

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session October 21, 2008, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Brad Cruff, States Attorney, discussed a large overload case.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, that any fines or penalties from road regulations and permitting will not be negotiated, but will be charged as stated, effective immediately. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Mr. Johnson discussed a letter and donation to the Barnes County Parks for electrical hookups.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the minutes of October 3 and 7, 2008. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Becky Heise requested that the County sponsor a federal highway enhancement grant to refurbish the Midland Continental Interpretive Center, at no cost to the county.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, that the County act as sponsor for the refurbishing of the Midland Continental Interpretive Center, Wimbledon, to be funded by a highway enhancement grant, with no cost to the County. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to appoint Mike and Cindy Schwehr to the North Dakota State Fair Board. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Ellen Bjelland, County Agent, presented her quarterly report. She also presented for signature a revised contract for the Parenting Resource program.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Weber, to allow the Chairwoman Schwehr to sign the revised Parenting Resource contract. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to join other North Dakota counties by adding Barnes County tax information to the website as part of the North Dakota Counties Information System. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes" except Commissioner Berntson, who voted "no," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl discussed the status of the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to dissolve Barnes County's membership on the SVCC board. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Triebold, to take the following steps in withdrawing membership in the SVCC: 1) Notify SVCC Chairman Jon Wagar to withdraw Barnes County's membership; 2) Request SVCC to hold a meeting with complete membership within 30 days; 3) Direct SVCC secretary to send meeting notice to all members; 4) Include in that information all assets with a property value at \$58,500.00; and 5) Show investment and percentages for each partner's refund. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission