

The Barnes County Commission met in special session Tuesday, December 28, 2006, with all members present.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to approve liquor and beer licenses for S&M Roadside Bar and Kelly's Crossing. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to award the contract for indigent defense to Thomas E. Goven, Attorney-at-Law. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, presented an abatement request for hearing from Roger and Marlene Bishoff, (PCL:63-4360099, Lot 6, Blk 2, Rosseland & Thompson Addition to the City of Valley City) for 2005 taxes. The request was for a reduction in the valuation of the property from \$147,900.00 to \$130,000.00. Also present was Dave Johnson, Valley City administrator. Ms. Koslofsky and Mr. Johnson presented testimony on behalf of Barnes County, while no testimony was presented on behalf of the Bishoffs.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to deny the abatement request after no evidence was presented to rebut the presumption of \$147,900.00 as the correct value. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Tax Director Betty Koslofsky met with the Commission to present the state-certified 2006 agricultural average value per acre for Barnes County as \$413.73. Discussion took place on recommendations from the Barnes County Soils Committee.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, that a) the agricultural value target be as close as possible to 95.5 percent of the state-certified average for the 2007 tax year with minus 4.5 percent per acre prepared for township valuation data sheets effective for the 2007 tax year. There will be no more than ½ percent tolerance allowed at the local level for adjustments; and b) that all qualifying inundated acres will be valued at \$11.68, based on non-cropland average landowner share of gross returns per acre, effective for the 2007 tax year. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning budget amendments for departments which are over their 2006 budgets.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to amend the following 2006 budgets: Veterans Service Office \$1225.00; County Road & Bridge \$15,850.00; County Park \$3150.00; Advertising \$5350.00; Economic Development \$77,150.00; Correctional \$24,750.00; County Bridge \$37,600.00. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Appointments to county boards were discussed.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to re-appoint Pat Hurley to the Barnes County Water Resource Board for a three-year term. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Weber, to re-appoint Jacob DeVries and Ken Cruff to the Barnes County Weed Control Board for four-year terms. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Weber, to re-appoint Alex Punton, Jr., and William (Bill) McKay, and to appoint Vernon Roorda to the Barnes County Planning and Zoning Board, all for four-year terms. 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 between Barnes and Griggs counties for states attorney services.

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

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Edward R. McGough  
Barnes County Auditor

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Cindy Schwehr, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission