

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, February 20, 2007, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, met with the Commission along with Wade Frank and Mark Anderson of KLJ, to discuss the 4th St. Bridge project. The recent bid-letting was discussed, with the lowest bid being slightly above the KLJ estimate.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to accept the following resolution accepting the bid. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Resolution 2

WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$2,019,908.00 from Swingen Construction Company received in the bid opening of February 09, 2007, for Project AC-BRU-SC-2-990(011)015 was the low bid received.

WHEREAS, this bid is considered reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of BARNES County will award to Swingen Construction Company the contract for Project AC-BRU-SC-2-990(011)015 and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract.

It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the Federal Highway Administration.

ATTEST: /s/ Edward R. McGough, County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

County: Barnes County

This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted and passed at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at Barnes County on February 20, 2007.

/s/ Edward R. McGough, County Auditor

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to accept and have the Chairman sign a management and maintenance agreement with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department for 5 years, to include a \$3,000.00 annual maintenance contribution from Game and Fish. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Mr. Johnson agreed to discuss a snow fence installed by Mark Burkett with County permission, but was installed incorrectly.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve the minutes for February 6, with corrections. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Gene Bjerke, Sheriff, and Jason Lang, Chief Corrections Officer, informed the Commission that two female correctional officers were hired, that the two will start approximately March 6, and that background checks were completed.

Mr. Bjerke also stated he is still in the process of hiring one deputy. Application deadline for the position was February 20.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to sign a contract with the City of Lisbon for boarding prisoners in Barnes County. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to review the only asphalt bid, from Flint Resources of Fargo, even without the bond being included on the outside of the envelope as called for in the specs. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to accept the bid from Flint Hills Resources at \$434.90 per ton, or \$1.18 per gallon of MC3000. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to review the bid for culverts from Johnson Culvert Company. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, recommended that the bid be accepted. The amount of the bid was an increase of about 17 percent overall.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to accept the bid from Johnson Culvert Company for culverts. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, and Brad Cruff, States Attorney, met with the Commission to discuss an agreement contract for the County MIS Director to provide tech services to the City.

Mr. Thiel informed the Commission that he plans to take vacation around the end of July and first of August.

Wanda Auka, Clerk of Court, informed the Commission that she has received information that the Post Office plans to be providing passport services, so that the County will not have to provide that service.

Joe O'Brien met with the Commission to discuss his concern that chemicals used during the aeration process by a company located near his farm that he says are affecting his health.

Don Jorgenson and Conrad and Janice Huber, Sibley residents, presented a letter of concern from the residents of the city about the increase in residential valuations and taxes.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission