz Tire & Service \$12.00, Carquest \$26.95, Dakota Plains \$223.41, Edin, Bradley \$92.58, Enterprise Sales \$15.40, Hansen, Patricia \$36.52, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$70.00, Kratz Hardware \$3.38, Mark's Air Spray \$1,141.00, McAllister, James \$290.31, Meritcare Medical Group \$80.00, ND Weed Control Assn \$80.00, Pamida \$12.98, Rockin Rodney \$136.75, Sheyenne Printers \$15.04, TDS Metrocom \$21.04, Truck & Auto Salvage \$78.00, UAP Timberland \$1,194.00, VC Public Works \$25.35, Valley Officeworks \$43.77, Verizon Wireless \$27.11; **EMERGENCY:** Bob's Excavating \$31,470.00, CR Excavating \$7,750.00; **ADVERTISING:** Leever's Super Valu \$258.29; **OASIS & SOCIAL SECURITY:** Computer Professionals Unlimited \$1,432.12, Information Technology Dept \$445.00, Kratz Hardware \$7.98, TDS Metrocom \$4.72, Thiel, Jason \$54.00, Valley Officeworks \$1,034.45, Visa \$135.41; **COUNTY AGENT:** Bjelland, Ellen \$309.29, Central Business Systems \$218.00, Grueneich, Randy \$144.75,

Leevers Super Valu \$6.04, NDSU University Station \$53.00, ND Newspaper Assn \$150.00, TDS Metrocom \$48.67, Valley Officeworks \$48.29; **FARM TO MARKET 15 MILL:** Central Specialties \$10,842.81, Financial Management Division \$120.00, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson \$46,186.87, ND Dept of Transportation \$150,405.16, Newman Outdoor Signs \$104.70, Newman Traffic Signs \$33.46, Northland Asphalt \$19,519.71, Pioneer Aggregates \$40,647.20; **CORRECTIONAL CENTER:** Appliance City \$213.79, Bob Barker Co \$313.88, CH Carpenter Lumber \$54.37, Cable Services \$7.27, Cass Clay Creamery \$402.50, Central Business Systems \$93.79, Food Services of America/Fargo \$3,040.94, High Plains Water Treatment \$10.00, Jeffrey D Doyle Inc \$756.85, Leevers Super Valu \$163.12, Marketplace Food & Drug, 208.39, Mercy Hospital \$160.00, Meritcare Medical Group \$377.00, Montana Dakota Utilities \$62.82, ND Dept of Corrections \$150.00, Pamida \$200.36, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory \$21.00, RJs Plumbing & Heating \$115.00, State Fire & Tornado Fund \$1,066.22, TDS Metrocom \$35.01, Thrifty White Stores \$683.93, VC Public Works \$52.51, Valley Extinguisher \$272.95, Valley Officeworks \$31.70; **INSURANCE RESERVE FUND:** State Fire & Tornado Fund \$7,591.86; **COUNTY BRIDGE:** Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson \$2,432.94; **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Workforce Safety & Insurance \$31.20; **LOOSESTRIFE WEED:** Bruns, Derek \$24.38, McAllister, James \$452.63; **SOIL CONSERVATION:** Barnes Co Soil Conservation District \$493.33; **GARRISON CONSERVANCY DISTRICT:** Garrison Diversion Conservancy District \$619.64; **AIRPORT:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$1,328.13; **911 EMERGENCY FUND:** Dakota Central Telecommunications \$25.00, Dickey Rural Telephone \$247.00, Inter-Community Telephone \$150.00, Qwest \$953.06; **STATE FUNDS:** ND State Treasurer \$26,414.67; **WINTER SHOW:** ND Winter Show \$315.88; **OLDER PERSONS:** South Central Adult Services \$776.00; **AMBULANCE:** Barnes Co Ambulance \$2,640.00; **WATER RESOURCES:** Barnes Co Highway Dept \$225.00, Hurley, Pat \$266.67, Johnson, Don \$28.50, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$70.00, McMillan, Jeff \$198.75, TDS Metrocom \$.47, Valley Officeworks \$1.79; **HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$134.20; **LIBRARY:** Valley City Public Library \$1,014.66; **RECORDERS PRESERVATION FUND:** Cass Co Treasurer \$762.00; **CITIES:** Dazey \$105.81, Litchville \$141.46, Oriska \$232.01, Sanborn \$181.39, Valley City \$12,132.14; **TOWNSHIPS:** Alta \$1,455.95, Anderson \$1,040.50, Ashtabula \$767.54, Baldwin \$945.98, Binghampton \$1,322.80, Brimer \$1,129.88, Cuba \$1,484.30, Dazey \$847.22, Eckelson \$822.89, Edna \$1,186.13, Ellsbury \$1,259.65, Getchell \$1,125.63, Grand Prairie \$1,171.35, Green \$1,347.15, Greenland \$1,045.24, Hemen \$1,248.42, Hobart \$1,217.35, Laketown \$963.09, Mansfield \$1,415.41, Marsh \$1,490.84, Meadow Lake \$1,198.83, Minnie Lake \$1,209.55, Nelson \$1,150.15, Noltimier \$1,359.78, Norma \$1,481.29, Oakhill \$1,022.71, Oriska \$1,175.55, Pierce \$1,092.63, Potter \$918.48, Raritan \$1,386.24, Rogers \$843.76, Rosebud \$1,256.57, Sibley Trail \$809.25, Skandia \$1,295.23, Spring Creek \$1,189.49, Springvale \$1,392.85, Stewart \$1,185.55, Svea \$1,092.07, Thordenskjold \$1,248.91, Uxbridge \$1,426.16, Valley \$2,295.47, Weimer \$1,061.58; **PARK DISTRICTS:** City of Litchville \$11.41, City of Sanborn \$7.11, Valley City Park District \$1,015.50; **SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** Litchville-Marion \$1,654.29, Maple Valley \$999.16, Montpelier \$2,212.71, North Central \$784.13, Page \$773.62, Valley City \$9,286.92; **RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS:** Dazey \$135.72, Edna \$56.67, Fingal \$107.64, Hope \$136.66, Kathryn \$51.10, Nome \$81.59, Page \$33.65, Sanborn \$556.94, Tower City \$77.50, Wimbledon \$160.88; **UNCLAIMED CHECKS FUND:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$13.00, State Land Dept \$41.00; **MARTIN'S LANDING ASSESSMENT FUND:** Barnes Rural Water \$318.36; **INTEREST FUND:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$11,972.97.

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

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Edward R. McGough  
Barnes County Auditor

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Rodger Berntson, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission