

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, November 20, 2007 with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, discussed the costs of supplies and equipment operation in relation to the need to increase charges to townships and other entities receiving County services.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve the following fee schedule for use by the County Highway Department, effective December 1, 2007. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Hourly Rates for Barnes County Highway-December 2007

Fuel	Unit	Unit Description	W/Man	Equip.
		Labor per man	\$20	
Unleaded	1,2,59,60,61,67,70,71,74,82,97	Pickups	\$30	
	3,78	Forklifts	\$30	
	4	Grease/Tire Truck	\$20	
	7,20,21,23,24,25,26,27,28	Patrols	\$75	
	8,11	Broom	\$40	
	10	Blower w/loader	\$100	
	12,62,72	Rollers/Packers	\$45	
	13,128	Tractor/mower	\$60	
	14	Fuel Truck	\$40	
	15,90,91	Water Pump		\$7
	19	950 G Cat Loader	\$90	
	22,49	950 B Cat Loaders 3 3/4 yd	\$85	
	29,77	Sign Truck, Service Truck	\$40	
		Welding truck	\$45	
	37	D-8 Cat	\$90	
	38	Bobcat	\$45	
	39	Back Hoe	\$65	
	36,37,40,41	Dozer	\$50	
	42	Octopus/Screening Plant		\$50
	43,44,80,81,96	Sand Trucks	\$50	
	46	Chip Spreader	\$60	
	52,53	Seaman Tiller	\$40	
	54,56	Conveyors		\$30
	31,35,66	Tractor/disc	\$60	
	88,115,116	Oil Distributor	\$75	
	89	Tar Wagon	\$10	
Diesel	95,96,98,100,101,102,103,120	12 CY Trucks (gravel)	\$80	
Diesel	95,96,98,100,101,102,103,121	12 CY Trucks (snow)	\$80	
Diesel	104	Semi-tractor/trailer	\$80	
	130	Air Compression (+ pickup)		\$25

Mr. Johnson also presented a copy of the Barnes County snow removal policy to the Commissioners for informational purposes.

Discussion took place concerning the ditch mowing done by the townships. It was the consensus of the Board that the townships did a good job on the mowing.

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

Gene Bjerke, Sheriff, discussed the resignation of the Chief Correctional Officer, Jason Lang.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to advertise for the Chief Correctional Officer position, at a salary of \$13.30 per hour. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Randy Grueneich and Ellen Bjelland of the County Extension Office met with the Commission to present quarterly reports.

Kim Franklin, Emergency Manager, and Brad Cruff, States Attorney, met with the Commission to discuss concerns with six FEMA properties that are being audited by that agency.

Ed McGough, Auditor, presented a request to lease a copier for the Courthouse second floor.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to allow the copier lease, which had been approved for the 2008 budget. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Mr. McGough presented a request on behalf of County employees that county offices be closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving and on December 24, for the whole day.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to continue to follow the policy and remain open on the Friday after Thanksgiving, but to allow the whole day off on December 24, 2007. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

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

McGough then conducted the auction of delinquent tax properties.

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission