

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

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, updated the Commission as to ongoing County projects. He reported on a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge project he attended, and on paving work done on the road to the Mel Reidman area.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berntson, to have Mr. Johnson paint a double yellow line for about one mile on County Road 21. The no passing zone will be implemented from the Valley City limits to approximately one mile south of Valley City. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve the minutes of August 1, 2006 as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Edward McGough, County Auditor, presented a letter of resignation from Betty J. Edwardson, Barnes County Tax Director, effective September 15, 2006.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to accept Ms. Edwardson's resignation and thank her for her years of dedicated service to the County. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Chuck Luessen of Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, discussed the proposed Tschannen subdivision. No one was present to protest the subdivision plat map.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berntson, to approve the plat map for the Shirley Tschannen subdivision, to be known as the Ashtabula Lookout Subdivision, and that Chairman Opdahl sign it. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berntson, to approve and sign the new funding contract between the Clerk of District Court and the state court system for service reimbursement, effective August 1, 2007.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to approve a special event permit for Kelly's Ashtabula Crossing and Resort. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwehr, to approve a site authorization at City Lights Supper Club of Valley City, for the Jamestown Knights of Columbus, effective August 8, 2006. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Kim Franklin, Emergency Manager, discussed a bill for radios from Homeland Security grant funds.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to allow Ms. Franklin to pay the bills due for the security equipment and radios, collect reimbursement from Homeland Security, and pay the difference from her budget. Upon a roll call vote with all members present voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the fire ban. Commissioner Schwehr recommended allowance of conditional burning in state and county parks.

Chairman Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berntson, to approve a Proclamation to Rescind the County-Wide Burning Ban (Resolution 9) as follows. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

**Proclamation**

Barnes County, North Dakota  
Rescinds the County-Wide Burning Ban  
August 17, 2006

The Barnes County Commission has voted to rescind the county-wide burn ban effective immediately, leaving the decision whether or not to allow open burning to the Fire Department Chief or representative of each individual fire district.

Permission must be received by the proper authority before igniting any outdoor flames. If a request for an open burn is prohibited by that fire district due to weather or ground conditions, he/she must abide by the decision. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES A BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF AN INFRACTION AND A FINE OF \$500. A SECOND OFFENSE IS A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR AND A FINE OF \$1,000.

DATED at Barnes County, North Dakota this 17 day of August, 2006.  
*/s/ Harlan Opdahl, Chairman, Barnes County Commission*

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve purchase of a trailer from Truck and Auto Salvage, to be used for transfer of election equipment and other pertinent County needs. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting “yes,” motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to allow Maasjo to apply for grant dollars from the Garrison Diversion Board for park playground equipment, to be installed in Barnes County parks. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting “yes,” motion carried.

Discussion took place on requests for a County shredder. It was the consensus of the Board that the shredders currently available in the Courthouse may be shared with other offices.

Brad Cruff, States Attorney, met with the Commission to discuss his responsibility as to representing the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwehr, to allow the States Attorney to represent the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center during the construction phase only. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting “yes,” motion carried.

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

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Edward R. McGough  
Barnes County Auditor

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Harlan Opdahl, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission