

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, April 24, 2007, with all members present.

Vicki Zinck, Deputy Treasurer, met with the Commission to discuss salaries.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to increase Rose Hatcher's salary as Deputy Treasurer to \$10.50 per hour, effective as of the May payroll. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to increase Ms. Zinck's salary as Treasurer to \$13.75 per hour, effective as of the May payroll. 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 April 3 and April 17, with a correction. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

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

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to allow the Weed Board to increase the board salaries to \$50.00 per meeting. Upon a roll call vote with Berntson voting "no" and all other members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion took place with employees concerned about possible mold and dust in basement storage rooms.

Commissioner Opdahl updated the board on discussions by the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center committee on other forms of financing for the project.

Jason Lang, Chief Correctional Officer, informed the Commission that interviews have been set up for the correctional officer position. He also discussed the possibility of offering attendant care again.

Mr. Lang also proposed a plan to continue two-person staffing at the jail during the time the new officers attend training in May, and requested overtime to accomplish this.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve overtime needed when the three new correctional officers attend training in May, while keeping two officers on staff 24 hours. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Cindy Klapperich, Family Nutrition Program agent, reported on FNP activities during the January – March quarter. She presented a County Support Summary for signature of the Commission to submit the summary for FNP funding for Barnes County for next year.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve signing the proposal in support of the Family Nutrition Program for next year. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Harold Rotunda, CPA, presented the 2006 county audit. He told the Commission the County is doing a good job of budgeting, and urged them to continue to use the same budgeting process in the future.

Kerstin Cochran, Recorder, introduced Jody Patrick, new Deputy Recorder, to the Commission.

Jim Verwey, Veterans Service Officer, presented quotes from several Barnes County dealers for the purchase of a vehicle for veterans' transport to medical appointments.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to purchase a used 2006 Ford Taurus with 20,000 miles on it, from Stoudt-Ross Ford, for approximately \$9,600.00 with trade, and to amend the VSO budget to reflect the cost. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, presented a proposed contract between Barnes County and the City of Valley City, for the County MIS Director to provide computer services to the City.

Mr. Thiel also informed the Commission that his part-time employee, Michael Middlestead, has accepted full-time employment elsewhere and requested to fill his position.

It was the consensus of the Commission to allow Thiel to fill the 12-hour per week position, at a salary of \$10.24 per hour.

Thiel and Brad Cruff, States Attorney, requested the purchase of Sanction II software for the States Attorney's office, at a software and training cost of \$2,190.00.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the purchase of the Sanction II software as requested, with the software and training cost of approximately \$2,190.00 to come from the MIS 2007 budget. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to enter into a contract to provide assessor services to the following County entities through the Tax Equalization Office: Grand Prairie Township and the cities of Dazey, Kathryn, Oriska, Pillsbury, and Sibley. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, met with the Commission and concerned County residents to answer questions regarding the reassessment of county properties and small cities to explain the valuations they set.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission