

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session September 16, 2008, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, discussed roads affected by the wind generators. He stated that FPL has been working with him on road maintenance and on reconstruction of the roads when they are finished.

Mr. Johnson also informed the Commission that Barnes County received first place in the state You Show Us contest for a lift mechanism for a coring machine invented by Highway Department employee Bruce Lovell. The entry will now be entered in the regional contest sponsored by the Regional Local Roads Conference at Rapid City in October.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the minutes of August 28, September 2, and September 5, as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to adopt the following Resolution 2, Initial Resolution for the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, in the amount of \$500,000.00, and to be placed on the November General Election ballot. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Resolution 2- September 16, 2008
**INITIAL RESOLUTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

WHEREAS, Barnes County, North Dakota, a North Dakota political subdivision organized pursuant to and existing under the provision of North Dakota Century Code Title 11 COUNTIES (the "County") finds it is necessary and in the public interest to institute proceedings for the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds (the "Bonds") pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 21-03 as follows:

RECITALS

1. The maximum amount of bonds proposed to be issued is \$500,000.
2. The public purpose for which the Bonds are proposed to be used is to provide funds to construct, enlarge or repair bridges and to pay costs incidental to such construction, enlargement or repair and bond issuance.
3. The assessed valuation of all taxable property in the county, being fifty percent of the true and full value of all taxable property in the County, is \$280,723,027.
4. The County has outstanding General Obligation Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of \$175,000.
5. The County has outstanding General Obligation Bonds issued for a similar purpose in the amount of \$175,000.
6. One percent (1%) of the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the county is \$2,807,230.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the governing body of the County that the County issue its General Obligation Bonds in a maximum amount of \$500,000 pursuant to and in accordance with the laws of the State of North Dakota.

Dated at Valley City, North Dakota, this _____ day of _____, 200__.

BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

ATTEST:

/s/Edward R. McGough
County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairperson
Board of County Commissioners

Janeen Stenso of the Red River Basin Commission, was present to request that the Commission sign a Resolution of Support, and updated them on the work of the RRBC.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to sign Resolution 3 as follows, in support of the Red River Basin Commission. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Resolution 3- September 16, 2008
RED RIVER BASIN RESOLUTION

The land and water resources within the Red River Basin are crucial to the health of the economy, the resilience and prosperity of communities, the health of fish and wildlife, and the well being, health, and enjoyment of everyone who lives, works, and visits the basin. The complex geopolitical nature of the Red River Basin presents challenges to effective integrated land and water management. To overcome these challenges, we need to work together across boundaries in a spirit of cooperation and friendship to achieve common goals for land and water management. The Red River Basin Resolution is a good-faith agreement among basin residents and organizations and is not a legally binding document nor does it interfere with any existing laws, agreements, treaties, or policies.

WHEREAS, we recognize that our actions today impact the legacy we leave the next generation;

WHEREAS, we realize that working together allows us to develop and implement creative solutions to problems that work toward the betterment of the whole basin;

WHEREAS, the Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) is a unique organization that facilitates a cooperative approach within the basin as a well established forum for identifying, developing and implementing solutions to cross boundary issues;

WHEREAS, the RRBC has developed the Red River Basin Natural Resource Framework Plan (RRB-NRFP) through in-depth basin-wide consultation as a guideline to help unite the basin in achieving a collaborative and cooperative approach to land and water management within the basin;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Barnes County hereby declares support for the RRB-NRFP in principle as a guideline for moving forward with a shared vision for the future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Barnes County will do our part by implementing projects, programs, and actions in our area as we are able that will contribute to this shared vision.

Adopted by /s/ Cindy Schwehr

Attested to by: Edward R. McGough 9-16-08

Kim Franklin, EMA, discussed a Memorandum of Understanding with LaMoure and Steele counties to provide disaster emergency assistance when needed.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with LaMoure and Steele 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.

Jennifer Feist was present to discuss current projects and request funding for new projects.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow \$10,000.00 from the Economic Development Fund toward a practical nursing program. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Feist also requested \$5,000.00 in funding for advertising brochures to bring people to Barnes County.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to approve the requested \$5,000.00 in funds from the VC-BC Economic Development Fund to be used for advertising and brochures to help bring people to Barnes County to fill job openings. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Jack Ertelt and Keith Colville met with the Commission to discuss information and products needed for jail repairs. The Commission thanked the two for their input on the project.

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