

The Barnes County Commission met in special session Monday, January 29, 2007, with all members present. Also present were Gene Bjerke, Sheriff, and Jason Lang, Chief Correctional Officer.

The Commission discussed the request from the USDA that all political subdivisions involved in the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center guarantee both the direct and guaranteed loans from USDA. They reviewed several options.

Commissioner Opdahl moved, second by Triebold, to guarantee a maximum of one mill (\$37,500) per year for five years, for the sole purpose of loan repayment of the direct and guaranteed loans of the USDA, in the event of an operating revenue shortfall. Said funds are to be paid on a pro rata basis according to the respective percentages of ownership. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Sheriff Gene Bjerke met with the Commission to discuss his reasons for not re-appointing Don Fiebiger as a Barnes County Deputy under the new administration.

A unanimous decision was reached by the Commission to request that Sheriff Bjerke deputize Don Fiebiger, in order to preserve the County's investment in Mr. Fiebiger's training and experience in the Sheriff's Department.

Discussion was held regarding upcoming interviews for the two open correctional officer positions.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the name change for the Roadside Bar and Grill to Sami V's Chop House on their County beer and liquor licenses, contingent on approval of the States Attorney. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission