

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, October 18, 2005, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, informed the Commission that the hill slide on Highway 26 south of Luverne has been repaired, and grass seeding was being done that day.

Johnson presented a boring permit for Barnes Rural Water.

Johnson discussed the negative water tests done at Little Yellowstone Park. It was the consensus of the Board that he pulls the pump jack until next spring.

He also informed the Board that they had begun ditch mowing the previous day.

Johnson requested the purchase of a 1-ton truck for pulling trailers and equipment. He had budgeted for it in his 2006 budget, and said he would like to start looking for one.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to allow Johnson to purchase a dually truck when he locates one, at a cost of approximately \$16,000 to \$20,000, using FEMA funds. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to approve the minutes of October 4, 2005. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to appoint Theresa Will to the South Central Human Service Center Advisory Council, to begin her term January 1, 2006. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion took place on filling the Clerk of Court position. It was the consensus of the Board to offer \$13.50 per hour. The Auditor was directed to contact Job Service regarding the position, and to run an ad in the Times-Record from October 24-28, with October 28 as the deadline. The Commission will review the applications and interview applicants shortly thereafter.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to adopt the following new wording for auditor's lots, as recommended by the Barnes County Planning and Zoning Board:

"All Plat of Auditor's Lots must be approved by the respective township, the Barnes County Zoning Board, and the Barnes County Commission.

However, if the Plat of Auditor's Lot lays outside the city limits of Valley City, but within its two-mile jurisdictional radius, it must be approved by Valley Township, the Valley City Zoning Board, and the Barnes County Commission."

Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Robin Huseby, States Attorney, and Chris Iverson, Trial Court Manager, met with the Commission to discuss increased drapery prices for the Courtroom renovation project, due to the lengthy time period after the project was bid. It was the consensus of the Board to purchase the draperies at the higher cost in order to complete the project.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to adopt the Final Resolution as follows, to combine the offices and positions of Barnes County Recorder and Barnes County Tax Director into one non-elected position, to be called the Department of Property and Records. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

FINAL RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THIS 18TH DAY OF October, 2005, by the Barnes County Commission, that a PLAN for combining the offices and positions of Barnes County Recorder and Barnes County Tax Director into one unelected office and position entitled DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY AND RECORDS, has been filed and by resolution preliminarily adopted, and that said PLAN has been publicized at least twice within 30 days from the date of the Preliminary Resolution, that being August 16th 2005, and that two public hearings were held within the past 3 months at which time public input was accepted regarding said PLAN.

NOW THEREFORE, upon notice by Agenda item that the County Commission of Barnes County was deciding the issue on the 18th day of October, 2005, at the County Commission meeting as to whether to adopt the Preliminary Resolution and Plan, amend the same or reject the same, it is UNANIMOUSLY voted upon to ADOPT the Preliminary Resolution and Plan as filed in this matter, this being the FINAL RESOLUTION herein.

*Dated this 18 day of October, 2005
/s/ Rodger Berntson, Chair
Barnes County Commission*

Karen Magnuson, Treasurer, requested permission to purchase desks for her office, as approved in the 2006 budget.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to approve the purchase of three desks for the Treasurer's Office, at a cost of approximately \$3,467.00, with the cost coming from the 2006 budget. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion took place on the interviewing process for candidates for appointment as the Barnes County States Attorney position.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Rodger Berntson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission