

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, April 4, 2006, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Dave Lokken, AGP, met with the Commission to discuss a bridge that Burlington Northern Railroad will remove from a Hobart Township road.

Johnson informed the Commission of the retirement of Jerry Loibl, a Highway Department employee.

Johnson discussed moving his oil storage tank from the existing site to the new highway shop site, and the EPA rules for such storage.

Johnson also discussed river erosion along Highway 21 South, and the possibility of the Corps of Engineers helping with the cost.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve the minutes of March 21 with one correction. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwehr, to enter into a maintenance contract for the jail fire alarm system, at a cost of approximately \$642.00 per year. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berntson, to sign a prisoner boarding contract with Kidder County. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to pay overtime to corrections officers during the time they were short of employees. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berntson, to hire Site on Sound to update the sound system in the Commission Room, at a cost of approximately \$4,500.00, to enable better sound for audience members. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

BJ Edwardson, Tax Director, and Liz Roorda, Appraisal Assistant, presented an abatement application for Alex Punton, Jr., on PCL:41-4300200, requesting a valuation decrease from 83,000.00 to 48,500.00. After inspection of the property, Edwardson recommended it be valued at \$68,200.00.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to allow the abatement for Alex Punton, Jr. at 68,200.00 as recommended by the Tax Director, based on information gathered from site inspection. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Chairman Opdahl recessed the Commission meeting to allow the Park Board to convene.

Park Board Chairman Dale Maasjo opened the meeting. Present were all Commissioners, Bev Anderson, Park Superintendent, and board members Kerry Johnson and Tim Tangen.

Johnson discussed a memorial dedication for the new John W. Carlisle walk bridge located on the east side of Clausen Springs. The dedication ceremony will be held June 17.

Superintendent Anderson informed the Board that Steve Larson will not be returning to the Park staff this year, leaving an opening to be filled.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to advertise for a part-time, seasonal assistant for the Park, at a pay rate of \$8.00 per hour. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion was held on the water pump station at Little Yellowstone Park. Pat Hurley of the Barnes County Water Resource Board discussed the possibility of chlorinating at the pump. Members discussed fencing off the area above the pump station, to prevent cattle grazing there. Hurley said he felt he would have more information after testing the water over the summer.

Johnson informed the Board that Ransom County has contributed \$2,500.00 to the Park Fund for Little Yellowstone Park support.

Discussion was held on having horses in the parks. More research will be done on the subject.

Bob Koeplin discussed the possibility of Highway-Byway grant funding for increasing electrical hookups and updating wiring for larger camping units at Clausen Springs.

Koeplin, Kathryn Mayor David Majerus, and Barnes County Wildlife Federation representative Bob Maresh requested the installation of a concrete toilet at Kathryn Dam. The financing is already approved, but the County is needed to maintain the toilet and its immediate area.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve the acceptance and maintenance of a concrete toilet and the area around it, with a favorable recommendation from Mayor Majerus. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Tim Tangen, to approve the use of permanent and temporary easements along the east shore of the Kathryn Dam to a group of cooperating wildlife organizations to establish a recreational nature area, to be managed and insured by Barnes County. After project completion and inspection by the County Commission or their agents, management duties will be outlined and divided between the County and cooperating entities.

There being no further business to come before the Park Board, Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwehr, to adjourn the Park Board meeting. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Chairman Opdahl re-convened the Commission meeting.

States Attorney Brad Cruff requested the County set a policy concerning background checks for new employees. Cruff was directed to draw up such a policy.

Discussion took place on the employee of a County vendor working in the Courthouse, who received a negative background check.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berntson, that the vendor's employee be prohibited from working in the Courthouse, based upon information obtained from a background check. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion took place on the request sent to Barnes County resident John Ertelt to clean the abandoned vehicles and trailer houses off his property adjacent to Interstate 94, on which no action has been taken.

Chairman Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to proceed with the cleanup process by inviting Mr. Ertelt to the next Commission meeting for discussion of his intent. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning requests from the County to David Maack to clean up and deal with excessive cats on his Eckelson property, also on which no action has yet been taken. Cruff will research the matter further.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to approve a salary adjustment for Jim Verwey, Veteran Service Officer, from his current \$11.73 to \$12.00 per hour, to

bring him in line with Grade 9 department heads, along with consideration of his previous experience. The adjustment will be effective for the April payroll. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except for Commissioner Opdahl, who voted "no," motion carried.

The following expenditures were approved for payment for the month of March: **GENERAL FUND:** AP Equipment \$53.46, Ace Hardware \$332.00, AT&T Omaha \$4.73, Barnes County Hwy Dept \$1565.21, Rodger Berntson \$105.30, Bitz Tire & Service \$198.38, Cardmember Service \$509.16, Cole Paper \$93.24, Comfort Inn \$48.00, Dacotah Paper \$525.27, Dakota Industrial Supply \$16.10, Betty J Edwardson \$249.28, Exhaust Pros \$188.95, Fairhill Properties \$529.00, G&K Services \$227.05, Galls Inc \$278.72, Thomas Goven \$915.00, Kratz Hardware \$22.44, Litchville Bulletin, \$83.30, Dale Maasjo \$130.50, Marco \$1209.56, Meritcare \$190.00, Merrick & Schaar \$270.00, Mid-States Wireless \$166.50, Miller Motors \$40.06, MDU \$3277.65, ND County Recorders' Assn. \$90.00, ND Dept of Transportation \$13.00, ND Family Support Council \$100.00, Julie Nelson \$75.00, State Auditor \$165.00, Harlan Opdahl \$182.70, Otis Elevator \$91.62, Overn Electric \$423.48, Perkins \$934.08, Qwest \$2200.35, Reserve Acct \$2000.00, RJ Plumbing & Heating \$55.00, Elizabeth Roorda 292.05, S&S Auto Electric \$93.55, Cindy Schwehr \$45.45, Secure Software Solutions \$1500.00, Servicemaster \$1225.00, Sheyenne Auto Center \$42.65, Sheyenne Printers \$149.06, St. Alexis Med Center \$100.00, Stein's \$290.67, Streicher's \$162.90, TDS Metrocom \$305.46, State Chemical Mfg \$26.32, Window Man \$45.00, Thrifty White \$21.11, UND \$34.50, Valley Auto Parts \$11.98, VC Public Works \$1312.35, VC Times-Record \$508.80, Valley Lumber \$592.26, Valley Officeworks \$365.20, VCSU-FMC \$10.50, Verizon \$743.68, Wendel Auto Body \$867.15, Linda Westby \$45.00, White Banner Uniform Co \$242.49; **CITY-COUNTY HEALTH:** American Lung Assn \$175.00, Bloom N Crafts Floral \$21.25, Central Valley Health \$1247.00, Comfort Inn \$83.40, Dakota Carrier Network \$547.52, Dakota Central Telecommunications \$49.95, Dakota Plains Co-op \$52.78, Dex Media East \$30.31, Foss Drug \$123.56, Glaxosmithkline \$24.25, Leever's \$47.27, Merck \$689.88, Mercy Hospital \$828.17, Lana Meyer \$120.15, Midland Hospital Supply \$70.41, Moore Medical \$2029.27, National Medical Video 96.00, ND Assn of Counties WC \$57.15, Pamida \$46.23, Gloria Pesek \$37.59, Becky Pfennig \$197.10, Princeton Health Press \$346.50, Qwest \$141.93, Vicki Rosenau \$30.66, Scanhealth \$600.00, Scantron \$144.00, Sheyenne Printers \$161.04, TDS Metrocom \$38.57, VC Broadcast Center \$270.00, VC Times Record \$92.00, Valley Officeworks \$100.98, Viking Room \$40.00, White Drug \$514.91, Wick Investments \$300.00, York Medical Systems \$51.89, Young People's Healthy Heart \$1905.00, 2006 Post Grad Party \$50.00; **VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE:** Barnes Co Hwy Dept \$233.81, Marketplace \$10.46, Sheyenne Printers \$26.00, TDS Metrocom \$8.61, Veterans Information Service \$45.00; **SOCIAL SERVICES:** Seven Seas \$297.50, Cellular One \$63.05, City County Health Dept \$6.00, Marlyce Cole \$473.40, Comfort Inn \$48.00, Jennifer Harrom \$445.25, Candice Huss \$106.20, Michelle Klinger \$20.95, Lerud-Johnson-Schuldt \$4750.00, Marlo Meikle \$16.99, Sheila Oye \$300.70, Pamida \$4.24, Heather Pautz \$547.18, Positive Thinking \$10.00, Qwest \$81.71, Jeanne Sexton-Brown \$513.55, Sheyenne Printers \$164.94, TDS Metrocom \$182.45, The Forum \$105.44, The Shop \$193.13, Leslie Uecker \$284.40, VC Public Works \$314.03, Valley Drug \$95.49, Valley Officeworks \$337.33; **COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE:** AP Equipment \$333.73, Ace Hardware \$24.99, Advance Garage Door \$193.00, Bayshore Cityside \$31.08, Bitz Tire & Service \$606.44, Butler Machinery \$10.97, Cardmember Service \$341.98, Carquest Auto Parts \$317.00, Catco Clutch & Transmission \$20.00, Clement Communications \$305.76, Cummins N Central \$205.26, Dakota Plains Co-op \$1031.84, Dept of Motor Vehicle \$18.00, Dickey Rural Telephone \$63.98, Enterprise Sales \$109.84, General Equipment & Supplies \$650.35, Grotberg \$116.25, Inter-community Telephone \$69.53, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$404.93, Kratz Hardware \$45.50, Krider Equipment \$20.40, Leever's \$35.98, Little Falls Machine \$288.16, Mercy Hospital \$106.00, Meritcare \$75.00, Mid-States Wireless \$446.00, MDU \$517.52, Northwest Tire \$2035.00, Northwestern Equipment \$644.73, Ottetail \$200.00, Pamida \$25.00, Perkins \$39.14, Plains Grain & Agronomy \$894.20, Praxair Dist \$169.65, RC Welding \$160.00, RJs Plumbing & Heating \$16.14, Safety 1st \$400.00, Swanston Equipment \$2154.88, Sweeney Bros of Fargo \$459.32, TDS Metrocom \$39.35, Valley Auto Parts \$797.83, VC Public Works \$2852.59, VC Times-Record \$346.50, Verizon \$160.93, Wallwork Truck Ctr \$298.81, Wendel Auto Body \$50.00, Don Winings \$50.40, Zack's Expressions Thru Graphics \$75.00; **COUNTY PARK:** CH Carpenter Lumber \$23.15, Menards \$476.60, Wick Construction \$180.00; **WEED CONTROL:** Appliance City Radio Shack \$3.99, Barnes Co Hwy Dept \$80.05, Ken Cruff \$300.10, Jacob DeVries \$50.40, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$56.00, Kratz Hardware \$28.48, James McAllister \$69.10, NDSU Ag Communication \$101.00, Sheyenne Printers \$23.39, John Stevens \$10.80, TDS Metrocom \$24.30, Valley Officeworks \$64.97, Lloyd Wieland \$22.50; **OASIS & SOCIAL SECURITY:** Cardmember Service \$478.88, CPU \$1503.74, Information Technology Dept \$448.60, TDS Metrocom \$9.38, Jason Thiel \$57.60, Valley Officeworks \$29.14; **COUNTY AGENT:**

