

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session December 2, 2008, with all members present.

Newly-elected commissioner John Froelich and re-elected commissioner Cindy Schwehr were sworn into office by Judge John Paulson.

Auditor Edward McGough called for nominations for chairperson. Commissioner Berntson nominated Opdahl. Schwehr seconded.

Commissioner Opdahl declined the nomination. Commissioner Froelich nominated Berntson.

Chairwoman Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Weber, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Berntson. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Chairman Berntson called for nominations for vice-chairperson. Commissioner Weber nominated Opdahl.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Opdahl. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

The 2009 portfolio schedule was reviewed.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the following Commission Portfolio schedule. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Department & Boards	Portfolio Holder
Auditor	Rodger Berntson
Data Processing	Harlan Opdahl
City/County Health	Cindy Schwehr
Clerk Of Court	Rodger Berntson
County Agent / Extension	John Froelich
County Highway Dept. & Co. Engineer	Cindy Schwehr / Rodger Berntson
County Park	Rhiny Weber / Harlan Opdahl
Custodian (Building & Grounds)	Rodger Berntson
EMA / VSO / 911	Rhiny Weber
Recorder	Cindy Schwehr
Sheriff / Corrections / Joint Law Enforcement	Rhiny Weber/ John Froelich
Social Services	Berntson / Schwehr / Opdahl
States Attorney / Judicial	Rodger Berntson
Treasurer	Harlan Opdahl
Tax Director	John Froelich
Weed Control	John Froelich / Rhiny Weber
Compensation Committee	John Froelich / Harlan Opdahl
Personnel Policy Review	Harlan Opdahl
Airport Authority	Cindy Schwehr
City Planning / Zoning	Cindy Schwehr
County Planning / Zoning	John Froelich / Harlan Opdahl
County Housing Authority	John Froelich
Economic Development / Chamber	Cindy Schwehr
Museum	Rhiny Weber
National Guard Military Affairs Committee	Rodger Berntson
Public Library	Rhiny Weber
Senior Citizens	Rhiny Weber
Shyenne James Resource Conservation Development Council	Harlan Opdahl
South Central Planning	Harlan Opdahl
Water Resources / Devils Lake & Lower Shyenne Advisory	Harlan Opdahl
Winter Show	John Froelich

Jim McAllister, Weed Officer, requested a loan of approximately \$50,000.00 from the general fund, to purchase chemicals now in order to save about \$8500.00 over an anticipated cost increase after the first of the year.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to approve the loan of approximately \$50,000.00 from the general fund to the weed fund if needed, to purchase chemicals before the cost increase takes effect.

Jennifer Feist, Development Director, requested that the Commission de-obligate correctional center funds beyond those needed for the property purchase.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow \$32,500.00 of from Economic Development Corporation funds for the purchase of Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center land. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to release any obligation for \$92,000.00 earmarked for SVCC expenses. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Ms. Feist requested renewal of the agreement between the Development Corporation and Barnes County for 2009.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to approve and sign the agreement for 2009. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

The Commission approved re-appointments to County boards as follows. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commission Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to re-appoint Tim Tangen to the Park Board for another 3-year term. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commission Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to re-appoint the following to the Senior Citizens Board for another 3-year term: Carol S. Nelson, Rev. Dan Bader, Evelyn Kluvers, Vern Hedland, and Marion Flatt. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commission Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to re-appoint Jeff McMillan to the Water Resource Board for another 3-year term. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commission Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to re-appoint Richard Monson to the Weed Control Board for another 4-year term. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commission Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to re-appoint Bob Eggert to the Planning and Zoning Board for another 4-year term. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commission Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to re-appoint Ty Peterson to the Housing Authority Board for another 5-year term. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Gene Bjerke, Sheriff, met with the Commission to discuss the cost of waterproofing at the jail, and the process of feeding prisoners while the remodeling is underway.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow the Sheriff to take the lowest bid for food service during the jail kitchen remodeling. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Nicole Anderson, Chief Correctional Officer, Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, and Sheriff Bjerke met with the Commission to discuss discrepancies in correctional officers' salaries. No action was taken pending further research into the matter.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to increase boarding prison boarding charges from \$55.00 to \$65.00 per county, and from \$50.00 to \$60.00 for Valley City, and the state as per their contract. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the minutes of November 4 and 18 as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Kim Franklin, EMA, discussed Valley City FEMA properties that are in Barnes County's name. She requested a letter be sent to FEMA to allow the transfer of these properties to the City.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to sign the letter to FEMA requesting the property transfer into the Valley City's name, and to not pay Valley City \$2,500.00 for maintenance of said properties. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Kerstin Cochran, Recorder, Jody Pfaff, Deputy Recorder, and Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, met with the Commission to discuss part-time help or a replacement for Ms. Cochran, whose resignation is effective February 20.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to allow the Recorder to hire a full-time Deputy Recorder, effective immediately. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to amend the Highway Road and Bridge's 2008 new equipment budget, increasing it by \$300,000.00 to cover the new motor grader and tandem truck purchases. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Weber, to cancel taxes of \$4.21 on PCL: 31-2540400, due to an Auditor's Office error in a name change. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and L.A. "Buster" Gray, and other Keystone representatives met with the Commission to discuss haul road concerns.

Mark Anderson, KLJ, discussed the Kathryn Interchange (Exit 292) project to be completed by the state, and presented a letter of concern about County projects also planned in the area for the summer of 2009.

The following bills were approved for the month of November: **General Fund:** Ace Hardware \$31.70, Amann, Luella \$190.90, Anderson, Erna \$153.00, Anderson, Ione \$215.10, Anderson, Lavetta \$193.50, Appliance City \$79.96, Auka, Wanda \$239.23, Bakkegard & Schell \$56.00, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$2,805.58, Bartz, Nancy \$153.00, Baumgartner, Roxanne \$227.70, Beil, Patricia \$157.50, Bellmore, Carol \$153.00, Bemis, Lila \$153.00, Best of Times Printing \$175.00, Bolstad, Ellen \$144.00, Borg, Cheryl \$176.46, Broten, Patricia \$170.10, Bruhschwein, Robert \$166.50, Bultema, Lorraine \$175.50, Butler Machinery \$1,273.93, CH Carpenter Lumber \$16.80, Cardmember Service \$247.17, Cass County Electric \$44.44, City of Valley City \$19,246.45, Clancy, Sharon \$153.00, Comfort Suites \$220.00, Crawford, Debra \$166.50, Cruff, Benora \$185.40, Cruff, Ken \$175.50, Dacotah Paper \$402.36, Dakota Plains \$16.01, Davidson, Verna \$162.00, Decatur Electronics \$47.00, Didier, Ricky \$25.00, Dolphin Capital \$197.33, Drong, Patricia \$201.15, Dvorak, Lois \$148.50, Ekern, Gloria \$148.50, Elliott, Diana \$192.60, Ertelt, Connie \$187.20, Etter, Mary \$243.00, Fehr, Rose Ann \$179.10, Formo, Dianna \$214.20, Franklin, Kimberly \$168.30, G&K Services \$182.91, Gage, Mark \$172.80, Gage, Paul \$175.50, Gaukler, Audrey \$126.00, Glandt, Illa \$166.50, Goven, Thomas \$135.00, Hiatt, Betty \$149.40, High Plains Water Treatment \$222.00, Holm, Pamalee \$144.00, Horst, Stanley \$150.00, Huckle, Marilyn \$162.00, ITD \$300.00, Jacobson, Britt \$33.30, Jantzen, Donna \$162.00, Johnson, Liz \$162.00, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, Klein, Janice \$207.00, Kratz Hardware \$143.40, Kreidelcamp, Drew \$162.00, Kuhlman, Marion \$170.10, Kuhlmann, Edward \$58.50, Leever's \$67.97, Legge, Carol

\$220.50, Lehfeldt, Ruth \$181.80, Lettenmaier, Carol \$199.35, Liebing, Laurie \$171.00, Litchville Bulletin \$38.83, Loven, Patricia \$153.00, Marshall, Lori \$57.50, McGough, Edward \$28.80, McMillan, Betty \$172.35, Merigen Medical \$199.69, Miller Motors \$30.72, MDU \$1,000.78, Muncy, Lois \$180.00, Myhre Law Office \$615.00, Natl District Attorneys Assn \$170.00, ND Assn of Counties \$1,230.00, ND County Recorders Assn \$75.00, ND Sheriffs & Deputies Assn \$30.00, Nelson, Bob \$150.00, Nelson, Julie \$146.25, Netland, Arlys \$153.00, ND Newspaper Assn \$255.60, Olauson, Shawn \$142.20, Omdahl, Paulette \$186.30, Opdahl, Harlan \$278.00, POST Board \$225.00, Pamida \$7.85, Paulson, Palmer \$193.50, Perkins \$219.84, Person, Mary \$177.30, Peterson, Marlys \$175.50, Piatz, George \$159.30, Piatz, Shelly \$154.80, Pizza Corner \$19.00, Pollert, Duane \$175.50, Pollert, Elaine \$193.50, Pritchert, Pearl \$171.00, Qwest \$2,087.81, Reed, Constance \$153.00, Reserve Acct \$5,000.00, Roby's \$45.68, Roorda, Elizabeth \$589.95, Schmidt, Leo \$166.50, Schwehr, Adeline \$201.60, Servicemaster \$1,200.00, Shape, Diane \$251.10, Sheyenne Printers \$65.38, Sorenson, Eunice \$153.00, Storhoff, Phyllis \$168.30, Svenningsen, Debbie \$127.80, Svenningsen, Jody \$189.00, Svenningsen, Mary Ellen \$175.50, Synergy Graphics \$150.00, TDS Metrocom \$298.34, The Window Man \$45.00, Thompson Publishing \$418.50, Thomsen, Ina Ann \$157.50, Thrifty White \$29.48, Ulrich, Audrey \$207.90, Valley Auto Parts \$10.36, VC Public Works \$1,211.22, Times-Record \$7,692.18, Valley Graphics & Design \$128.00, Valley Lumber \$34.40, Valley Officeworks \$1,124.76, Valley Service \$180.52, Velure, Arlene \$166.05, Verizon \$265.01, Voldal, Norma \$171.00, Wagner, John \$162.00, Wendel, Donna \$206.10, Wieland, Kristi \$153.90, Winter, Carol \$159.30, Zinck, Vicki \$61.20; **City County Health:** Anderson, Julia \$15.30, Barnes County Ambulance \$31.00, Bitz Tire & Service \$28.95, Carpet Connection \$104.12, Central Ave Pharmacy \$205.60, Central Business Systems \$287.69, Central Valley Health District \$1,247.00, City County Health \$120.15, Comfort Suites \$55.00, Corwin, Lori \$40.00, Dakota Carrier Network \$547.52, Dakota Central \$49.95, Dakota Plains \$285.76, Dex Media East \$24.00, Dietz, Kathy \$26.00, Eagle Clan Enterprises \$45.00, Face \$234.80, Glaxosmithkline \$230.75, Ingenix \$142.65, Kelly Inn \$55.00, Langland, Tamara \$61.15, Leever's \$19.89, Medical Supplies Depot \$53.20, Medtox Laboratories \$10.30, Mercy Hospital \$3,989.48, Moore Medical \$396.76, Newman Outdoor Advertising \$638.00, Pamida \$9.49, Qwest \$161.99, Radisson \$75.00, Rosenau, Vicki \$177.60, Sansio \$600.00, Sheyenne Printers \$225.52, Skalicky, Kasey \$187.45, TDS Metrocom \$61.39, Thomsen, Paula \$114.33, TWL Billing Services & Supplies \$19.35, VC Area Chamber \$30.00, Times-Record \$60.00, Valley Officeworks \$343.31, Viland, Beth \$402.67, Wick Investments \$300.00, Will, Theresa \$375.60, Yellow Book \$889.20; **Veterans Service Office:** Barnes Co Highway Dept \$212.15, Matthew Bender & Co \$68.85, National Assn of County VSO \$30.00, TDS Metrocom \$25.09, Valley Officeworks \$15.98, Verwey, James \$36.90, Veterans Information Service \$48.00; **Social Services:** Bayley Neurauter, Lisa \$292.60, Central Business Systems \$394.42, City County Health \$12.00, Comfort Suites \$55.00, Compson, Becky \$354.15, Day-Timers \$49.20, Days Inn \$165.00, Days Inn \$110.00, Esch, Tennille \$441.70, Guertin, Robert \$175.05, Heer Electronics \$79.99, Huss, Candice \$75.60, Kelly Inn \$110.00, Lindemann, Kari \$415.35, Meritcare \$66.00, ND Dept of Human Services \$9,079.65, ND Eligibility Workers Assn \$40.00, Pamida \$44.91, Pershing \$284.86, Qwest \$8.64, Schmidt & Associates \$189.82, TDS Metrocom \$281.17, Times-Record \$92.00, Valley Officeworks \$5,369.64, Verizon \$61.97, Vining Oil \$597.37, Westman, Kristine \$909.35; **County Road & Bridge:** AP Equipment \$45.58, Ace Hardware \$81.52, Appliance City \$19.99, Bitz Tire & Service, \$881.44, Butler Machinery \$1,767.62, Carquest \$314.67, Catco Clutch & Transmission \$75.34, Dakota Industrial Supply \$95.50, Dakota Plains \$28,450.59, Dickey Rural Telephone \$64.16, Enginaire \$234.81, Enterprise Sales \$19.65, Fastenal \$119.17, Free Form Plastic Products \$2,795.00, Grotberg Electric \$154.66, Inter-Community Telephone \$40.38, Johnson, Kerry \$30.00, Kari's Cleaning \$269.40, Laker Chemical \$410.75, Leever's \$39.77, Lovell, Bruce \$37.50, Meritcare \$45.00, Miller Motors \$23.20, Northwest Tire \$1,361.99, Ottetail \$200.00, Praxair Distribution \$185.85, Ramkota \$438.00, S&S Auto Electric \$207.77, Smith, Elaine \$15,277.12, Smith, Jamie \$38.72, Star Enterprises \$1,400.00, Sweeney Brothers of Fargo \$967.03, TDS Metrocom \$28.74, The Window Man \$120.00, Valley Auto Parts \$1,723.43, VC Public Works \$1,685.06, Times-Record \$44.88, Valley Officeworks \$59.04, Valley Radiator & Repair \$125.00, Verizon \$76.98, Vining Oil \$3,923.86, Vitran Express \$490.23, Wallwork Truck \$195.30, Yanish, Gary \$37.50; **County Park:** Ace Hardware \$19.98, Dakota Plains \$60.24, Dickey Rural Telephone \$41.64, Kratz Hardware \$38.75, Parts Plus Auto Sales \$11.50, Riverside Gardens \$30.00, Todd Thoreson \$62.80; **Weed Control:** ADM-Benson Quinn Rogers \$2,966.98, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$212.80, Bitz Tire & Service. \$15.00, Dakota Plains \$69.32, DMV \$50.00, Hi Liner Handymen \$30.00, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, Marketplace \$16.45, McAllister, James \$53.61, ND Weed Control Assoc \$60.00, Norm's Bbq \$231.00, Rosebud Twp \$750.00, VC Public Works \$79.13; **Oasis & Social Security:** Cardmember Service \$4,025.72, CPU \$4,203.24, Electro Watchman \$237.92, TDS Metrocom \$2.55, Thiel, Jason \$20.35, Valley Officeworks \$141.85; **County Agent:** Bjelland, Ellen \$522.70,

Candlewood Suites \$165.00, Grueneich, Randy \$42.76, Homewood Suites \$119.25, National Council on Family Relation \$113.00, TDS Metrocom \$54.80, Valley Officeworks \$45.32; **Emergency HCPRA:** Roby's \$70.02; **Farm - Market 15 Mill:** KLJ \$752.89, ND Sewage Pump Lift Station Service \$275.00, Tom Gilbertson & Sons \$46,131.00, 3d Specialties \$1,538.00; **Economic Dev Fund:** VC-BC Dev Corp \$14,328.00; **Disaster:** Pamida \$72.98, Rogers Twp \$1,482.00, Springvale Twp \$689.00; **Correctional Center:** AR Audit Services \$331.21, Appliance City \$1,209.00, Bob Barker Co \$46.80, Cable Services \$31.49, Cass Clay \$362.00, Food Services of America \$1,343.66, High Plains Technology \$.00, High Plains Water Treatment \$25.00, Kratz Hardware \$15.18, Leevers \$176.14, Marketplace \$183.04, Meritcare \$214.00, Midwest Pest Control \$70.00, MDU \$333.59, Pamida \$25.99, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory \$6.00, RJs Plumbing & Heating \$125.78, TDS Metrocom \$34.96, Thrifty White \$613.81, VC Public Works \$594.19; **County Agent Revolving:** Beil, Pat \$70.00, Bruns, Jerilyn \$100.00, Fletcher, Amy \$122.50, Pierre-Paul Donna \$140.00, Roemmich, Lacey \$54.00, Seidlinger, Kim \$22.50, Sorenson, Cara \$80.00, Tichy, Amy \$750.00, Wimbledon Business Standards \$20.00; **Community Service:** Cardmember Service \$244.58, Valley Officeworks \$33.43, Verizon \$74.69; **Grants & Projects:** Budget Burger \$150.70; **Corrections Commissary:** Pamida \$65.59, Pizza Corner \$138.00, Reliance Telephone \$1,000.00, Wholesale Supply \$243.97; **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv Dist. \$1,405.51; **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$1,606.08; **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$1,014.44; **911 Emergency Fund:** Dakota Central \$43.00, Dickey Rural Telephone \$259.00, Inter-Community Telephone \$179.27, Qwest \$953.34; **State Funds:** ND State Treasurer \$13,547.56; **Winter Show:** ND Winter Show \$1,832.08; **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$1,476.40; **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$717.49; **Water Resources:** Hurley, Pat \$51.68, Johnson, Don \$14.40, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, Orts, Dorothy \$250.00; **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$180.26; **Library:** VC Public Library \$815.27; **Cities:** Dazey \$24.38, Fingal \$380.91, Kathryn \$42.83, Litchville \$81.95, Nome \$36.63, Oriska \$293.75, Pillsbury \$33.16, Rogers \$10.42, Sanborn \$1,892.38, Sibley \$15.90, Valley City \$47,624.14, Wimbledon \$245.78; **Townships:** Alta \$2,108.98, Anderson \$1,364.42, Ashtabula \$1,249.71, Baldwin \$953.71, Binghampton \$1,674.10, Brimer \$1,625.96, Cuba \$1,874.74, Dazey \$1,731.24, Eckelson \$1,044.99, Edna \$1,488.80, Ellsbury \$1,582.52, Getchell \$1,588.61, Grand \$1,596.77, Green \$1,960.05, Greenland \$1,424.51, Hemen \$1,732.30, Hobart \$1,604.60, Laketown \$1,311.48, Mansfield \$1,779.01, Marsh \$2,089.19, Meadow \$1,476.97, Minnie \$1,469.20, Nelson \$1,534.20, Noltimier \$1,761.79, Norma \$1,788.77, Oakhill \$1,430.65, Oriska \$1,746.53, Pierce \$1,666.85, Potter \$1,174.98, Raritan \$1,944.29, Rogers \$1,175.89, Rosebud \$1,569.66, Sibley \$1,180.65, Skandia \$2,059.49, Spring \$1,472.69, Springvale \$1,669.64, Stewart \$1,523.30, Svea \$1,456.78, Thordenskjold \$1,480.01, Uxbridge \$1,918.72, Valley \$3,620.32, Weimer \$1,429.64; **Park Districts:** Fingal \$20.39, Kathryn \$2.95, Litchville \$10.59, Nome \$3.31, Sanborn \$56.13, Valley City \$13,670.93; **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$18,118.54, Enderlin 24 \$4,464.02, Griggs County \$319.74, Hope \$1,566.37, Litchville-Marion \$6,866.98, Maple Valley \$13,077.90, Montpelier \$4,695.41, Page \$719.52, Valley City \$102,283.19; **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$442.24, Edna \$96.12, Enderlin \$23.66, Fingal \$162.61, Hope \$243.15, Kathryn \$35.06, Nome \$238.16, Page \$53.39, Sanborn \$1,299.41, Tower City \$147.44, Wimbledon \$415.20; **Interest Fund:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$17,157.13.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission