

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, May 19, 2009, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Mark Anderson of KLJ presented a bid from Midstates Reclamation & Trucking of Lakeview, Minn., for the cold-in-place recycle project on County Highway 21, as the only bid received.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to accept the bid of \$716,269.00 from Midstates Reclamation & Trucking, for the cold-in-place project using recycled bituminous pavement, for 9.6 miles on County Highway 21 (Kathryn Road). Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Mr. Johnson presented an approach application for William Gullickson for Eckelson Township, 21-141-61, with a 30-foot width. Johnson recommended approval.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the approach application for William Gullickson in Eckelson Township, as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion was held on Keystone's settlement with Barnes County on Peak Road South damages. Johnson will set up a conference call at a later date.

Commissioner Schwehr updated the Commission on a meeting she attended concerning the Tomahawk Dam breach.

Commissioner Opdahl discussed concerns about a box culvert near Sanborn.

Amy Tichy, Family Resource coordinator, requested that the Commission serve as a pass through for the Family Resource Center Network grant.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich that the Commission agrees to serve as grant pass through agency for the Family Resource Center Network grant as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the minutes of April 28 and May 5, as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve a gaming site authorization for the VFW (Frank S. Henry Post 2764) at Kelly's Ashtabula Crossing Resort. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, presented abatement applications from Valley Township residents Marshall and Sarah Senf; and Dennis and Sharon Coleman.

The Valley Township recommendation for the Senfs for PCL: 41-4220500 was to lower the valuation from \$280,600.00 to \$231,000.00. The recommendation of Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, was to lower the valuation to \$235,000.00.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the abatement lowering the valuation on PCL: 41-4220500 for Marshall and Sarah Senf, from \$280,600.00 to \$235,000.00. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

The Valley Township recommendation for the Colemans for PCL: 41-4500800 was to lower the valuation from \$222,000.00 to \$180,000.00. The recommendation of Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, was to deny the abatement.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to deny the abatement on PCL: 41-4500800 for Dennis and Sharon Coleman. Upon a roll call vote with Berntson, Schwehr, and Weber voting "yes," and Opdahl and Froelich voting "no," motion carried.

Ms. Koslofsky, representing the employee compensation committee, presented a recommendation to change the grade level for Administrative Assistant III (3) from grade 7 to grade 8.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the grade change for Administrative Assistant III (3) from grade 7 to grade 8 as requested, effective January 1, 2010. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Froelich discussed the purchase back of the trade-in Tahoe and whether a sheriff's decal labeling it as a Barnes County Sheriff's vehicle should be displayed.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to have the Sheriff apply law enforcement decals to the Tahoe. Upon a roll call vote with Froelich and Schwehr voting "yes," and Weber, Opdahl, and Berntson voting "no," motion failed.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to amend the County Employee Policy Manual to define the work week for Social Services only to begin Friday at 5 p.m. and end Friday at 4:59 p.m. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Jack Ertelt met with the Commission to discuss the cleanup costs for the Museum sewer backup. He expressed concern over the amount of control the County has over how the Historical Society spends their share of tax dollars.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to allow the County Highway Department to pay their batch of bills when Tina Wagner, Administrative Assistant, returns to work. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to adopt the Barnes County Hazard Mitigation Plan as follows. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

**Barnes County Adoption
of the Barnes County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**

WHEREAS, Barnes County Emergency Management Office over the last six years has held meetings, public discussions and developed and Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan that attempts to reduce natural, man-made or technological disasters that may occur; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is to provide a means to minimize damages caused by hazards that affect the lives and property of residents and comply with the county's requirements under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000: and

WHEREAS, each incorporated city, county department, public and private entities have been provided the opportunity to participate and contribute to the development and adoption of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by participating jurisdictions, employees, and contractors and reviewed by the Barnes County Emergency Management Office, and state emergency management and mitigation staff;

WHEREAS, the county will continue to participate, evaluate and update the plan, consistent with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and any addendum; and

WHEREAS, several meetings were held, to introduce the concept of Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning to the general public and to solicit input regarding the components of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Barnes, North Dakota does hereby adopt the Barnes County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan on this 19th day of May, 2009.

/s/ Rodger Berntson, Chairman, Barnes County Commission

Edward R. McGough, Barnes County Auditor

Chairman Berntson recessed the Commission meeting and Dale Maasjo, Park Board Chairman, opened the Park Board Meeting. The following attended: Eldred Knutson; Shaun Gjermundson; Jamie Smith, Jeff McMillan, and Pat Hurley, Barnes County Water Resource Board; Erica Althoff; Brian Kietzman, Gene Van Eeckhout, and Terry Steinwand, ND Game & Fish; Perry Kapaun, Barnes County Fish & Wildlife; and Kerry Johnson, Barnes County Highway Superintendent.

Terry Steinwand, ND Game & Fish Director, stated that agency will do whatever it can to partner in Clausen Springs Park repair.

Chad Engels, water resource engineer from Moore Engineering, West Fargo, discussed procedures which will need to be completed before repairs can be made. He expressed concern over the potential for further damages in the case of a 4 to 6-inch rain event, especially for downstream residents and the City of Kathryn.

Discussion took place regarding the electrical equipment (camper plug-ins) that was compromised after being submerged at the Park.

Maasjo discussed resetting the fishing pier at the Park.

Discussion on the park closing was held. It was the consensus of the Park Board to re-open the campground, with the exception of certain areas.

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

Chairman Berntson discussed Winter Show cleanup costs from sandbagging operations.

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

Edward R. McGough
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Rodger Berntson, Chairman
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