

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, September 18, 2007, with all members present except Commissioner Triebold.

Brad Cruff, States Attorney, met with the Commission for discussion on a background checks policy and to clarify approval to add the "Duties" section to the policy manual, as proposed at an earlier meeting.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to add the "Duties" section to the policy manual as follows. Upon a roll call vote with all members present voting "yes," motion carried.

Duties (added): *If an employee, without cause, or through no fault of his/her own, is re-assigned to a lower grade position, no salary reduction shall occur. If the employee's salary is above the maximum of the new grade: No new salary increment, general structure or cost of living increases will apply until the maximum for the new grade equals or exceeds the employee's salary.*

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, met with the Commission to update them on summer projects and discussed contract agreements with the state DOT on local federal aid roads as pertaining to farming right of ways.

Bill Buck, Barnes County resident, expressed concern on the posted speed signs along Highway 21 South (Kathryn Road).

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to extend the 35 mph speed limit an additional one-half mile south on the Kathryn Road. Upon a roll call vote with all members present voting "yes," except Berntson, who voted "no," motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to approve the minutes of August 30 as presented, and September 4, with one correction. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Sheriff Bjerke informed the Commission that a deputy recently resigned and he needs to fill that position. Jason Lang, Chief Correctional Officer, stated he will hold correctional officer interviews when he can schedule them with the appropriate portfolio holders.

Theresa Will, City-County Health Director, and Kim Franklin, EMA, discussed the upcoming mandatory emergency training for employees. Ms. Will informed the Commission that mass clinics for flu shots will be held Oct 22, from 2-6 p.m., and Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Eagles.

The Commission then met with department heads for general discussion.

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