

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, February 7, 2006, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Barry Schuchard of Kadmas, Lee & Jackson met with the Commission. Schuchard informed the Commission that they are still receiving questions and comments regarding the 4th Street Bridge project.

Johnson presented a letter from the Highway Patrol offering to help with road restrictions pending a request from the County.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to write a letter of request to the Highway Patrol for their help in enforcing the Barnes County road restrictions. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Johnson presented a utility permit from Dakota Central, and said it will be resubmitted using the new application form.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to allow Johnson to represent Barnes County at the National Association of County Engineers Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Johnson is currently second-year director of the North Dakota Association of County Engineers. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Theresa Will, City County Health Director, met with the Commission to discuss moving the Safe Communities grant program back into the CCHD, since a discontinued grant program has left room in the office for the program.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to allow Will to move the Safe Communities program to the Courthouse as requested. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Brad Cruff, States Attorney, met with the Commission to discuss a joint powers agreement for Corrections.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwehr, to enter into a joint powers agreement, and to approve the following resolution pertaining to the proposed correctional facility. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion was held on the matter of dollars missing from the Corrections commissary fund, which is under the umbrella of the Barnes County Correctional Officers Association.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, that Sheriff McClafin requests an investigation of the missing commissary funds by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Duane Didier and Terry Swenson of the Sanborn Fire Department met with the Commission requesting the County's financial help to purchase a compressed air foam systems to be installed on the new pumper truck while it's being built, at a cost of \$25,000.000, saving \$12,000.00 over having it installed later. The Commission directed them to make the request through the Valley City-Barnes County Development Corporation.

Warren Aune, Correctional Officer, met with the Commission for an exit interview. He cited several reasons for his resignation, including difficulty with stairs in the jail, no line of sight of all inmates on the cameras, and too many inmates for only one officer on duty.

BJ Edwardson, Director of Tax Equalization, and Kirsten Ertelt, Recorder, met with the Commission at the request of Commissioner Berntson, to discuss errors in the new Farm Home plat book.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to direct Edwardson and Ertelt send a letter to FHP stating that they need to include in their plat book the contract for deed purchasers' names on land parcels, instead of the previous owners. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to approve the minutes of the January 17 meeting, with a correction. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to have the County pay the \$10.00 for dental administration. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion took place on the smoking policy on Barnes County property.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, that there no smoking be allowed on or in any Barnes County property, effective immediately. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Commissioner Berntson, who voted "no," motion carried.

Discussion was held on Commissioners' Day, to be held Thursday, March 9, 2006, at the VFW.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to hire G.O. Company to paint the Recorder's, Tax Equalization, and Treasurer's offices at a cost of approximately \$6900.00. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Commissioner Triebold, who voted "no," motion carried.

Discussion took place on the Emergency Management Department. Homeland Security grants.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to appoint Jim Verwey as Emergency Manager/Veteran Service officer, effective February 10, 2006. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Commissioner Berntson, who voted "no," motion carried.

BJ Edwardson, Tax Director, met with the Commission to discuss specifying the term "property tax" on the second addendum to the tax exemption policy. They also discussed the law on taxable residential structures being located on residential land not classified as agricultural.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to allow the Tax Director's Office to contract with Grand Prairie Township for assessing. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Bob Drake presented a petition to the Commission, stating that when the 4th Street Bridge is replaced, it should be at the lowest possible price.

The following expenditures were approved for payment for the month of January: **GENERAL FUND:** Barnes County Ambulance \$8515.00, Cardmember Service \$266.71, Computer Software Service \$3198.00, Finstad, Jim & Kerry \$1311.81, ND Assn of County Engineers \$285.00, Office Systems \$1659.00, Verizon Wireless \$636.75, **CITY COUNTY HEALTH:** Ace Hardware \$34.36, Andrea Suhr \$25.00, Avis Klinkhammer \$25.00, Bloom n Crafts Floral \$29.77, Brayden Will \$25.00, Breann Will \$25.00, Brittany Will \$25.00, Central Valley Health \$1247.00, Cherie Russell \$25.00, Comfort Inn-Bismarck \$56.00, Connie Olson \$25.00, Constance Horsager \$25.00, Lori Corwin \$84.17, Dakota Carrier Network \$547.52, Dakota Plains Cooperative \$66.08, Egge, Deb \$130.00, Eileen Maresh \$50.00, Glaxosmithkline \$55.50, Lela Grim \$9.12, Hoar, Julie \$56.27, Jennifer Johnson \$50.00, Jim Verwey \$25.00, Joyce Braunagel \$25.00, Julie Nelson \$25.00, Katherine Dietrich \$25.00, Kim Schock \$25.00, Leever's Super Valu \$18.98, Lila Bemis \$50.00, Lila Tait \$25.00, Lois Hanson \$50.00, Maple Valley School District \$970.00, Mavis Myers \$25.00, Mercy Hospital \$1612.04, James Michael \$745.04, Micro Direct \$30.00, Midland Hospital Supply \$115.43, ND Assn For Home Care \$500.00, Pat Egeberg \$25.00, Pfennig, Becky \$390.90, Rebecca Johnson \$50.00, Renee Aarseth \$50.00, Roby's \$54.34, Rosenau, Vicki \$28.46, Scanhealth \$600.00, Scantron \$202.81, Sheyenne Printers \$229.03, Tom Klinkhammer \$25.00, Universal Footcare Products \$67.55, Valley Drug \$203.30, Valley Officeworks \$226.26, Vicki Zinck

\$25.00, Viland, Beth \$52.80, Wagar, Eydie \$130.00, Wick Investments \$300.00; **COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE:** AP Equipment \$9.12, Ace Hardware \$11.56, Butler Machinery \$393.79, Carquest \$290.13, Caterpillar Financial Services \$27,940.41, Cutler-Magner Co \$1705.10, Dakota Plains Cooperative \$1173.22, Devils Lake District NDDOT \$375.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative \$64.83, Fargo District NDDOT \$125.00, Inter-Community Telephone \$68.49, Jemco \$30.50, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$246.24, Litchville Enterprises \$5.49, Little Falls Machine \$54.17, Menards \$474.94, Mid-States Wireless \$528.00, Minot District NDDOT \$125.00, MDU \$1263.68, ND Assn of County Engineers \$700.00, Northwest Tire \$3364.97, Perkins \$17.77, Smith Lumber Co \$893.55, Star Enterprises \$1320.00, The Window Man \$51.00, United Rental Technologies \$108.38, Valley Auto Parts \$370.85, VC Public Works \$2463.25, Valley Extinguisher \$140.45, Verizon Wireless \$80.00, Vining Oil & Supply \$2350.56, Wendel Auto Body \$120.00; **WEED CONTROL:** Verizon Wireless \$27.10; **OASIS & SOCIAL SECURITY:** Cardmember Service \$5285.52; **COUNTY AGENT:** GE Capital \$167.55; **FARM TO MARKET 15 MILL:** Kadrmas Lee & Jackson \$154.26, Kermit Sorby \$11,862.98; **GAME & FISH:** ND Game & Fish Dept \$33,078.00; **COUNTY BRIDGE:** Kadrmas Lee & Jackson \$7575.00; **COUNTY AGENT REVOLVING:** Cardmember Service \$517.99; **SOIL CONSERVATION:** \$8105.39; **GARRISON CONSERVANCY DISTRICT:** Garrison Diversion Conservancy District \$8105.51; **AIRPORT:** \$17,718.49; **STATE FUNDS:** ND State Treasurer: \$26,836.58; **WINTER SHOW:** ND Winter Show \$22,126.68; **OLDER PERSONS:** S Central Adult Services: \$17,622.74; **AMBULANCE:** BC Ambulance \$2640.00; **WATER RESOURCES:** Postmaster \$9.90; **HISTORICAL:** BC Historical Society \$2217.59; **LIBRARY:** VC Public Library \$13,309.36; **CITIES:** Dazey \$242.73, Fingal \$707.16, Kathryn \$333.76, Litchville \$1105.32, Nome \$176.56, Oriska \$591.46, Pillsbury \$307.22, Rogers \$473.21, Sanborn \$1207.14, Sibley \$184.68, Tower City \$77.74, Valley City \$275,520.16, Wimbledon \$4994.05; **TOWNSHIPS:** Alta \$8354.63, Anderson \$4056.89, Ashtabula \$2631.60, Baldwin 2095.00, Binghampton 2469.04, Brimer \$6393.48, Cuba \$6773.38, Dazey \$2481.14, Eckelson \$2723.37, Edna \$2769.61, Ellsbury \$3604.40, Getchell \$5578.93, Grand Prairie \$6226.26, Green \$5231.20, Greenland \$2807.53, Hemen \$3190.08, Hobart \$4811.22, Laketown \$3156.21, Mansfield \$4789.82, Marsh \$4523.55, Meadow Lake \$4483.00, Minnie Lake \$3770.74, Nelson \$3226.23, Noltimier \$4360.12, Norma \$2863.33, Oakhill \$2190.59, Oriska \$3895.43, Pierce \$694.98, Potter \$1401.89, Raritan \$1531.16, Rogers \$4723.55, Rosebud \$2765.35, Sibley Trail \$1111.92, Skandia 6005.18, Spring Creek \$3771.92, Springvale \$5412.08, Stewart \$3309.52, Svea \$3767.06, Thordenskjold \$4725.90, Uxbridge \$3044.27, Valley \$9043.33, Weimer 4413.62; **PARK DISTRICT:** Fingal \$55.61, Kathryn \$19.11, Litchville \$159.83, Nome \$15.16, Sanborn \$49.04, VC Park District \$55,271.00; **SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** Enderlin \$32,466.81, Griggs Cty Central \$3852.17, Hope \$27,353.41, Litchville-Marion \$177,121.89, Maple Valley \$262,119.36, Montpelier \$13,644.85, North Central \$244,896.55, Page \$25,490.51, VC \$742,127.98, Wimbledon \$58,246.74; **RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS:** Dazey \$2341.46, Edna \$943.63, Enderlin \$84.90, Fingal \$1082.00, Hope \$1767.01, Kathryn \$1666.15, Nome \$1178.57, Page \$809.85, Sanborn \$7257.89, Tower City \$1074.12, Wimbledon \$1355.02; **MARTIN'S LANDING ASSESSMENT FUND:** Barnes Rural Water \$275.84; **INTEREST FUND:** Barnes County Treasurer \$12,198.07.

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