

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, August 18, 2008, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, updated the Commission on the completion of the Kathryn Road realignment project (CP-2008).

Mr. Johnson discussed costs and available funding needed to complete next year's Kathryn Road project, about 10 miles of paving and recycling.

Mark Anderson of KLJ presented a final assessment report on urban street and county road funding needs.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the minutes of August 5, with two corrections. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

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

Brad Cruff, States Attorney, and Kerry Johnson met with the Commission to present an updated version of the proposed Employee Policy Manual.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve the Barnes County Employee Policy Manual, effective August, 2008. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve the following precincts for the November general election (Precincts 1-5 all in Valley City): 022401 - Valley City City Hall, 220 3rd St. NE; 022402 - VC Police Station/Municipal Court Room, 216 2nd Ave NE; 022403 - Skoal Room, VCSU, 101 College St SW; 022404 - W.E. Osmon Field House, 730 8th Ave. SW; 022405 - Sheyenne Care Center, 979 Central Ave N; 022006 - Sod Busters Club, 11922 14th St. SE, Sibley; 022407 - Wimbledon Community Hall, 208 Central St, Wimbledon; 022408 - Barnes County Courthouse, 230 4th St. NW, Valley City; 022409 - Sanborn Community Center, 604 5th Ave, Sanborn; 022010 - Barnes County Highway Department, 1525 12th St NW, Valley City; 022411 - Barnes County Courthouse, 230 4th St NW, Valley City; 022012 - Oriska Public School, 502 2nd Ave, Oriska; 022013 - Fingal City Hall, 320 3rd St, Fingal; 022414 - Kathryn Community Hall, 110 2nd St, Kathryn; 022415 - Litchville Community Hall, 507 3rd Ave, Litchville. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the transfer of liquor and beer licenses from The Lodge and Peanut Bar to A&J Lodge, contingent upon taxes being current. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

The Treasurer's Office presented uncashed checks outstanding more than one year and requested they be cancelled.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to cancel the following checks and deposit them into the Unclaimed Fund for one year. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

| <u>Payee</u> | <u>Check #</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Amt</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| Andrew John Batcher | 3225 | 12/13/06 | \$10.00 |
| First United Pentecostal | 3423 | 10/04/07 | 7.40 |
| City of Sanborn | 92942 | 08/17/06 | 430.10 |
| Marlo Meikle | 94438 | 12/06/06 | 16.99 |
| Scott Sims | 94853 | 01/04/07 | 25.00 |
| Duane Lettenmaier | 95504 | 02/22/07 | 34.44 |
| Lisa Bailey-Neurauter | 97092 | 06/27/07 | 172.22 |
| City of Nome | 97405 | 07/18/07 | 35.64 |
| Tara McGregor | 25341 | 05/15/07 | 32.32 |
| Total Checks | | | \$764.11 |

Auditor Edward McGough discussed budget process dates. It was the consensus of the Board to meet with the departments August 28, from 8-5.

Kim Franklin, EMA, discussed a Memorandum of Understanding with neighboring counties to provide disaster emergency assistance when needed. She presented a MOU which included Cass and Ransom counties, with similar agreements with Stutsman, Griggs, LaMoure, and Steele counties pending.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Cass and Ransom counties stating that, in case of a disaster emergency for which additional help is needed, they will send available equipment and personnel, and Barnes County will reimburse them at State Highway Department rates, and vice versa. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding two measures to be included on the general election ballot that could negatively impact local highway funds.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission