

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, December 18, 2007, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Mark Anderson of KLJ presented a contract for design work on the project moving a portion of County Highway 21 (Kathryn Road) away from river erosion.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve and sign the contract with KLJ for design work on County Highway 21 South, at a cost of approximately \$15,000.00. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to sign the maintenance certification between Barnes County and the State DOT for County federal aid projects. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion seconded by Weber, to approve the minutes of December 4 as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the following liquor licenses for 2008: Kelly's Ashtabula Crossing Resort; The Lodge and Peanut Bar; Sami V's Chop House; and City Lights Supper Club. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Rod Olson and Chris Iverson, Court Administrators, and Wanda Auka, Clerk of Court, met with the Commission to request to apply for a court grant to complete work in court offices, specifically to paint Judge John Paulson's office.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to allow the Court to apply for the requested grant to complete the painting of Judge Paulson's office. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Vicki Zinck, Treasurer, met with the Commission to discuss the County's policy for tax reimbursement certificates.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Triebold, that the Treasurer will pay the tax reimbursement certificates only after the certificate has been reimbursed to the County by the State Tax Commissioner. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Kim Franklin, EMA, requested to apply for a grant to purchase and install an antenna near Wimbledon to improve reception for County fire departments and first responder radios.

Jim McAllister, Weed Control Director, and Pat Hanson, Weed Board Secretary, met with the Commission to request amendment of their 2007 budget, to accommodate more grant revenues and expenses than budgeted for.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Weber, to amend the Weed Control 2007 budget, from \$189,482.00 to \$240,000.00. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Social Service Board members Tom Overn and Dale Maasjo, and Director Heather Pautz met with the Commission to discuss that department's salaries.

Chairman Schwehr recessed the Commission meeting to conduct a meeting of the Social Service Board to discuss the salary issue.

The meeting was adjourned, and Chairman Schwehr re-opened the Commission meeting. Discussion was held regarding the salary recommendations from the Social Service Board.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to adjust the 2008 Barnes County salary schedule for the Social Services Department as recommended by the Social Service Board. Upon a roll call vote with Schwehr, Opdahl, and Berntson voting "yes" and Triebold and Weber voting "no," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve the following election site for the City of Oriska: Fire Hall, 250 5th St, Oriska, ND. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve the following election sites in Valley City, as recommended by the City of Valley City. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes" except Berntson, who voted "no," motion carried.

Precinct	Location (all in Valley City)
1	Valley City - City Hall, 220 3 rd St NE
2	Valley City Police Station/Municipal Court Room, 216 2 nd Ave NE
3	Skoal Room, Valley City State University. 101 College St SW
4	W.E. Osmon Field House, 730 8 th Ave SW
5	Sheyenne Care Center, 979 Central Ave N

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the following election sites for Barnes County. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Precinct	Location
6	Sibley Community Hall, 102 Sibley Drive, Sibley, ND 58429
7	Wimbledon Community Hall, 208 Central St, Wimbledon, ND 58492
8	Leal Community Hall, 250 2 nd Ave, Leal, ND 58479
9	Sanborn Community Center, 694 5 th Ave, Sanborn, ND 58480
10	Barnes County Highway Department, 1525 12 th St NW, Valley City, ND 58072
11	Barnes County Courthouse, 230 4 th St NW, Valley City, ND 58072
12	Oriska Fire Hall, 250 5 th St, Oriska ND 58063
13	Fingal City Hall, 320 3 rd St, Fingal, ND 58031
14	Kathryn Community Hall, 110 2 nd St, Kathryn, ND 58049
15	Litchville Community Hall, 507 3 rd Ave, Litchville, ND 58461

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to reappoint Don Johnson to a three-year term on the Barnes County Water Resource Board, upon their recommendation. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to reappoint the following members to three-year terms on the Barnes County Senior Citizen Board, upon their recommendation: Mary Ann Miller, Rev. Ellen Arthur, David Johnsen, Gereld Gerntholz, Mary Nelson, and Anita Scholz. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to reappoint John Stevens to the Barnes County Weed Control Board for a three-year term, upon their recommendation. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to reappoint Dale Maasjo to the Barnes County Park Board, for a three-year term. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission