

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, July 17, 2007, with all members present.

Duwayne Didier met with the Commission to discuss the water problem on Old 10 east of Sanborn. Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, informed the Board that, while he expected a visit from the DOT, he did not expect much help for this problem. Due to possible water level changes, no action was taken at this time.

Discussion took place on the chip sealing and upcoming overlay projects on Highway 21 South (Kathryn Road).

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow Mr. Johnson to advertise for quotes for overlay on approximately 5800 feet on the first portion of Kathryn Road. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to accept and approve the cold in-place recycle project on County Road #21 (Kathryn Road), and sign the final approval. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the minutes of July 3 as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the raffle permit for the Dazey Sodbuster Club. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to adopt by the full Commission the following Barnes County Emergency Declaration which had been approved June 8 by Chairman Schwehr and Commissioners Opdahl and Berntson. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Resolution #3
Barnes County Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, citizens in the county of Barnes suffered damage to their homes and businesses caused by spring runoff, high water table and torrential rains occurring on June 7, 2007; and continuing.

WHEREAS, the impact of these damages threaten the health, well-being and public safety of citizens in the county of Barnes;

WHEREAS, the cost of response cleanup, repair and replacement of such damaged property is far in excess of available citizens resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners declare an emergency and order the activation and utilization of the County Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices to monitor the situation, alleviate hardship and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impact of this emergency upon the citizens of the county of Barnes.

Dated on this 8th day of June, 2007, in the city of Valley City, North Dakota
/s/ Cindy Schwehr, Chairperson, Board of Commissioners

Ellen Bjelland, Extension, met with the Commission to discuss the second year of the Parent Resource Center grant. She stated that this grant program will now be administered through NDSU Grants and Contracts.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Weber, to sign the agreement and to communicate to Amy Scott of NDSU grants and contracts that the County agrees to participate in the DHS/NDSU Circle of Parents grant contract.

Randy Grueneich, Extension Agent, discussed employee replacement for the administrative assistant and Family Nutrition Program positions.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow the Extension Office to hire one full-time administrative assistant at 10.07 per hour, and one part-time FNP coordinator to work approximately 16 hours per week. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Nyle Burchill, Historical Society president, and Wes Anderson, Barnes County Museum curator, met with the Commission to discuss getting their ¼ mill, and request additional funding from the County's general fund. No action was taken at this time.

Theresa Will, CCHD Director, met with the Commission concerning an Attorney General's opinion that CCHD staff health insurance should be fully paid by the health unit. The policy would apply to all employees who work at least 20 hours per week for at least 20 weeks each year. She also requested Courthouse keys for some of the CCHD grant employees to allow them to use that department's equipment after hours.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow Ms. Will to provide Courthouse keys to her employees. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Berntson and Weber, who voted "no," motion carried.

Will also requested that the Commission require all Courthouse employees to attend pandemic flu emergency training.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to require all Courthouse employees to attend the emergency training for pandemic flu. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Keith Colville met with the Commission to discuss a railroad bridge that is scheduled to be removed.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission