

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, June 2, 2009, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Paul Fuhrer of Keystone Pipeline discussed damages to County Road 27, which was off limits as a haul road to Keystone during their construction period. Mr. Fuhrer apologized to the County for damages and offered a settlement of \$350,000.00 for repairs.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to sign the Release of Damage Claims agreement with Keystone Pipeline, to accept the \$350,000.00 settlement for damages to County Road 27. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning upcoming county road bid letting, to be held in Bismarck on June 5.

Mr. Johnson discussed flood-related emergency road repairs needed.

Johnson also requested to hire an employee to replace an employee who retired last fall.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to allow Johnson to hire an Equipment Operator II, at a starting salary of \$11.09 per hour, to fill one open position. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the effect of the second wind farm project on county roads.

Johnson informed the Commission that road restrictions were lifted as of June 1.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the minutes of May 14, 19, 22, and 27, as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to regretfully accept the resignation of Donelda Remmick effective July 1, after 41 years of dedicated service to Barnes County. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve a gaming site authorization for Knights of Columbus #1883 for City Lights and A&J's Lodge. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to allow the Valley Quilters to use the Courthouse and grounds for the Americana Festival quilt show and craft fair on August 1. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Brad Cruff, States Attorney, explained a quiet title action for which a summons and complaint was served upon Barnes County.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve an Event Alcoholic Beverage Permit for A&J's Lodge for a Red Knights motorcycle club gathering to be held June 11. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, presented a 2008 tax abatement application from Nathan and Marsha Saylor, for PCL: 20-1020207, asking for a reduction in valuation from \$267,200.00 to \$213,000.00. The recommendation of the Marsh Township Board was a reduction of \$12,000 to the structure. The recommendation of Ms. Koslofsky was to deny the request.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to lower the valuation of PCL: 20-1020207, from \$267,200.00 to \$255,000.00. Upon a roll call vote with Froelich and Opdahl voting "yes," and Schwehr, Berntson, and Weber voting "no," motion failed.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Weber, to deny abatement on PCL: 20-1020207, as recommended by Koslofsky. Upon a roll call vote with Schwehr, Berntson, and Weber voting "yes," and Froelich and Opdahl voting "no," motion carried.

Ms. Koslofsky presented an additional abatement request from Nathan and Marsha Saylor for PCL: 20-1020208, asking for a reduction in valuation from \$24,900.00 to \$13,000. The Marsh Township Board recommended the request be denied. Koslofsky recommended denial of the request.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to deny the abatement on PCL: 20-1020208. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Kim Franklin, Emergency Manager, and Colette Baum-Meister, FEMA, met with the Commission to update them on application numbers. Ms. Baum-Meister, provided the following numbers: state applications – 5,332; Barnes County visits – 1,487; and Barnes County applications – 987; and total dollars approved for county residents - \$444,719.00.

Ms. Franklin discussed options for what to do with the clay and sandbags from the Woodland Park dike.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to proceed with emptying all the sandbags at the Winter Show location. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Franklin also discussed her volunteer work with the Barnes County Ambulance Service.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow Ms. Franklin to volunteer for the ambulance starting July 1. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning whether Franklin could work the Highway Department's summer hours (four days, 10 hours each).

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, that Ms. Franklin may follow the summer Highway Department hours of four 10-hour days, as long as her office is in the Highway Department building. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," except Schwehr, voting "no," motion carried.

The Commission thanked Franklin for her long hours and hard work during the flood emergency.

Richard Betting and Archie Moore, representing the People to Save the Sheyenne, discussed their concerns about Devils Lake drainage into the Sheyenne River.

Gene Bjerke, Sheriff, met with the Commission to discuss corrections staff. One correctional officer has resigned, and the part-time cook will retire soon.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to have the Sheriff's Office do the striping and letter on the used Tahoe. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Katie Hajicek, Family Nutrition Program coordinator, updated the Commission on the Extension's nutrition program and requested that Chairman Berntson sign the service acknowledgement form.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to have the chairman sign the Acknowledgement form as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

The Commission discussed the Compensation Committee's 2010 salary recommendations.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to re-appoint Liz Johnson to another 3-year term on the Library Board. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to re-appoint Dr. Gerald Norberg and Jack Formo to another 3-year term each on the School Annexation, Reorganization, and Dissolution Board.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to re-appoint George (Tom) Overn and Dale Maasjo to another 3- year term each on the Social Services Board. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

The following bills were approved for the month of May: **General Fund:** AP Equipment \$53.92, Ace Hardware \$15.93, Anderson, Julia \$7.50, Auka, Wanda \$231.50, Bakkegard & Schell \$244.95, BC Hwy Dept \$1,598.56, Bermtson, Rodger \$799.20, Doublewood Inn \$55.00, Burnette Bomstad Estate \$106.67, Cardmember Service \$212.36, Carquest \$26.36, Cass Co Electric \$67.95, Central Business Systems \$75.00, City of Valley City \$24,075.78, Cole Papers \$162.98, Custom Cage \$635.00, Dacotah Paper \$229.28, Dakota Plains \$126.36, Days Inn \$110.00, Dolphin Capital \$197.33, Froelich, John \$459.45, G&K Services \$60.97, Grossman, Lee \$166.50, Handy Hardware \$35.26, High Plains Water Treatment \$12.00, ITD \$300.00, Institute of Local Govt \$140.00, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, Koslofsky, Betty \$218.20, Lenaburg Law Office \$319.50, Marshall, Lori \$162.40, McGough, Edward \$200.50, McKenna, Linda \$7.10, Mid-American Research Chemical \$452.00, Mindt, Julie \$143.80, MDU \$1,281.54, ND County Treasurer's Assoc \$109.00, ND State Radio \$300.00, Opdahl, Harlan \$658.35, Overn Electric \$521.21, Qwest \$1,441.40, Ramkota \$275.00, RJs Plumbing & Htg \$968.94, Roorda, Elizabeth \$319.05, S&S Auto \$42.91, Schwehr, Cindy \$309.15, Servicemaster \$1,200.00, Stoudt-Ross Ford, \$1,029.21, Streicher's \$774.87, TDS Metrocom \$395.50, The Window Man \$45.00, Valley Auto Parts \$46.17, Public Works \$1,057.58, Times-Record \$726.66, Valley Officeworks \$675.89, Verizon \$499.30, Weber, Rheinhold \$425.25, White Banner Uniform \$717.00, Zinck, Vicki \$141.25; **City County Health:** Allard Trophy \$30.50, Bitz Tire & Service \$14.74, Central Business Systems \$441.85, Central Valley Health District \$2,570.00, City County Health \$25.00, Dakota Carrier \$547.52, Dakota Central \$49.95, Dakota Plains \$56.35, Dex Media East \$196.90, Emergency MedProducts \$29.09, General Injectables & Vaccines \$731.39, Handy Hardware \$27.03, Harvey Police Dept \$60.00, Hopkins Medical Products \$126.85, Langeland, Tamara \$46.35, Leevers \$59.87, Martin, Angie \$15.00, Medtox Laboratories \$10.30, Mercy Hospital \$6,027.76, Michael, James \$91.20, Moore Medical \$411.76, Pamida \$86.60, Qwest \$172.90, Rosenau, Vicki \$770.70, Sanofi Pasteur \$4,380.59, Sansio \$600.00, Sheyenne Printers \$279.69, Skalicky, Kasey \$109.20, Systems & Services \$39.09, TDS Metrocom \$83.38, Thomsen, Paula \$15.30, Tom Nagel \$878.92, Times-Record \$116.00, Valley Drug \$87.83, Viland, Beth \$95.87, Wick Investments \$300.00, Will, Theresa \$65.75; **Veterans Service Office:** BC Highway Dept \$70.22, Meritcare \$45.00, TDS Metrocom \$11.03; **Social Services:** Alltel \$108.55, Brothers III \$55.32, Central Business Systems \$389.93, Comfort Suites \$55.00, Compson, Becky \$76.95, Esch, Tennille \$59.05, Guertin, Robert \$142.30, High Plains Technology \$1,375.00, Holiday Inn \$55.00, Huss, Candice \$61.20, ITD \$10.80, Karlgaard, Kathy \$44.64, Meritcare \$45.00, Metzger, Catherine \$6.75, ND Dept of Human Services \$9,416.83, Pamida \$242.16, Pershing \$291.98, Red River Children's Advocacy Ctr \$500.00, Redwood Biotech \$157.50, Sheyenne Printers \$306.35, TDS Metrocom \$241.49, Valley Officeworks \$667.83, Verizon \$61.95, Vital Records \$15.00; **County Road & Bridge:** AP Equipment \$75.00, Barnes Co Glass \$2,573.25, Bitz Tire & Service \$55.00, Butler Machinery \$3,661.94, CH Carpenter Lumber \$18.19, Carquest \$701.16, Catco Clutch & Transmission \$28.80, Conney Safety Products \$70.18, Cummins North Central \$155.11, Dakota Plains \$13,508.59, Dickey Rural Telephone \$64.24, Fastenal \$127.50, 1st Community Credit Union \$753.72, Handy Hardware \$63.64, Inter-Community Telephone \$69.63, Johnston Fargo Culvert \$54,499.24, Kari's Cleaning \$269.40, Liberty Business Systems \$733.81, Little Falls Machine \$4,337.23, Mac's \$39.98, MDU \$177.78, Northwest Tire \$425.50, Nova Fire Protection \$165.00, Powerplan \$248.26, Sheehan Mack Sales & Equip \$7,032.94, Sheyenne Printers \$966.30, TDS Metrocom \$20.12, Valley Auto Parts \$1,039.74, Public Works \$2,535.83, Verizon \$339.94, Vining Oil & Gas \$3,341.82, Wallwork Truck Ctr \$65.90; **County Park:** Cass Co Electric \$169.65, Dakota Industrial Supply \$156.95, Dakota Plains \$679.55, Dickey Rural Telephone \$58.14, Handy Hardware \$26.51, Leevers \$4.18, Parts Plus Auto Sales \$59.00; **Weed Control:** BC Hwy Dept \$26.49, Bayshore City Side \$118.67, Cruff, Ken \$15.30, Dakota Plains \$17.28, Devries, Jacob \$25.20, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, McAllister, James \$95.42, Monson, Richard \$4.50, ND Weed Control Assn \$200.00, Postmaster \$42.00, Stevens, John \$10.80, Wieland, Lloyd \$22.50; **Emergency:** Appliance City Radio Shack \$130.90, Arc Thrift-E-Shop \$2.00, Dakota Ind Supply \$10.50, Dakota Plains \$37.71, Erling Noecker \$15.47, 1st Community Credit Union \$268.73, Franklin, Kimberly \$472.95, Handy Hardware \$199.45, Kari's Cleaning \$450.00, Leevers \$53.95, Litchville Bulletin \$12.21, Marketplace \$16.59, Moore Engineering \$9,489.60, Pamida \$38.46, Qwest \$712.29, Smith Farm & Home \$26.45, Star Enterprises \$15,032.60, Valley Auto Parts \$20.56, Valley Officeworks \$453.13, Wagner, Tina \$70.56, 3d Specialties \$1,889.44; **Oasis & Social Security:** CPU \$1,771.36, High Plains Technology \$3,818.02, ITD \$493.20, RVI Software \$3,025.00, TDS Metrocom \$4.49, Thiel, Jason \$20.29; **County Agent:** Bjelland, Ellen \$114.75, Consumer Reports \$29.00, Jacobson, Tammy

\$30.00, Pamida \$5.80, TDS Metrocom \$53.59, Valley Officeworks \$51.45; **Farm to Market 15 Mill:** KLJ \$2,000.00, Open Door \$162.64, Rich Plecity's Excavating \$2,707.50, Rowell's Salvage \$8,942.50, Star Enterprises \$20,682.15; **Game & Fish:** ND Game & Fish \$59,918.00; **Correctional Ctr:** Ace Hardware \$63.95, Bakkegard & Schell \$85.56, BC Ambulance \$200.00, Cable Services \$34.65, Cass Clay Creamery \$267.00, City County Health \$1,536.00, Food Services of America \$163.58, Grotberg Electric \$107.49, Handy Hardware \$401.90, High Plains Water \$18.75, Leever's \$200.70, Marketplace \$108.17, Midwest Pest Control \$70.00, MDU \$427.18, ND Assn of Counties \$350.00, Pamida \$50.99, Reliance Telephone \$19,710.00, TDS Metrocom \$27.08, Thrifty White \$581.52, Public Works \$498.47, Valley Officeworks \$22.96; **Insurance Reserve Fund:** BC Historical Society \$134.90, BC Municipal Airport \$234.93, BC Ambulance \$470.74; **Frontage Rd Fund:** Stowman, Chuck \$637.50; **County Agent Revolving:** Ashley Supervalu \$24.43, Blackmore, Mindy \$350.00, County Market \$22.48, Domino's Pizza \$36.87, Edgeley Food Center \$6.42, Entzminger, Michelle \$140.00, Jacobson, Melissa \$80.00, Loftsgard, Shelley \$105.00, McMillan, Terry \$25.00, TDS Metrocom \$4.03, Tichy, Amy \$5,266.93, Valley Officeworks \$23.29; **Grants & Projects:** Bakkegard & Schell \$9,000.00; **Corrections Commissary:** Leever's \$141.48, Pamida \$52.34, Pizza Corner \$62.00, Valley Officeworks \$16.97; **Soil Conservation:** BC Soil Conserv. Dist \$895.81; **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$1,067.57; **Airport:** BC Municipal Airport \$438.19; **Paid under Protest:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$1,242.66; **911 Emergency Fund:** Dakota Central \$25.00, Dickey Rural Telephone \$243.00, Inter-Community Telephone \$150.00, Qwest \$953.30; **State Funds:** ND State Treasurer \$9,837.15; **Winter Show:** ND Winter Show \$821.56; **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$666.44; **Ambulance:** BC Ambulance \$326.40; **Water Resources:** Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water \$160.00; **Historical Society:** BC Historical Society \$217.10; **Library:** VC Public Library \$7,628.22; **Cities:** Dazey \$69.92, Fingal \$77.85, Kathryn \$80.88, Litchville \$1.34, Nome \$1.98, Pillsbury \$130.76, Sanborn \$80.06, Sibley \$142.81, Valley City \$8,712.58, Wimbeldon \$476.14; **Townships:** Alta \$1,739.42, Anderson \$1,504.15, Ashtabula \$938.61, Baldwin \$836.79, Binghampton \$1,542.36, Brimer \$1,319.16, Cuba \$1,466.29, Dazey \$1,422.04, Eckelson \$910.57, Edna \$1,369.30, Ellsbury \$1,524.63, Getchell \$1,250.03, Grand \$1,403.98, Green \$1,775.57, Greenland \$1,074.40, Hemen \$1,387.89, Hobart \$1,547.29, Laketown \$1,124.42, Mansfield \$1,234.93, Marsh \$1,848.28, Meadow \$1,250.21, Minnie \$1,292.01, Nelson \$1,346.69, Noltimier \$1,746.51, Norma \$1,574.86, Oakhill \$1,234.16, Oriska \$1,646.88, Pierce \$1,199.37, