

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

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, met with the Commission to discuss and sign contracts for the construction of the 4th Street Bridge.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to sign the contracts for the construction of the 4th Street Bridge. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Mark Anderson of KLJ presented and requested signature of the engineering contracts for the 4th Street Bridge project.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to sign the engineering contract for the 4th St. Bridge project.

Mr. Johnson discussed road restrictions and special permits for heavier weights on certain county roads.

Bob Wittenberg, representing his son Shawn, requested that the special restriction on county #27 that currently runs from I-94 to the correction line be extended two miles further north to accommodate their seed cleaning operation. Brad Noeske requested that the special restriction remain in place on #27 to the correction line for his seed cleaning business. Kevin Christianson and Terry Didier discussed their concerns for heavier weight restrictions to accommodate trucks taking supplies to small Barnes County towns.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to allow the special restriction to be extended two miles further on County Road #27. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes" except Opdahl and Triebold, who voted "no," motion carried.

The Commission congratulated the Highway Superintendent and employees for a job well done during the last snowstorm event.

Vicki Zinck, Treasurer-elect, discussed hiring the in-house employee she referred to, to start employment in the Treasurer's office two weeks before she takes office for training purposes.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the in-house employee referred to by Zinck, to start April 23.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the minutes of February 20, with corrections. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Sheriff Gene Bjerke introduced the new Deputy, Gary Jensen, and new Correctional Officer, Randi Tompt.

Mr. Bjerke discussed purchasing a used cage for the Tahoe at a price of \$200.00. It was the consensus of the Board that he proceeds with the purchase.

Ellen Bjelland and Randy Grueneich, Extension Agents, presented their reports for the fourth quarter, October through December, 2006.

They requested that their 2007 Extension budget be amended to include \$916.66, to approve grant dollars to be paid to Luetta McClaffin from Fund 34, County Extension Revolving Fund, for work above and beyond her normal duties, with costs allowed only during the grant period.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to amend the Extension budget as requested for \$916.66. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Mr. Grueneich expressed thanks to the Tax Equalization Office for their help in providing landowners with soil productivity and related information when he refers them there.

Cindy Klapperich, Family Nutrition Program coordinator, presented a report on the first quarter of the FNP year, October through December, 2006.

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, met with the Commission to discuss abandoned railroad properties.

She also presented a request from the City of Dazey to contract with the Barnes County Tax Director's Office for assessing services, since the former assessor has resigned. They discussed contract costs the Commission wants to set for contracting with small cities and townships.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to charge \$3.50 per parcel for the Tax Director contract for assessing Barnes County cities and townships, effective immediately. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Allen Dolliver met with the Commission to discuss the section of the North Dakota Century Code relevant to changing agricultural land to residential land. Also present to discuss their concerns with the process were Arvid Winkler and Jack Ertelt.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to consent to Chairwoman Schwehr signing Answers to Interrogatories, Set 1, as prepared by attorney Howard Swanson, NDIRF, in response to the Grager v. Schudar and Barnes County lawsuit. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr informed the Commission that Randy McClafin submitted his resignation as an alternate member from the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center board.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to appoint Jason Lang as alternate member of the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center board. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl informed the Board that he had received notice that the USDA has not accepted the five-year agreement proposal by the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center board.

It was the consensus of the Board that no second meeting will be held in March due to conflicts.

The following bills were approved for the month of February: **General Fund:** Ace Hardware \$31.31, Barnes County Hwy Dept \$1296.53, Berntson, Rodger \$90.44, Best Western \$200.00, Bitz Tire & Service 80.48, Bros III \$2.82, Burnie's \$317.47, CH Carpenter Lumber \$37.41, Cardmember Service \$3250.93, Cass Co Electric \$88.62, Central Business Systems \$62.80, City County Health Dept \$57.00, City of Valley City \$9000.00, Cole Papers \$134.20, Comfort Inn \$50.00, Cruff, Bradley \$55.00, Dacotah Paper \$424.03, Dakota Plains \$2227.11, Eggert, Robert \$20.00, G&K Services \$290.95, Galls Inc \$252.93, Goven, Thomas \$540.00, Grossman, Lee \$156.40, Information Tech Dept \$150.00, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$25.80, Koch-Scherr, Jodie \$273.75, Kratz Hardware \$36.56, Litchville Bulletin \$91.74, McKenna, Linda \$4.51, Mercy Hospital Chicago \$89.00, Mercy Hospital VC \$89.00, Meritcare \$45.00, Miller Motors \$574.48, MDU \$2702.81, ND Assn of Counties \$122.00, ND Clerk of Ct Assn \$60.00, ND States Attny Assn \$400.00, Opdahl, Harlan \$289.56, Otis Elevator Co \$97.46, Perkins \$341.90, Postmaster \$39.00, Quality Alignment & Brake \$168.38, Qwest \$1902.04, Reserve Acct \$2000.00, RJs Plumbing & Heating \$157.27, Roorda, Elizabeth \$129.96, Schwehr, Cindy \$69.38, Servicemaster \$1200.00, Sheyenne Printers \$664.56, Stein's \$206.56, Valley Auto Parts \$21.14, VC Public Works \$1043.61, VC Times-Record \$316.80, Valley Lumber \$51.89, Valley Officeworks \$784.56, Valley Service \$64.25, Verizon \$283.33; **City County Health:** Appliance City \$12.99, Central Business Systems \$349.90, Central Valley Health District \$1247.00, Corwin, Lori \$23.56, Dakota Carrier Network \$547.52, Dakota Central Telecomm \$49.95, Dakota Plains \$82.42, Dex Media East \$44.95, Foss Drug \$201.66, Great Plains Directory \$80.57, Langland, Tamara \$159.02, Leever's \$18.40, Medibage \$57.00, Mercy Hospital \$684.65, Meritcare \$135.00, Michael, James \$360.00, New Beginnings \$300.00, Pamida \$138.87, Pesek, Gloria \$46.02, Pfennig, Becky \$39.05,