Agweek \$32.00, Doublewood Inn \$50.00, Ellen Bjelland \$200.76, Gail Hokenson \$70.00, GE Capital \$167.55, Randy Grueneich \$22.00, Leevers \$8.90, NDSU Univ Station \$69.00, NDSU Ext Service \$23,301.50, TDS Metrocom \$58.41; **FARM TO MARKET 15 MILL:** Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson \$1352.18, Newman Traffic Signs \$1806.30, Swanston Equipment \$14,850.00; **CORRECTIONAL CENTER:** Bob Barker Co \$549.71, Burleigh Morton Red Cross \$25.00, Cable Services \$30.74, Carquest Auto Parts \$52.98, Cass Clay \$480.17, City County Health Dept \$2763.00, Dakota Industrial Supply \$159.00, Enterprise Sales \$202.85, Food Services of America \$3108.26, High Plains Water Treatment \$11.00, John's I-94 Tesoro \$29.00, Kratz Hardware \$35.53, Leevers \$66.26, Marketplace \$268.42, MDU \$1092.56, Dr. Lynn Odne \$192.00, Pamida \$110.54, TDS Metrocom \$59.25, Thrifty White \$2250.20, VC Public Works \$364.10, VC Times Record \$53.70, Valley Officeworks \$228.98; **COUNTY BRIDGE:** Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson \$6864.74; **COUNTY AGENT REVOLVING:** Cardmember Service \$118.25, NDSU Ag Communication \$45.00, VC Eagles \$290.00; **SOIL CONSERVATION:** Barnes Co Soil Cons Dist \$13,212.10; **GARRISON CONSERVANCY DISTRICT:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$13,351.99; **AIRPORT:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$28,401.73; **911 EMERGENCY FUND:** Dakota Central Communication \$33.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Co-op \$263.00, Inter-community Telephone \$150.00, Qwest \$1166.94; **STATE FUNDS:** ND State Treasurer \$35,218.43; **WINTER SHOW:** ND Winter Show \$37,073.26; **OLDER PERSONS:** South Central Adult Services: \$29,576.39; **AMBULANCE:** BC Ambulance \$12,058.08; **WATER RESOURCES:** K&S Carpet Cleaners \$214.68; Postmaster \$39.00, Workforce Safety & Insurance \$125.00; **HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** BC Historical Society \$3719.54; **LIBRARY:** VC Public Library \$18,016.72; **RECORDERS PRESERVATION FUND:** Cass Co Treasurer \$264.00; **CITIES:** Dazey \$419.36, Fingal \$4110.64, Kathryn \$1435.77, Leal \$1538.80, Litchville \$6588.08, Nome \$630.79, Oriska \$1848.07, Pillsbury \$1065.54, Rogers \$5425.00, Sanborn \$7480.66, Sibley \$1525.10, Tower City \$614.83, Valley City \$828,283.42, Wimbledon \$11,258.40; **TOWNSHIPS:** Alta \$11,909.82, Anderson \$2684.27, Ashtabula \$5166.74, Baldwin \$4041.91, Binghampton \$5303.59, Brimer \$4318.88, Cuba \$6674.43, Dazey \$2997.06, Eckelson \$5098.15, Edna \$3605.23, Ellsbury \$5703.58, Getchell \$5373.50, Grand Prairie \$6249.84, Green \$6617.15, Greenland \$2692.82, Hemen \$3160.21, Hobart \$10,149.27, Laketown \$2261.83, Mansfield \$2882.09, Marsh \$8222.53, Meadow Lake \$3700.47, Minnie Lake \$3461.22, Nelson \$3313.57, Noltimier \$6263.36, Norma \$2777.08, Oakhill \$2241.38, Oriska \$3659.96, Pierce \$1329.77, Potter \$4429.19, Raritan \$2544.68, Rogers \$2269.68, Rosebud \$6059.87, Sibley Trail \$2604.12, Skandia \$4680.78, Spring Creek \$4540.93, Springvale \$3164.37, Stewart \$6724.68, Svea \$5102.90, Thordenskjold \$3856.97, Uxbridge \$6089.74, Valley \$26,383.97, Weimer 2661.28; **PARK DISTRICTS:** Fingal \$225.81, Kathryn \$82.54, Litchville \$863.93, Nome \$54.15, Sanborn \$303.89, VC Park Dist \$163,205.29; **SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** Enderlin \$62,127.62, Griggs Co Central \$2582.72, Hope \$51,254.91, Litchville-Marion \$198,519.76, Maple Valley \$272,146.83, Montpelier \$13,870.70, North Central \$331,854.70, Page \$27,886.71, Valley City \$1,688,572.27, Wimbledon \$104,073.73; **RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS:** Dazey \$2135.71, Edna \$1515.32, Enderlin \$265.04, Fingal \$2054.00, Hope \$3080.21, Kathryn \$1659.51, Nome \$1426.63, Page \$743.37, Sanborn \$8150.90, Tower City \$766.72, Wimbledon \$3114.77; **MARTIN'S LANDING ASSESSMENT:** Barnes Rural Water \$3034.24; **WERNER'S WATER IMP DIST 1:** Barnes Rural Water \$1094.78; **MIELKE SUBDIVISION WATER:** Barnes Rural Water \$255.78; **INTEREST FUND:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$20,318.00.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Harlan Opdahl, Chairman
Barnes County Commission