

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

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to approve the minutes of June 5, 19, and 29, with a correction. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve a raffle permit for the Bjornson Park Golf Association. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Milo Bucholz met with the Commission to discuss a lawsuit which has been filed against the Barnes County Water Resource Board concerning water which has backed up on his property. The Commission heard his concerns but no action was taken at this time.

Commissioner Berntson discussed the possibility of the County covering 100 percent of employees' health insurance, which is being discussed by the City-County Health Board to comply with their interpretation of legislation. Berntson expressed his concerns about the inequities that may be created should only health district employees' insurance be covered, and not other County personnel.

It was the consensus of the Board that City-County Health should do further research on the portion of Century Code referred to in the discussions to cover health district employees' health insurance 100 percent.

Auditor Ed McGough presented legislative changes affecting tax-forfeited property. Starting with the 2007 tax year, those owing back taxes will only be allowed a three-year period before their property is forfeited for non-payment. The law also provides that the County Commission has the right to allow a one-time, limited opportunity for a taxpayer owing back taxes, who pays in full by October 1, to be eligible for amnesty by the County abating the penalty and interest when taxes are brought current. It was the consensus of the Board that the amnesty program would be unfair to taxpayers who have kept current on their taxes.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl that Barnes County will not enter into the amnesty program. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion was held on the extensive uncompensated time and mileage invested by the Park Board Chairman. It was the consensus of the Board that the Chairman be given mileage compensation.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to allow the Park Board Chairman \$450.00 for back mileage (\$150.00 each for April, May, and June), and to inform the Chairman to keep a mileage voucher from this time forward. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Chairman Schwehr recessed the Commission meeting and opened a hearing on a 5-year, 100 percent new business property tax exemption for Lindemann Aviation LLC.

Jennifer Feist, VC-BC Development Director, submitted a written recommendation of approval from that board for the exemption as presented.

Dennis Helland, BC Municipal Airport Manager, informed those present what the project would mean to the Airport, and how it would work.

Jarrod Lindemann explained the types of services Lindemann Aviation would provide.

With no further comments for or against the project, Chairman Schwehr closed the hearing and reconvened the Commission meeting.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve the 5-year, 100 percent property tax exemption as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Jason Lang, Chief Correctional Officer, and Mark Peterson, Chief Deputy, presented their monthly reports.

Sen. Larry Robinson and Reps. Phil Mueller and Ralph Metcalf (Dist 24), and Rep. Ole Aarsvold (Dist. 20) met with the Commission to discuss how the state controls targets, sales ratios and other regulations involved with setting county residential valuations. The Commission voiced their concerns to the legislators as to the authority left for the counties, cities, and townships.

The Commission met with the County Department Heads for their quarterly general discussion.

The following bills were approved for the month of June: **General Fund:** AT&T \$4.19, Auka, Wanda \$161.50, BC Hwy Dept \$2096.44, Berntson, Rodger \$206.72, Best Western \$50.00, Bullberry Systems \$450.00, CH Carpenter Lumber \$28.43, Cardmember Service \$501.66, Cass Co Electric \$45.89, Cole Papers \$971.80, Dakota Ind Supply \$24.75, Dakota Plains \$12.51, Franklin, Kimberly \$231.78, G&K Services \$274.86, Gaarder, Gloriann \$110.10, Goven, Thomas \$457.50, Grossman, Lee \$16.25, Heer Electronics \$24.99, ITD \$300.00, Institute Local Govt \$130.00, International Inn \$150.00, KLJ \$600.00, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, Koslofsky, Betty \$35.00, Kratz Hardware \$21.00, Law Office of Daniel Oster \$486.43, Leever's \$13.00, Litchville Bulletin \$132.33, Matthew Bender Co \$134.23, McGough, Edward \$241.00, Mid-America Research Chemical \$356.32, MDU \$254.83, ND Dept of Health \$130.83, Opdahl, Harlan \$183.92, Otis Elevator \$1134.43, Perkins, Inc \$158.33, Pitney Bowes \$846.00, Postmaster \$172.00, Punton, Alex Jr. \$21.60, Qwest \$985.85, Ramkota \$50.00, Reserve Acct \$2000.00, Roorda, Vernon \$108.00, Schwehr, Cindy \$142.12, Servicemaster \$1200.00, Smith, Jamie \$135.00, Stevens, James \$54.00, Streicher's \$123.92, TDS Metrocom \$886.61, The Window Man \$40.00, Valley Auto Parts \$8.99, VC Public Works \$54.10, VC Times-Record \$470.75, Valley Drug \$67.35, Valley Officeworks \$663.26, Valley Service \$90.61, Verizon \$251.13, White Banner \$132.50, Zinck, Vicki \$55.00; **City-County Health:** Cardmember Service \$499.00, Central Valley Health District \$1416.78, Corporate Technologies \$642.00, Dakota Central Telecom \$49.95, Dakota Plains \$332.81, Davis, Marlene \$600.00, Dex Media East \$43.51, Dietz, Kathy \$118.90, Fairfield Inn \$60.00, Glaxosmithkline \$1220.00, Ingenix \$138.41, Kapaun, Cindy \$300.00, Kratz Hardware \$3.49, Langland, Tamara \$84.36, Leever's \$68.52, Maple Valley SADD \$841.76, Mercy Hospital \$2139.57, Mertes-Smith, Joy \$112.48, Meyer, Lana \$19.00, Michael, James \$388.42, Midland Hospital Supply \$337.36, Pamida \$19.95, Pesek, Gloria \$24.54, Qwest \$143.14, Ramkota \$72.00, Rehabcare \$434.63, Rosenau, Vicki \$122.60, Sansio \$600.00, Scantron \$294.31, Sheyenne Printers \$279.27, Skalicky, Kasey \$561.68, Thompson, Laurel \$64.66, Thomsen, Paula \$293.11, Thrifty White \$3.10, VC School District \$1090.22, Valley Drug \$283.50, Valley Officeworks \$65.80, Wick Investments \$300.00, Will, Theresa \$15.20; **Veterans Service Office:** BC Hwy Dept \$160.66, Sheyenne Printers \$11.29, VC Times-Record \$92.00; **Social Services:** Alltel \$66.17, Barnes Rural Water \$39.08, Bayley Neurauter, Lisa \$298.76, Best Western \$155.00, Doublewood Inn \$100.00, Burchill, Valraye \$30.40, Cardmember Service \$71.71, Coit, Gwen 50.00, Compson, Becky \$172.14, Esch, Tennille \$391.94, Huss, Candice \$102.22, ITD \$6.00, Meritcare \$90.00, ND Dept of Human Services \$10,049.14, ND Eligibility Workers Assn \$80.00, Oakes Times \$7.00, Officeland \$10.34, Oye, Sheila \$902.76, Pamida \$31.00, Pershing \$277.59, Sexton-Brown, Jeanne \$221.64, Sheyenne Printers \$502.42, Thrifty White \$21.45, Unger, Cynthia \$168.56, VC Times-Record \$15.75, Valley Officeworks \$232.68, Verizon \$77.91, Walz Pharmacy \$166.91; **County Road & Bridge:** Ace Hardware \$6.09, Appliance City Radio Shack \$79.99, BC Glass \$166.00, Bearings & Drives \$20.22, Butler Machinery \$383.43, Cardmember Service \$792.65, Carquest \$776.99, Cummins North Central \$200.00, Dakota Industrial Supply \$424.81, Dakota Plains \$4841.22, Dickey Rural Telephone \$64.24, Enterprise Sales \$74.73, FEI \$9.00, General Equipment & Supplies \$24.49, Grotberg Electric \$122.50, Inter-community Telephone \$140.47, Johnston Fargo Culvert \$9777.26, Kari's Cleaning \$263.90, Kratz Hardware \$6.89, Leever's \$11.56, Liberty Business Systems \$281.82, Lohmann & Rauscher \$110.79, Mathison Co \$43.75, MDU \$230.50, Newman Traffic Signs \$637.55, Pamida \$42.34, Plains Grain & Agronomy \$2163.27, Postmaster \$163.00, Powerplan \$21.62, Praxaier \$177.90, S&S Auto Electric \$56.91, Smith Lumber Co \$410.00, Smith, Jamie \$37.50, Stoudt-Ross Ford \$637.27, Sweeney Brothers

\$3483.40, Valley Auto Parts \$454.04, VC Public Works \$1017.75, Valley Officeworks \$175.48, Vining Oil & Gas \$21,437.28, Wagner, Tina \$304.60; **County Park:** Carquest Auto Parts \$3.16, Cass Co Electric \$332.01, Dakota Plains \$1694.36, Kratz Hardware \$28.03, Litchville Enterprises \$3.19, Marketplace \$17.06, ND Dept of Health \$16.00, Riverside Gardens \$95.49, Rusty Spur \$58.66, S&S Auto Electric \$63.90, Smith Farm & Home \$91.75, Smith Lumber \$27.00, Valley Officeworks \$40.36, Waste Management of ND \$145.90; **Weed Control:** Appliance City \$29.99, BC Hwy Dept \$377.67, Enterprise Sales \$37.74, Kratz Hardware \$59.97, Leever's \$71.30, McAllister, James \$90.78, ND Weed Control Assn \$100.00, Northwestern Ind \$915.00, VC Public Wks \$25.35, Valley Officeworks \$5.72; **Oasis & Social Security:** Appliance City Radio Shack \$26.99, Cardmember Service \$2569.32, CPU \$1563.85, Corporate Technologies \$90.00, ITD \$446.00, KLJ \$2400.00, Overn Electric \$277.62, Radisson Hotel \$100.00, Thiel, Jason \$35.00, Valley Officeworks \$36.59, Verdict Systems \$33.26; **County Agent:** Best Western \$50.00, Bjelland, Ellen \$265.07, Buy.com \$127.11, City of Fargo \$125.00, Cole Papers \$109.20, Consumer Reports \$26.00, Grueneich, Randy \$243.96, Office Depot \$193.57, Pamida \$13.98, Quill \$520.17, Valley Officeworks \$47.75; **Emergency HCPRA:** VC Eagles \$337.51; **Farm to Market 15 Mill:** American Engineering Testing \$3500.00, Flint Hills 3011.40, KLJ \$13,970.94, Midstate Reclamation & Trucking \$523,943.20, Newman Signs \$671.90, Pamida \$166.06; **Game & Fish:** Brothers III \$20.00, Dakota Plains \$10.00, ND State Bonding Fund \$130.00, Northwestern Industries \$20.00, Schiffners \$10.00, Stop N Go \$10.00, Wimbledon Farmers Union \$10.00; **Correctional Center:** Ace Hardware \$24.44, Anderson, Nicole \$55.50, Appliance City Radio Shack \$39.99, Bob Barker Co \$294.80, Cable Services \$31.49, Cass Clay Creamery \$199.50, Cass Co Treasurer \$2100.25, Eikamp, Jenny \$205.20, Fingerprint Equipment \$154.57, Food Services of America \$2986.12, Galls \$155.96, High Plains Water Treatment \$36.00, Jeffrey Doyle Inc \$62.00, Kratz Hardware \$5.29, Lang, Corrine \$154.30, Leever's \$111.56, Lockup USA Productions \$339.50, Marketplace \$276.75, McGough's Carpet Service \$1211.00, Meritcare 490.00, Overn Electric \$38.03, Pamida \$19.95, Redwood Toxicology \$219.00, Stutsman Co Correctional Center \$105.59, Thrifty White \$654.00, Tompt, Randi \$121.50, Tougas, Nancy \$154.30, Valley Extinguisher \$116.50, Valley Paint & Glass \$1446.20; **County Bridge:** KLJ \$29,370.68, NDDOT \$810.00; **County Agent Revolving:** Bloom n Crafts \$7.41, Flowers Etc \$9.43, Kramlich, Tena \$40.00, Loftsgard, Shelley \$129.35, McClafin, Luetta \$35.28, Office Depot \$51.99, Olstad, Emilee \$116.25, Quill \$189.89, Tichy, Amy \$1201.25, Valley Officeworks \$17.63, Wimbledon Grocery \$34.99; **Community Service:** Nicholson, Duwayne \$180.00; **Homeland Security:** Nick of Time \$750.00; **Soil Conservation:** \$353.70; **Garrison Conservancy District:** \$354.00; **Airport:** \$752.34; **Paid Under Protest:** BC Treasurer \$423.51; **911 Emergency Fund:** Dakota Central Telecom \$33.00, Dickey Rural Telephone \$247.00, Inter-community Telephone \$150.00, Qwest \$593.43; **State Funds:** ND State Treasurer \$15,182.85; **Winter Show:** \$864.37; **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$610.69; **Ambulance:** \$342.77; **Water Resources:** Hurley, Pat \$306.88, Johnson, Don \$80.64, Kari's Cleaning \$127.40, McMillan, Jeff \$112.80; **Historical Society:** \$88.67; **Library:** \$486.88; **Recorders Preservation Fund:** Cass Co Treasurer \$411.00; **Cities:** Dazey \$286.56, Leal \$15.51, Litchville \$43.42, Oriska \$80.35, Sanborn \$701.16, Sibley \$333.20, Valley City \$26,162.83, Wimbledon \$398.82; **Townships:** Alta \$51.09, Anderson \$47.66, Ashtabula \$604.24, Baldwin \$62.30, Binghampton \$63.97, Brimer \$61.07, Cuba \$282.50, Dazey \$159.46, Eckelson \$202.78, Edna \$47.66, Getchell \$135.33, Grand Prairie \$82.24, Green \$193.63, Greenland \$147.03, Hemen \$56.38, Hobart \$96.93, Laketown \$34.02, Mansfield \$290.01, Meadow Lake \$117.32, Minnie Lake \$119.41, Nelson \$123.58, Noltmier \$318.35, Pierce \$84.79, Potter \$84.05, Raritan \$208.19, Rogers \$832.20, Rosebud \$121.09, Sibley Trail \$368.26, Skandia \$196.58, Spring Creek \$203.40, Springvale \$105.97, Stewart \$395.61, Svea \$75.33, Thordenskjold \$285.60, Uxbridge \$33.40, Valley \$510.23, Weimer \$65.78; **Park Districts:** Litchville \$2.19, Sanborn \$27.34, VC \$4122.77; **School Districts:** Enderlin \$2366.69, Hope \$82.80, Litchville-Marion \$5329.08, Maple Valley \$5092.14, North Central \$22,276.86, VC \$37,226.21, Wimbledon \$2058.92; **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$235.64, Edna \$2.01, Kathryn \$28.38, Nome \$46.94, Page \$27.37, Sanborn \$134.08, Tower City \$15.78, Wimbledon \$61.16; **Werners Water Imp District 1:** Barnes Rural Water \$533.28; **Interest Fund:** BC Treasurer \$48,400.48.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission