

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, November 21, 2006, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, met with the Commission to discuss the engineer's estimate for the construction of the 4th St. Bridge project. He also reported on work completed in the County parks by his department during the nice fall weather.

Mr. Johnson reported on the induction of Roger Lee (Kadmas, Lee & Jackson) to the Highway Hall of Fame, which he and Chairman Opdahl attended in Bismarck.

He discussed culvert pipe replacement requests on County road # 32 in Svea Township and on County road # 1 in Pierce Township.

Mr. Johnson also discussed an upcoming state auction of pickups to take place in Bismarck.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to approve the minutes of November 7, 2006, as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Berntson, to approve a raffle permit for the Men's Bowling Association. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Chairman Opdahl discussed railroad properties which are being sold off to adjoining landowners, and whether these properties are being taxed. The matter was tabled for later discussion with the Tax Director.

Commissioner Schwehr asked the Commissioners to serve as Salvation Army bell ringers November 27, from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., at LeEVERS.

Discussion was held on a request from Heather Pautz, Social Services Director, for two cell phones to be used by employees while on on-call duty. No action was taken at this time.

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, and Liz Roorda, Assessor, discussed with the Commission assessing contracts currently in place with Barnes County cities and one township. An additional contract with the City of Kathryn was presented.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, that Barnes County enters into a contract for city assessing with the City of Kathryn. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Kim Franklin, Emergency Manager, met with the Commission to discuss her training and planning contracts with the Commission.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to sign a contract with Nick of Time for Homeland Security Training. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Jennifer Feist, Economic Development Director, updated the Commission on ongoing and future projects.

Randy McClafin, Sheriff, and Jason Lang, Chief Correctional Officer, were present to discuss a request from a correctional officer to be placed on a part-time basis, weekends only. Mr. Lang informed the Commission that two new positions and one replacement position will need to be filled in order to schedule two officers on duty for every shift.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwehr, to approve opening two new correctional officer positions, and fill the existing opening. Kim Franklin, Emergency

Manager, met with the Commission to discuss her training and planning contracts with the Commission.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to sign a contract with Nick of Time for Homeland Security Training. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting “yes,” motion carried.

Linda Anderson, representing the Compensation Committee, discussed correctional salaries for existing and new employees, along with salary differential for night and day shifts.

The Commission set the application deadline for December 4, 2006.

Auditor Ed McGough conducted the sale of county properties taken for delinquent taxes.

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

Harlan Opdahl, Chairman
Barnes County Commission