Qwest \$139.08, Rehabcare \$478.88, Scanhealth \$600.00, Sheyenne Care Center \$55.89, UND \$2000.00, Valley Drug \$33.26, Valley Officeworks \$683.63, Wick Investments \$300.00, Will, Theresa \$131.96; **Veterans Service Office:** Barnes Co Hwy Dept \$111.94, Meritcare \$45.00; **Social Services:** Alltel \$65.80, Barnes Co Social Services \$75.00, Barnes Co Treasurer \$844.05, Bayley Neurauter, Lisa \$172.22, Cardmember Service \$227.48, Central Business Systems \$486.61, Comfort Inn \$50.00, Community Action \$30.00, Compson, Becky \$135.01, Dakota Ind Supply \$23.75, Esch, Tennille \$48.28, Huss, Candice \$58.62, Klinger, Michelle \$20.95, Meritcare \$45.00, ND Assn of Co Social Service Dir \$25.00, ND Conf of Social Welfare \$65.00, ND Dept of Human Services \$7006.20, Oye, Sheila \$111.30, Pershing Inc \$277.59, Podin, Aimee \$257.92, Severson, Lisa \$58.52, Sheyenne Printers \$458.15, VC Times-Record \$21.20, Valley Officeworks \$128.15, Walz Pharmacy \$117.16, Zone Corp Solutions \$296.40; **County Road & Bridge:** Ace Hardware \$6.48, Bakkegard & Schell \$99.95, Bitz Tire & Service \$12.57, Butler Machinery \$613.68, CH Carpenter Lumber \$381.22, Carquest Auto Parts \$848.27, Clement Communications \$305.76, Cummins North Central \$3387.92, Custom Tarps & Filters \$280.52, Dakota Plains \$2476.90, Dickey Rural Telephone \$65.77, Enterprise Sales \$65.28, FEI \$121.41, Gille Auto \$35.00, Grafton Auto BTB \$396.00, Hall GMC \$56.37, Hi Liner Handymen \$66.25, Holiday Inn \$406.80, Inter-community Telephone \$69.45, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$101.72, Keith's AC, Refrig & Heating \$72.28, Kratz Hardware \$134.73, Kunze Kari \$307.40, Laker Chemical \$1703.50, Leever's \$6.49, Mark's Repair \$2500.00, Menards \$46.50, Mercy Hospital \$92.00, Meritcare \$120.00, Midland Diesel Service \$2166.42, MDU \$729.09, ND LTAP \$150.00, Northwest Tire \$809.00, Open Door Ctr \$12.78, Ottetail \$200.00, Pamida \$50.84, Perkins \$16.89, Plains Grain & Agronomy \$1170.45, Praxair Distr \$183.33, Riverside Gardens \$16.00, RJs Plumbing & Heating \$85.00, S&S Auto Electric \$103.19, Safety 1st \$240.00, Smith Lumber \$2362.68, Sweeney Bros of Fargo \$244.10, Titan Machinery \$43.40, Valley Auto Parts \$978.86, VC Public Works \$1695.25, VC Times-Record \$235.04, Verizon Wireless \$75.08, Vining Oil \$2271.26, Wendel Auto Body \$50.00, Zep Mfg \$118.87; **County Park:** Cass Co Electric \$155.79, ND Dept of Health \$16.00, Postmaster \$39.00; **Weed Control:** Barnes Co Hwy Dept \$59.10, Best Western \$110.00, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$25.80, Larson Helicopters \$176.00, McAllister, James \$129.35, ND Weed Control Assn \$200.00, Valley Extinguisher \$196.30, Valley Officeworks \$84.04; **Oasis & Social Security:** Cardmember Service \$1752.80, CPU \$1563.85, Electro Watchman \$251.50, Meritcare \$45.00, Overn Electric \$131.73, Pamida \$85.48, Thiel, Jason \$30.09, Valley Officeworks \$257.76, Zones Corp Solutions \$296.40; **County Agent:** Bjelland, Ellen \$135.69, GE Capital \$145.55, Grueneich, Randy \$21.19, Postmaster \$104.00, Quill \$710.06, Valley Area Chamber of Commerce \$137.50; **BC Emergency HCPRA:** Roby's \$37.79; **Farm to Market 15 Mill:** Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson 6378.76; **BC Econ Dev Fund:** VC-BC Development Corp \$12,000.00; **Game & Fish:** ND Game & Fish Dept \$33,951.00; **Correctional Center:** Bob Barker Co \$567.32, Cable Services \$31.49, Cass Co Creamery \$343.71, Dakota Ind Supply \$76.50, Econ Disposable Supplies \$45.50, Food Services of America \$3802.35, Galls Inc \$23.49, High Plains Water Treatment \$24.00, Kratz Hardware \$115.13, Leever's \$42.68, Marketplace \$179.25, Mercy Hospital \$373.00, Meritcare \$90.00, Midwest Pest Control \$65.00, MDU \$900.94, ND Dept of Corrections \$150.00, Public Safety Ctr \$169.95, Redwood Toxicology Lab \$21.00, RJs Plumbing & Heating \$304.97, Thomsen Healthcare \$69.90, Thrifty White \$497.28, VC Public Works \$582.65, Valley Officeworks \$51.14; **Insurance Reserve Fund:** Acordia \$25.00; **County Bridge:** Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson \$32,129.78; **County Agent Revolving:** Holland, Neil \$450.00, NDSU Ext Pesticide Program \$11.00, Eagles \$1366.30; **Loosestrife Weed:** McAllister, James \$6.69; **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv Distr \$6166.57; **Garrison Conservancy Distr:** Garrison Diversion Conservancy Distr \$6306.67; **Airport:** BC Municipal Airport \$11,533.14; **911 Emergency Fund:** Dakota Central Telcomm \$35.00, Dickey Rural Telephone \$247.00, Inter-community Telephone \$150.00, Qwest \$953.09; **State Funds:** ND State Treasurer \$20,943.58; **Winter Show:** ND Winter Show \$14,270.77; **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$11,405.98; **Ambulance:** BC Ambulance \$5657.71; **Water Resources:** Hurley, Pat \$166.88, Johnson, Don \$59.52, K&S Carpet Cleaners \$25.80, Kunze, Kari \$74.20, McMillan, Jeff \$38.80, Postmaster \$39.00, Wurzer, Jeff \$1400.00; **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$1426.72; **Library:** VC Public Library \$7271.21; **Cities:** Dazey \$161.72, Fingal \$452.14, Kathryn \$204.33, Leal \$241.38, Litchville \$1993.05, Nome \$155.22, Oriska \$1118.72, Pillsbury \$1099.56, Sanborn \$3324.00, Sibley \$1082.69, Valley City \$397,773.43, Wimbledon \$6790.42; **Townships:** Alta \$4423.65, Anderson \$2976.11, Ashtabula \$2317.88, Baldwin \$1935.45, Binghampton \$2961.64, Brimer \$4023.19, Cuba \$2579.99, Dazey \$1969.96, Eckelson \$3088.93, Edna \$3430.74, Ellsbury 2900.48, Getchell \$2041.45, Grand Prairie \$2743.26, Green \$3093.35, Greenland \$5041.61, Hemen \$2536.06,

Hobart \$3458.87, Laketown \$2120.06, Mansfield \$2454.53, Marsh \$3704.54, Meadow Lake \$3399.29, Minnie Lake \$3214.99, Nelson \$3713.09, Noltmier 3230.64, Norma \$2654.03, Oakhill \$1641.53, Oriska \$2048.14, Pierce \$1812.29, Potter \$3091.05, Raritan \$3014.25, Rogers \$2050.54, Rosebud \$3012.48, Sibley Trail \$2988.00, Skandia \$2273.04, Spring Creek \$3997.21, Springvale 3130.32, Stewart \$3274.01, Svea \$2778.78, Thordenskjold \$2796.29, Uxbridge \$4240.79, Valley \$12,224.43, Weimer \$2433.94; **Park Districts:** Fingal \$35.25, Kathryn \$11.51, Litchville \$260.80, Nome \$13.27, Sanborn 137.77, Valley City \$81,763.16; **School Districts:** Enderlin \$33,745.80, Griggs Co Central \$5599.81, Hope \$15,092.56, Litchville-Marion \$87,285.84, Maple Valley \$93,086.31, Montpelier \$11,157.75, North Central \$151,827.08, Page \$13,243.05, Valley City \$731,412.00, Wimbledon \$54,800.97; **Fire Districts:** Dazey \$1582.90, Edna \$879.04, Enderlin \$207.33, Fingal \$860.11, Hope \$813.35, Kathryn \$819.77, Nome \$750.82, Page \$467.23, Sanborn \$4442.59, Tower City \$292.79, Wimbledon \$1541.76; **Martin's Landing Asmnt Fund:** Barnes Rural Water \$369.99; **Water Resource Specials:** Stewart Drain II \$1237.42; **Highway/Byway:** VC Area Chamber Commerce \$45,118.48; **Interest Fund:** BC Treasurer \$14,109.94.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission