

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, January 16, 2007, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Ross Eberle of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson met with the Commission. Mr. Eberle informed the Commission that the bid letting for the 4th St. Bridge project will be held February 9 in the Capitol Building in Bismarck.

Mr. Eberle presented an Agreement for Engineering Services between KLJ and Barnes County which was due to be renewed.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to enter into and sign the two-year Agreement for Engineering Services with Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Mr. Johnson discussed selling a 1975 motor grader on a heavy equipment Internet auction.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson that Mr. Johnson moves forward with the sale of the motor grader through the Internet auction site. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Mr. Johnson discussed the proposed Keystone Pipeline and stated the company has contacted him concerning special permits needed for pipeline installation. He added that he will be handling the permitting process for the townships.

Mr. Johnson also requested permission to attend the National Engineers' Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in April.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow Mr. Johnson to attend the conference. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

He also requested a date for the County bid letting for culverts and road oil. It was the consensus of the Board that it be held February 20, starting with road oil at 10 a.m. and to continue with culverts at 10:10 a.m.

Jason Lang, Chief Correctional Officer, updated the Commission on the hiring process for the two correctional officers positions, which will allow two officers on duty at all times.

Chairman Schwehr recessed the Commission meeting, and Park Board Chairman Dale Maasjo opened the County Park Board meeting.

Discussion was held regarding Maasjo continuing to serve on the Park Board.

Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to accept the resignation of Kerry Johnson from the Park Board. Motion carried.

Opdahl nominated Maasjo for Park Board Chairman.

Berntson made a motion, seconded by Tangen, that nominations cease and that a unanimous vote be cast for Maasjo for Chairman. Motion carried.

Schwehr nominated Tangen for Park Board Vice-chairman.

Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, that nominations cease and that a unanimous vote be cast for Tangen for Vice-chairman. Motion carried.

Chairman Maasjo discussed the end-of-year figures for the park budget. It was the consensus of the Board that 2006 was a good year, and that improvements will continue to be made.

Johnson discussed costs involved with adding camper-requested electrical hookups and a light pole on the south side, and a light pole by the dock, at Clausen Springs.

Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Tangen, to allow Johnson to install electrical hookups on the south end of the Park, and a light pole by the dock. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Bev Anderson, Parks Superintendent, presented a form from Sheyenne Saloon, Kathryn, for gaming funds to be donated toward County Park playground equipment.

Anderson discussed marking the parks' picnic tables with some type of identification. Berntson was appointed to develop a method of identification for the tables.

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

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, informed the Commission she had purchased a color printer, as approved in the 2007 Tax Equalization budget.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the purchase of the color printer for the tax office as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Ms. Koslofsky informed the Commission that the equalization meeting will be held June 5, from 1 - 5 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, met with the Commission to discuss time clock issues. The Commission requested that he research options.

Mr. Thiel also requested to change the Tax Director's computer, and to purchase a new county file server.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to allow Mr. Thiel to purchase a new file server and a new computer for the Tax Director. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Karen Magnuson, Treasurer, met with the Commission to present Pledge of Securities to cover Barnes County deposits with the following banks: Dacotah, Wells Fargo, First Community Credit Union, US Bank, Security State, all of Valley City, and Security State, Wimbledon, Quality Bank, Fingal, and Litchville State, Litchville.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve the Pledge of Securities for Barnes County for 2007 as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Brad Cruff, States Attorney, met with the Commission to discuss attending out-of-state training for prosecuting homicides.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to allow Mr. Cruff to attend the training, to be held in San Francisco. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the minutes of December 28 (with correction) and January 2, as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commission Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to contribute \$50.00 to the Barnes County Meth Task Force to help present the informational seminar “Drug Free Workplace.” Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission