

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, April 3, 2007, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, reported to the Commission that the 4th St. Bridge Project is progressing well.

He also informed the Commission that the railroad crossing signal in Stewart Township is complete and operational.

Mr. Johnson also stated the Internet sale of equipment brought in \$39,000.00 for the old motor grader, and \$1,800 for the old packer equipment.

The Midstate Recycle Co. plans to inspect County Road 21 South (Kathryn Road) April 10, to explore the cost and possibility of recycling the existing pavement.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to allow Johnson to purchase a three-quarter ton truck when he locates one, at a maximum cost of \$12,000.00. If the cost is over that amount, Johnson will return to the Commission for further discussion. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Johnson requested hiring a replacement full-time employee.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to allow Johnson to hire an Operator II at starting salary. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Jon Wagar, Valley City Commissioner, updated the Commission on the progress of the proposed new correctional facility. He is working closely with the USDA, which is requesting a longer period of guarantee of monetary responsibility by the entities, possibly 15 years instead of 5 years, but still at the same amount as the previous guarantee.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to modify Barnes County's prior agreement to subsidize the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center for 5 years @ \$28,842.00 per year (\$14,421.00 per 10 percent ownership stake) by allowing the same amount of total exposure to be spread over a 15-year period to satisfy the USDA's request for financially guaranteed loan payback over half the term of the 30-year loan, and further, that \$28,842.00 be budgeted from the county's general fund for the first two years to create an SVCC Emergency Reserve Fund, whether needed to meet immediate cash flow needs or not. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Sheriff Gene Bjerke and Chief Correctional Officer Jason Lang met with the Commission to introduce Jesse Burchill, new Correctional Officer.

Chris Iverson, Trial Court Manager, informed the Commission that Barnes County has been awarded the Court Facility Improvement grants, in the amount of \$57,978, with a County match of 25 percent. The grants will be used to consolidate the juvenile offices, move and reorganize the clerks' file storage and create a secure vault, move the court administrative offices, and create a small attorney/client meeting room. Ms. Iverson will confirm the initial costs with the vendors.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve the minutes of March 6 as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve Sunday opening for Sami V's Chop House. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to send in a proxy vote for Richard Aberle to the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund Board. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion took place on the salaries of members of the various Barnes County boards. The Commission requested the Auditor to research the matter in the North Dakota Century Code.

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, presented tax abatement applications, for Gloria Hanson, James and Darlene Fliflet, and Jerry Don and Marian F. Walker.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to deny the abatement for Gloria Hanson, to leave the true and full value at \$64,000.00 for the tax year 2006 for PCL: 63-5420402, based on comparative market values and recommendation from the City of Valley City and the Barnes County Tax Director. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Weber, to deny the abatement for James and Darlene Fliflet, to leave the true and full value at \$71,500.00 for the tax year 2006 for PCL: 62-0200325, based on comparable market values and recommendation from the City of Wimbledon and the Barnes County Tax Director. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Commissioners Opdahl and Weber, who voted "no," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to deny the abatement for Jerry Don and Marian F. Walker, to leave the true and full value at \$43,100.00 for the tax year 2006 for PCL: 62-0200665, based on comparable market values and recommendation from the City of Wimbledon and the Barnes County Tax Director. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Commissioner Opdahl, who voted "no," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve and enter into a contract between Barnes County and the City of Rogers for court services, at a rate of 20 percent city, 20 percent county, and 60 percent state for fines collected. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

The Commission congratulated the Barnes County North basketball team for advancing into the state competition.

Commissioner Schwehr informed the Commission that bicyclists from the Prairie Rose Games plan to ride out of Valley City's Chautauqua Park on County Road 19 to State Highway 26 and back to Valley City on County Road 21 on July 15.

Kathy Martin, Bernie Wagner, and Mike Morrissey from the Barnes County Housing Authority met with the Commission to discuss their payments in lieu of taxes and request forgiveness of those payments for the next three years, due to lack of funding from the HUD program.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to forgive the Barnes County Housing Authority's payments in lieu of taxes for a three-year period, 2006, 2007, and 2008, to help them compensate for HUD funding cuts. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Theresa Will, City-County Health Director, informed the Commission of that department's activities to observe Public Health Awareness Week. The City-County Health Board presented the Public Health Volunteer of the Year Award to Betty Tykwinski, Director of Education at Mercy Hospital, and thanked her for her dedication and service to the community.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to adjourn the Commission meeting, and Park Board Chairman Dale Maasjo opened the Park Board meeting.

Alicia Hoffart discussed the Ladies' Line segment of the North Country Trail Association project on railroad property.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Tangen, to sign the contract with the North Country Trail Ladies' Line segment agreement pertaining to just the Clausen Springs property involved in the hiking trail. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Kerry Johnson discussed the security light proposal at the beach area of Clausen Springs, and installing electrical service in four spots in the same area.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to go with the proposed plan including four new electrical sites and a security light, plus a fee increase to \$15.00 for electrical sites and \$10 for non-electrical sites. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr requested a reduced camping rate for those involved in the three-day bicycle tour who will stay in non-camping areas at Little Yellowstone Park on Friday, September 14, from \$10.00 to \$3.00.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Tangen, to approve the fee reduction at the same cost as charged by Fort Ransom State Park. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

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

Commissioner Schwehr re-opened the Commission meeting.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to sign the contract with the North Country Trail Association Ladies' Line segment agreement pertaining to just the Clausen Springs property involved in the hiking trail. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

The following bills were approved for the month of March: **General Fund:** Ace Hardware \$90.19, AT&T Omaha \$51.08, Barnes Co Hwy Dept \$1047.91, Berntson, Rodger \$77.52, Best of Times Printing \$60.00, Bitz Tire & Service \$80.00, Cardmember Service \$42.50, Carquest \$35.92, Cass Co Electric \$98.24, Cole Papers \$285.34, Comfort Inn \$59.00, Cruff, Bradley \$858.84, Dacotah Paper \$82.31, Dakota Plains \$52.20, Datamaxx Applied Technologies \$157.00, G&K Services \$230.90, Galls \$408.99, Goven, Thomas \$142.50, Griggs Co Sheriff's Dept \$200.00, Information Technology Dept \$150.00, Johnson Controls \$.47, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, Koch-Scherr, Jodie \$511.87, Kratz Hardware \$10.50, Larson, Lorraine \$226.74, Leever's \$15.45, Lerud-Johnson-Schuldt \$450.00, Litchville Bulletin \$83.05, Matthew Bender \$55.60, McGough, Edward \$140.10, McKenna Linda \$151.40, Mid-America Research Chemical \$116.00, Miller Motors \$290.08, MDU \$3155.26, National District Attorneys Assn \$90.00, ND Dept of Health & Cons \$261.66, ND Family Support Council \$100.00, NDACO Resources Grp \$104.41, Opdahl, Harlan \$198.36, Otis Elevator Co \$97.46, Overn Electric \$892.01, Pamida \$13.47, Perkins \$396.74, Pitney Bowes \$3096.00, Polk City Directories \$283.50, Qwest \$1964.03, Reserve Acct \$2000.00, RJ's Plumbing & Heating \$148.77, Schwehr, Cindy \$188.10, Servicemaster \$1240.00, Stein's \$101.78, TDS Metrocom \$389.05, State Chemical Mfg \$236.77, Window Man \$45.00, Tingley, David \$46.60, UND \$16.50, Valley Auto Parts \$15.29, VC Public Works \$1009.25, VC Times-Record \$477.44, Valley Officeworks \$470.42, Verizon \$597.30, White Banner Uniform Co \$456.49; **City County Health:** Acordia \$4979.00, Appliance City \$10.00, Appliance City Radio Shack \$14.99, Buhr, Sharon \$50.00, Cardmember Service \$436.30, Central Valley Health Dist \$1962.00, Corwin, Lori \$22.04, Dakota Carrier Network \$547.52, Dakota Central Telecommunications \$49.95, Dakota Plains \$161.12, Darlene Mueller \$50.00, Dex Media East \$31.87, Dr Madeline Luke \$50.00, Epworth Church \$100.00, Epworth Women \$50.00, Evangeline Tulp \$50.00, Fairfield Inn \$60.00, Foss Drug \$1348.92, GDT Investments \$300.00, Grim Lela \$39.98, Hoar, Julie \$51.42, Kratz Hardware \$5.69, Langland, Tamara \$174.42, Leever's \$8.64, Lippencott Williams & Wilkins \$49.95, Martin, Angie \$188.43, Mercy Hospital \$2246.57, Meyer, Lana \$119.57, Miller Motors \$11,900.00, NDSNO \$25.00, Pamida \$38.70, Pesek, Gloria \$241.20, Pfennig, Becky \$16.34, Qwest \$149.00, Rehabcare Grp \$683.41, Rosenau, Vicki \$27.50, Sabir's \$1800.00, Sansio \$600.00, Sayler, Doreen \$200.00, Sayler, Natalie \$200.00, Scantron Corp \$182.76, School Health Alert \$54.00, Sodexo Marriott Services \$92.20, Stoudt-Ross Ford \$12,377.00, TDS Metrocom \$95.90, Thomsen, Paula \$132.34, Tricia Bearinger \$37.50, VC Public Schools \$100.00, VCSU \$100.00, VC Times-Record \$512.53, Valley Drug \$2.41, Valley Officeworks \$100.75, Wick Investments \$300.00, Will, Theresa \$91.70, Wolters Klewer Health \$60.10, Young People's Healthy Heart

\$876.95; **Veterans Service Officer:** Bitz Tire & Service \$25.23, TDS Metrocom \$19.01, Valley Officeworks \$259.98; **Social Services:** Acordia \$4034.00, Alltel \$65.80, Bayley Neurauter, Lisa \$97.28, Best Western \$180.00, Comfort Inn \$50.00, Compson, Becky \$177.08, Dacotah Foundation \$90.00, Esch, Tennille \$44.84, Hewlett Packard \$2190.00, Huss, Candice \$76.76, Information Technology Dept \$16.80, Klinger, Michelle \$20.95, Lerud-Johnson-Schuldt \$939.38, Lorenz Properties \$291.00, Maasjo, Dale \$190.00, Meritcare \$45.00, ND Assn of Counties \$6262.50, ND Dept of Human Services \$6555.77, ND Family Based Services Assn \$230.00, Oye, Sheila \$343.97, Pautz, Heather \$476.51, Pershing LLC \$277.59, RRCAC \$50.00, Severson, Lisa \$118.18, Sexton-Brown, Jeanne \$25.00, TDS Metrocom \$153.67, Valley Officeworks \$178.84, Verizon \$231.95; **County Road & Bridge:** AP Equipment \$362.91, Acordia \$30,736.00, Bitz Tire & Service \$26.64, Butler Machinery \$1602.14, CH Carpenter \$28.00, Cardmember Service \$99.00, Carquest \$1108.60, Cummins North Central \$418.34, Dakota Plains \$1414.56, Dick's Sewer Service \$100.00, Dickey Rural Telephone \$65.26, Gen Equipment & Supplies \$638.12, Holiday Inn \$369.80, Intercommunity Telephone \$69.45, Johnson, Kerry \$37.50, Kari's Cleaning \$263.90, Keith's AC Refrig & Heating \$1174.00, Kratz Hardware \$36.08, Leever's \$23.30, Meritcare \$90.00, MDU \$1187.47, Northwest Tire \$1592.00, Ottertail \$400.00, Plains Grain & Agronomy \$1365.07, Postmaster \$39.00, Praxair \$530.04, R&R Petroleum Equipment Sales \$75.25, S&S Auto Electric \$81.92, Sheyenne Printers \$318.71, Smith Lumber \$228.25, Sweeney Brothers \$516.51, TDS Metrocom \$55.88, Window Man \$120.00, Titan Machinery \$316.58, Valley Auto Parts \$1106.64, VC Public Works \$2270.89, VC Times-Record \$144.00, Valley Radiator & Repair \$270.00, Verizon \$150.14, Vining \$2637.11, Wallwork Truck Center \$181.87, Yanish, Gary \$45.60; **County Park:** Acordia \$2944.00, Cass Co Electric \$300.80, ND Dept of Health \$11.00; **Weed Control:** Acordia \$3208.00, Barnes Co Hwy Dept \$52.03, Cruff, Ken \$14.44, Devries, Jacob \$22.04, Enterprise Sales \$141.37, FEI \$1074.75, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, Kratz Hardware \$18.18, McAllister, James \$122.33, TDS Metrocom \$10.27, Valley Officeworks \$47.40, Wieland, Lloyd \$19.00; **Advertising:** ND Assn of County Supts \$50.00, Opdahl, Harlan \$128.47; **Oasis & Social Security:** Cardmember Service \$1629.38, CPU \$1563.85, Corporate Technologies \$8582.00, Information Technology Dept \$890.00, TDS Metrocom \$1.93, Thiel, Jason \$86.51, Valley Officeworks \$365.80; **County Agent:** Acordia \$1194.00, Doublewood Inn \$60.00, Bjelland, Ellen \$234.52, Cardmember Service \$142.37, Cole Papers \$195.47, Ext Ag & Natural Resources \$70.00, GE Capital \$145.55, Grueneich, Randy \$382.19, Gullickson, Wendy \$500.00, McClafflin, Luetta \$7.98, Quill \$98.58, Sheyenne Printers \$8.97, Valley Officeworks \$171.95; **Farm to Market 15 Mill:** KLJ \$12,558.76, Ottertail \$200.00, Swanston Equipment \$18,000.00; **Correctional Center:** Ace Hardware \$173.04, Acordia \$659.00, Appliance City Radio Shack \$14.97, Bakkegard & Schill \$30.00, Bros III \$9.40, Cable Services \$63.45, Cass Clay Creamery \$276.50, Cass Co Treasurer \$3720.00, City County Health \$1822.94, Dakota Industrial Supply \$157.95, Econ Disposable Supplies \$91.00, Food Services of America \$2190.03, Galls \$384.45, High Plains Water Treatment \$12.00, Inventory Trading Co \$427.35, Kratz Hardware \$191.20, Leever's \$77.93, Marketplace \$274.78, Meritcare \$213.00, MDU \$1051.75, Pamida \$51.90, Ray O'Herron Co \$821.40, Redwood Toxicology Lab \$105.00, RJ's Plumbing & Heating \$499.55, Schmidt, Michael \$8.60, TDS Metrocom \$53.00, Thrifty White \$189.87, VC Public Works 603.19, VC Times-Record \$56.00, Valley Officeworks \$115.50; **Insurance Reserve Fund:** Acordia \$27,931.00; **County Bridge:** KLJ \$1162.80; **2004 Bridge Sinking:** Starion Bond Services \$104,911.00; **County Agent Revolving:** CH Carpenter Lumber \$100.82, Cardmember Service \$127.11, Leever's \$82.81, NDSU Extension CDFS \$26.25, NDSU Ext Service \$297.50, Tichy, Amy \$1027.06, VC-Jamestown Broadcast Ctr \$222.00, VFW Club \$50.00; **Community Service:** Valley Officeworks \$17.98; **Loosestrife Weed:** Dakota Prairies RC&D \$1000.00; **Homeland Security:** Nick of Time \$6000.00, Streicher's \$1403.34, Zack's Expressions Thru Graphics \$340.00; **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conservation \$19,184.60; **Garrison Conservancy District:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$19,389.62; **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$38,490.78; **911 Emergency Fund:** Dakota Central Telecommunications \$29.00, Dickey Rural Telephone \$239.00, Intercommunity Telephone \$150.00, Qwest \$953.09; **State Funds:** ND State Treasurer \$31,262.07; **Winter Show:** ND Winter Show \$47,260.08; **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$37,774.01; **Ambulance:** Barnes Co Ambulance \$19,279.77; **Water Resources:** Acordia \$2119.00, Hurley, Pat \$166.88, Johnson, Don \$80.64, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, McMillan, Jeff \$38.40, Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water \$1050.00, Workforce Safety & Insurance \$250.00; **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$4724.42; **Library:** VC Public Library \$29,266.19; **Recorders Preservation Fund:** Cass Co Treasurer \$595.50; **Cities:** Dazey \$626.36, Fingal \$4704.55, Kathryn \$1755.07, Leal \$943.19, Litchville \$7149.02, Nome \$697.43, Oriska \$1990.91, Pillsbury \$1061.17, Rogers \$5999.86,

Sanborn \$6558.60, Sibley \$1458.21, Tower City \$601.47, Valley City \$896,449.22, Wimbledon \$13,269.69; **Townships:** Alta \$11,450.38, Anderson \$4209.86, Ashtabula \$5956.13, Baldwin \$5160.60, Binghampton \$7120.82, Brimer \$4549.15, Cuba \$8747.47, Dazey \$3684.37, Eckelson \$4799.86, Edna \$13,470.27, Ellsbury \$5868.95, Getchell \$7087.37, Grand Prairie \$7892.42, Green \$6879.45, Greenland \$3980.08, Hemen \$4554.94, Hobart \$12,948.26, Laketown \$2098.65, Mansfield \$3404.89, Marsh \$15,615.67, Meadow Lake \$4093.43, Minnie Lake \$4104.85, Nelson \$2969.26, Noltimier \$7544.10, Norma \$10,255.24, Oakhill \$2462.86, Oriska \$4190.28, Pierce \$12,122.41, Potter \$4067.80, Raritan \$7466.44, Rogers \$5368.46, Rosebud \$5003.82, Sibley Trail \$3662.99, Skandia \$4739.55, Spring Creek \$3985.98, Springvale \$2440.53, Stewart \$17,307.30, Svea \$4804.44, Thordenskjold \$4747.57, Uxbridge \$9361.51, Valley \$30,472.33, Weimer \$4809.77; **Park Districts:** Fingal \$213.25, Kathryn \$98.83, Litchville \$996.57, Nome \$52.77, Sanborn \$271.78, VC Park \$181.301.70; **School Districts:** Enderlin \$112,424.94, Griggs Co \$3079.08, Hope \$52,020.60, Litchville-Marion \$200,134.31, Maple Valley \$455,363.39, Montpelier \$18,348.40, North Central \$614,275.19, Page \$33,224.83, Valley City \$2,063,309.35, Wimbledon \$408,041.47; **Rural Fire Districts:** Valley City \$117.00, Dazey \$3752.21, Edna \$4537.55, Enderlin \$362.78, Fingal \$3644.90, Hope \$3061.93, Kathryn \$1956.73, Nome \$3524.34, Page \$941.04, Sanborn \$9139.87, Tower City \$963.87, Wimbledon \$11,387.87; **Martin's Landing Assmt Fund:** Barnes Rural Water \$427.28; **Water Resource Specials:** Stewart Drain II \$2274.58; **911 Wireless:** Valley City \$9000.00, ND Assn of Counties \$7183.34; **Werners Water Imp Dist 1:** Barnes Rural Water \$644.90; **Sunset Pt Water Assmt Fund:** Barnes Rural Water \$204.60; **Mielke Subdivision Water:** Barnes Rural Water \$2506.64; **Interest Fund:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$21,507.18; **Payroll Fund:** US Treasury \$967.02.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission