

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, February 6, 2007, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Mark Burkett met with the Commission to discuss the placement of a snow fence in the County right of way and section line to keep snowmobiles out of yards. Burkett owns a home near the North Valley Elevator, and reports he has had problems with snowmobiles driving in the ditch in front of his house.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow the placement of the snow fence as requested, as a temporary measure during snow season. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Mr. Johnson presented a copy of the Notice of Sale of Surplus Property to be published for the sale of a 1975 Caterpillar 12G motor grader, and a 1966 Rosco pneumatic roller. The sale will be held via Internet auction on March 22.

Johnson also requested that he be allowed to sell a used sweeper broom to the Winter Show for \$500.00.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow the sale of the used sweeper broom equipment to the Winter Show as requested for \$500.00. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Johnson discussed upgrading guard rails, signage, and installing break-away mail box posts along Highway 21 South (Kathryn Road). He is working with the Scenic Byway board on applying for a grant to obtain funding.

He reminded the Commission that the bid letting on the 4<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge project will be held February 9, at 9 a.m. at the Capitol building in Bismarck.

Johnson also discussed purchasing a used work pickup and is considering a 2000 F350 Ford crew cab.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to allow Johnson to make an offer on the pickup. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve the minutes of January 16 and 29. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Auditor Ed McGough presented a letter of request from the Valley Quilters to conduct a quilt show in the Courthouse on August 4.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve the Valley Quilters' use of the Courthouse for their quilt show, along with a crafters' street fair outside on the lawn on August 4, 2007 as requested. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve a raffle permit for the Green School Community Center. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to approve and accept the completed projects SC-0219(055) and CP-0210(005), and to direct Mr. McGough to send letters of acceptance to Mr. Ron Blaufuss of the Valley City District DOT office. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Chairman Schwehr recessed the meeting and opened a public hearing on a South Central Dakota Regional Council grant for the Sheyenne Valley Regional Correctional Center. No comments were

received via mail, email, phone, fax or written, and no comments were given at the hearing. The hearing was then closed, and the meeting was re-opened.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to adopt the following Resolution 1: Resolution of Sponsorship. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Resolution 1

**Resolution of Sponsorship**

Be it resolved that Barnes County will act as sponsoring unit of government for the project titled "Sheyenne Valley Correction Center," to be conducted during the period 4/01/2007 to 4/30/2009.

Chairman Cindy Schwehr is hereby authorized to apply to the North Dakota Divisions of Community Services for funding of this project on behalf of Barnes County on 2/06/2007.

*/s/ Cindy Schwehr, Chairman, Barnes County Commission*

*Witness: Edward R. McGough, Barnes County Auditor*

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Betty Koslofsky, Director of Tax Equalization, met with the Commission to discuss setting a percentage tolerance for the townships, cities to meet on their residential valuations for the 2007 year. Discussion took place on the way formulas were figured and how the basic valuations were figured for the new residential reassessment in Barnes County. Arvid Winkler added to the reassessment discussion.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, that the total residential valuation for each township and city shall be the same as prepared by the Tax Equalization office for the 2007 tax year. There will be no more than a three percent tolerance allowed at the local level for adjustments. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Jennifer Feist, Development Director, and Wade Bruns, Development Corporation Board member, met with the Commission to request \$100,000.00 of Barnes County Development funds to secure the location of two manufacturing companies in Barnes County, with the potential of creating 40 or more jobs offering hourly wages ranging from \$12.00 to \$25.00.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the \$100,000.00 commitment grant, with a gradual payment plan, and to be distributed contingent upon all funding being in order. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Gene Bjerke, Sheriff, and Jason Lang, Chief Correctional Officer, updated the Commission on the two open correctional officer positions.

Mr. Bjerke also informed the Commission that he contacted the Ward County Sheriff regarding hiring officers from that county to work as security for the upcoming Moe Gibbs trial to be held in Minot.

Mr. Lang discussed the possible purchase of an additional Taser gun, which would allow all officers to be equally equipped during prisoner transport.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to allow Lang to purchase the Taser gun, with funds from the 2007 Corrections budget. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Mike Schmidt, Correctional Officer, met with the Commission to discuss an overtime pay dispute. Mr. Schmidt claimed he received regular pay for 25 hours of overtime that should have been paid as time-and-a-half.

Commissioner Weber made a motion seconded by Opdahl, to pay Schmidt the additional \$123.09 for the 25 hours of overtime as requested. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

The following bills were approved for the month of January: **General Fund:** AP Equipment \$2500.00, Allard Trophy \$25.75, Barnes County Hwy Dept \$1785.36, Berntson, Rodger \$91.80, Best of Times Printing \$86.00, Burnie's \$136.65, Carquest \$5.49, Cass Co Electric \$72.35, Central Business Systems \$54.62, City of Valley City \$17,678.74, Cole Papers \$380.39, Computer Software Assn \$198.00, Dacotah Paper \$465.35, Dakota Ind Supply \$59.00 Dakota Mailing & Shipping \$58.62, Dakota Plains \$1414.76, East Central Co Commissioners Assn \$100.00, Election Systems & Software \$2713.40, Farm & Home Publishers \$1287.50, Franklin, Kimberly \$108.90, G&K Services \$231.72, Goven, Thomas \$585.00, Grossman, Lee \$14.40, Harold Rotunda \$4200.00, Hi-Line Investments \$1170.00, Information Tech Dept \$150.00, Johnson Controls \$59.26, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$64.50, Koch-Scherr, Jodie \$185.62, Kratz Hardware \$3.73, Litchville Bulletin \$42.57, McKenna, Linda \$10.52, Mid-America Research Chem \$390.00, Mid-States Organized Crime Info Ctr \$100.00, Mid-States Wireless \$901.00, Midwest Pest Control \$100.00, MDU \$3097.16, ND Assn of County Engineers \$100.00, ND Recorders Assn \$75.00, ND Emergency Management Assn \$30.00, ND State Radio Comm \$750.00, State Auditor \$165.00, Office Systems \$1923.53, Opdahl, Harlan \$208.80, Otis Elevator \$97.46, Overn Electric \$117.00, POST Board \$100.00, Perkins \$20,688.00, Qwest \$1901.21, Reserve Acct \$2000.00, RJs Plumbing & Heating \$297.42, Roorda, Elizabeth \$279.90, S&S Auto Electric \$1756.30, Secure Software Solutions \$1500.00, Servicemaster \$1200.00, Sheyenne Printers \$156.81, Steins \$99.89, Stevens, Virginia \$26.00, Systems & Services \$1754.50, TDS Metrocom \$591.95, Thompson Publ Grp \$827.00, VC Public Works \$883.51, VC Times-Record \$682.36, Valley Officeworks \$784.58, Valley Service \$59.45, Verizon Wireless \$444.90, Verwey, James \$38.50, White Banner Uniform Co \$638.20; **City County Health:** Cardmember Service \$215.03, Central Ave Pharm \$435.84, CV Health Dist \$1247.00, Copy XPress \$15.00, Corwin, Lori \$40.00, Dakota Carrier Network \$547.52, Dakota Central Telecomm \$49.95, Dakota Plains \$152.00, Dex Media East \$44.95, Fairfield Inn \$50.00, Fraase, Gwen \$78.30, Langeland, Tamara \$110.65, Lifesavers Conf \$200.00, Maple Valley School \$120.00, Media Campaign Resource Ctr \$10.00, Mercy Hospital \$1628.95, Meyer, Lana \$37.80, ND Assn for Home Care \$500.00, Nurse Practitioner Prescribing Ref \$49.00, Pamida \$37.71, Pesek, Gloria \$103.90, Pfennig, Becky, \$11.70, Princeton Health Press \$262.50, Qwest \$148.83, Scanhealth \$600.00, Sheyenne Printers \$79.11, Skalicky, Kasey \$117.25, Stoudt-Ross \$25.16, TDS Metrocom \$105.53, Thomsen, Paula \$23.56, Thrifty White Pharm \$49.99, Valley Drug \$439.33, Valley Officeworks \$102.57, Viland, Beth \$108.00, Wick Investments \$300.00, Will, Theresa \$204.90; **Veterans Service Office:** Barnes County Hwy Dept \$290.53, National Assn of County VSO \$30.00, ND VSO Assn \$40.00, TDS Metrocom \$18.22, Valley Officeworks \$414.46, Valley Service \$30.45, Verwey, James \$67.80; **Social Services:** Alltel \$65.80, Klinger, Michelle \$20.95, Native American Training Inst \$95.00, ND Eligibility Workers Assn \$80.00, Pershing \$277.59, Severson, Lisa \$200.00, TDS Metrocom \$232.22, VC Public Works \$401.96; **County Road & Bridge:** AP Equipment \$8500.00, Ace Hardware \$2.49, Barnes County Glass \$313.00, Bitz Tire & Service \$19.50, Butler \$50.61, CH Carpenter Lumber \$289.15, Carpet Connection \$798.36, Carquest \$515.67, Catco \$20.00, Cutler-Magner \$1914.44, Dakota Ind Supply \$172.25, Dakota Plains \$818.21, Dakota Rose \$39.35, Dept of Motor Vehicles \$24.00, Dickey Rural Telephone \$68.29, Enterprise Sales \$56.50, Gen Equipment & Supplies \$1663.70, Hall GMC \$22.13, Inter-community Telephone \$69.45, Jemco \$143.50, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$254.30, Kratz Hardware \$318.73, Miller Motors \$255.04, MDU \$576.35, NACE \$425.00, NW Equipment \$261.84, Pamida \$135.17, Parts Plus Auto Sales \$9.84, Peak Equipment & Transfer \$906.84, Plains Grain & Agronomy \$570.75, Praxair \$284.95, Smith Lumber \$341.24, Smith, Jamie \$12.59, Star Enterprises \$720.00, Sweeney Bro Fargo \$137.02, TDS Metrocom \$77.57, Window Man \$62.00, Thrifty White \$1.39, Titan Machinery \$295.75, Valley Auto Parts \$626.96, VC Public Works \$24.48, Valley Extinguisher \$218.40, Valley Officeworks \$733.13, Verizon Wireless \$75.08, Vining \$760.05, Wagner, Tina \$14.86, Yanish, Gary \$10.00; **County Park:** Arc Thrift-e-shop \$4.00, Cass Co Electric \$207.34; **Weed Control:** Cruff, Ken \$17.10, Devries, Jacob \$26.10, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$64.50, McAllister, James \$44.46, Stevens, John \$10.80, TDS Metrocom \$31.30, Valley Officeworks \$26.99; **Advertising:** National Assn of Counties \$400.00, South Central Dakota Regional Council \$14,303.00, VC Eagles \$1251.50; **Oasis & Social Security:** Cardmember Services \$767.87, CPU \$1563.85, Computer Software Assn \$3900.00, Information Tech Dept \$453.40, TDS Metrocom \$4.04, Advanced Crop Advisers Workshop \$50.00, Bjelland, Ellen \$53.59,

Central Business Systems \$182.00, GE Capital \$145.55, Grueneich, Randy \$132.44, ND Newspaper Assn \$150.00, TDS Metrocom \$92.66, Valley Officeworks \$11.45; **Farm To Market 15 Mill:** Bear Creek Gravel \$31,526.25; **Economic Development Fund:** Community Works ND \$13,200.00, VC-BC Dev Corp \$23,500.00; **Correctional Center:** Bakkegard & Schell \$35.00, BC Ambulance \$120.00, Bob Barker Co \$667.56, Cable Services \$30.74, Cass Clay Creamery \$332.50, Cass Co Treasurer \$4330.00, Central Business Systems \$99.98, City-County Health \$1638.00, Dakota Ind Supply \$386.60, Econ Disposable Supplies \$136.50, Environmental Enterprises \$197.88, Food Services of America \$3862.23, Galls \$666.95, High Plains Water Treatment \$12.00, Kozok, David \$442.80, Kratz Hardware \$44.55, Leever's \$94.81, Marketplace \$293.00, Meritcare \$270.00, MDU \$1032.39, Odne, Dr Lynn \$110.00, Pamida \$29.96, Public Safety Ctr \$186.94, Redwood Tox Lab \$6.00, RJs Plumbing & Heating \$289.71, TDS Metrocom \$111.69, Forum \$204.00, Thrifty White \$2440.83, VC Public Works \$390.20, VC Times Record \$111.95, Valley Officeworks \$91.45; **Insurance Reserve Fund:** Acordia \$886.13, **County Agent Revolving:** \$82.63, Cardmember Service \$499.00, NDSU Ag Comm \$228.00, UMN Extension Service \$418.70, VC Times Record \$43.63; **Homeland Security:** Leever's \$50.65, Mid-States Wireless \$1720.00, Nick of Time \$3660.00, Valley Meat \$53.17; **Soil Conservation:** BC Soil Cons Dist \$9674.94; **Garrison Conservancy District:** Garrison Diversion Conservancy District \$9675.17; **Airport:** BC Municipal Airport \$19,791.07; **Paid Under Protest:** Barnes County Treasurer \$32.61; **911 Emergency Fund:** Dakota Central Telecomm \$37.00, Dickey Rural Telephone \$239.00, Inter-community Telephone \$150.00, Qwest \$953.09; **State Funds:** ND State Treasurer \$21,533.90; **Winter Show:** ND Winter Show \$19,815.30; **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$15,156.99; **Ambulance:** BC Ambulance \$9,487.40; **Water Resources:** Blumer Constr \$330.00 Cuypers, Sheila \$131.60, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$64.50, ND Water Resource Distr Assn \$375.00, Smith, Jamie \$8.98, TDS Metrocom .08; **Historical Society:** BC Historical Society \$1906.45; **Library:** VC Public Library \$15,798.24; **Recorders Preservation Fund:** Cass Co Treasurer \$306.00; **Cities:** Dazey \$238.20, Fingal \$1755.41, Kathryn \$362.65, Leal \$546.25, Litchville \$1631.68, Nome \$818.54, Oriska \$507.80, Pillsbury \$644.08, Rogers \$761.50, Sanborn \$1439.76, Sibley \$173.47, Tower City \$91.14, Valley City \$312,663.26, Wimbeldon \$3,253.81; **Townships:** Alta \$9792.57, Anderson \$4370.76, Ashtabula 3161.15, Baldwin \$3812.70, Binghampton \$3355.69, Brimer \$5856.70, Cuba \$7237.45, Dazey \$2557.68, Eckelson \$2582.79, Edna \$2532.22, Ellsbury \$5092.25, Getchell \$6937.20, Grand Prairie \$6762.11, Green \$6092.43, Greenland \$4545.58, Hemen \$3591.78, Hobart \$4019.62, Laketown \$3388.81, Mansfield \$5693.13, Marsh \$4255.05, Meadow Lake \$6158.78, Minnie Lake \$3807.23, Nelson \$3384.41, Noltimier \$4580.92, Norma \$3868.12, Oakhill \$2207.34, Oriska \$4098.85, Pierce \$987.77, Potter \$1978.58, Raritan \$1657.92, Rogers \$4784.94, Rosebud \$3361.64, Sibley Trail \$1967.45, Skandia \$5019.13, Spring Creek \$3831.27, Springvale \$4974.95, Stewart \$3390.44, Svea \$4180.02, Thordenskjold \$5627.31, Uxbridge \$2033.62, Valley \$10,331.50, Weimer \$5852.47; **Park Districts:** Fingal \$101.87, Kathryn \$20.46, Litchville \$208.82, Nome \$27.23, Sanborn \$58.97, VC Park District \$70,004.59; **School Districts:** Enderlin \$39,818.45, Griggs County Central \$3427.18, Hope \$44,241.25, Litchville-Marion \$201,143.11, Maple Valley \$324,367.52, Montpelier \$16,719.34, North Central \$294,631.77, Page \$27,108.18, Valley City \$910,218.30, Wimbeldon \$61,474.85; **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$3294.16, Edna \$908.95, Enderlin \$13.52, Fingal \$1639.84, Hope \$2446.25, Kathryn \$1898.49, Nome \$1420.06, Page \$872.81, Sanborn \$7904.61, Tower City \$1216.77, Wimbeldon \$1306.76; **Martin's Landing Asmnt Fund:** Barnes Rural Water \$225.64; **Water Resource Specials:** Stewart Drain II \$312.22; **Werners Water Imp Dist:** Barnes Rural Water \$530.70; **Interest Fund:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$12,985.32; **Payroll Fund:** IRS \$495.72, ND Assn of Counties \$43,720.07, State Tax Commissioner \$9422.10.

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

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Edward R. McGough  
Barnes County Auditor

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Cindy Schwehr, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission