

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, September 20, 2005, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, discussed a new identifying sign for the Highway Department building. He informed the Commission that the highway crew is working at Little Yellowstone on the grant program.

Johnson also said an individual is interesting in purchasing old, unused axle scales currently in storage. It was the consensus of the Board that the scales are not for sale at this time; in the case they decide to sell them, they would have to be advertised first.

Johnson and Ross Eberle of KLJ discussed a hillside on Highway 26, south of Luverne. They stated it is crucial to fix the culvert and slide as soon as possible. It was the consensus of the Board that Johnson and Eberle proceed with fixing it.

Eberle updated the Commission on summer projects, both completed and incomplete.

Discussion took place on the closing of County Road 19 for four hours during a marathon September 24, as a safety precaution for the runners.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, not to close County Road 19 during the September 24 marathon. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Commissioner Schwehr, who voted "no," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve the minutes of September 2 and 6, with a correction. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Chuck Luessen met with the Commission to present the Lakeview Subdivision plat map (Bob Eggert).

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to approve and sign off on the Lakeview Subdivision (Bob Eggert) plat. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Tina Wagner and Jamie Smith, Planning and Zoning coordinators, presented the Katie L. Olsen 3rd Subdivision plat (Bob Lee) for approval.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve and sign off on the Katie L. Olson 3rd Subdivision plat (Bob Lee). Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding a Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to the proposed joint correctional facility.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to support the regional correctional center project and pursue a Memorandum of Understanding with the various contributing entities. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Commissioner Opdahl, who voted "no," motion carried.

Connie Geinhart, Chris Iverson, Trial Court Manager, and Robin Huseby, States Attorney, met with the Commission on the restoration of the District Courtroom. They discussed an understanding of the work to be done and the contract to be signed.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to accept and sign a contract for both parties as presented by Huseby, for the restoration of the Barnes County District Courtroom. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Jon Wagar, Valley City Commissioner, informed the Commission that Ransom County has voted and is willing to partner with Valley City and Barnes, Griggs, Steele and Dickey counties, in going forward with the proposed regional correctional center.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Rodger Berntson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission