

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, January 17, 2006, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Barry Schuchard, Wade Frank, and Ross Eberle of Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson met with the Commission. Schuchard discussed the final hearing on the 4th Street Bridge Project, to be held January 26, 2006, at 5 p.m. in the City Auditorium, and the necessary procedures to be completed before alternatives are decided on.

Eberle discussed preliminary engineering for the future Kathryn Road (Highway 21 South) project and presented an engineering contract for the project.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berntson, to sign the preliminary engineering contract with KLJ for future work to Project SC-0221(066), Kathryn Road. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve the minutes of December 29, 2005, and January 3, 2006, with a correction. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Randy McClafin, Sheriff, was present to discuss the resignation of Chief Correctional Officer Denise Stanley.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to enter into a contract with Tom Goven for indigent mental health defense at \$75 per hour with a per diem. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Karen Magnuson, Treasurer, met with the Commission to present Pledge of Securities to cover Barnes County deposits with the following banks: Dacotah, Wells Fargo, First Community Credit Union, US Bank, Security State, all of Valley City, and Security State, Wimbledon, Quality Bank, Fingal, and Litchville State, Litchville.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve the Pledge of Securities for Barnes County. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

The Commission expressed their condolences on the unexpected passing of Norma Duppler, Barnes County Emergency Manager, on January 12.

Don Fiebiger, Deputy Sheriff, met with the Commission to discuss his appointment as Assistant Emergency Manager, which was made by Norma Duppler several years ago. Fiebiger will help with the Emergency Management responsibilities for the time being.

Randy Grueneich and Ellen Bjelland, County Agents, presented their quarterly reports.

Discussion took place on the reimbursement of mileage, due to the downward trend in gas prices. It was the consensus of the Board to leave it at 45 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2006.

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, requested the purchase of an updated system for tape backup. The purchase was included in the 2006 budget.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve the purchase of the backup system, at a cost of approximately \$2600.00. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Thiel also informed the Commission that he will take vacation from about May 30-June 9.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve the following starting salaries for any newly-elected officials of the 2006 election. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

NOTICE

Whereas, 2006 is an election year; and

Whereas, there are positions within the County up for election; and

Whereas, the Barnes County Commission recognize the need for the public to know what the starting salaries for those elected positions will be.

Therefore, the Barnes County Commission has set the starting salaries for the following elected positions. The County Commission reserves the right to negotiate the starting salaries depending on experience of the newly elected official.

Barnes County States Attorney	\$60,000.00
Barnes County Sheriff	37,000.00
Barnes County Auditor	36,500.00
Barnes County Treasurer	25,000.00
Barnes County Recorder	25,000.00
Barnes County Commissioner	11,536.00

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berntson, to approve a \$62,500.00 contribution from the Barnes County Economic Development Fund to the Valley City-Barnes County Development Corporation to be used for the correctional facility project. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo discussed carpet replacement and painting of the Recorder and Tax Director's offices, and agreed to do some checking. It was the consensus of the Board that Tom Overn finish installing the fire alarm system in the Courthouse.

Chairman Opdahl recessed the meeting and opened the final hearing on the completed elevator project at North Central School. No one appeared for or against the project, but Commissioner Schwehr commented that the project turned out great.

Chairman Opdahl closed the hearing and re-opened the Commission meeting.

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

Harlan Opdahl, Chairman
Barnes County Commission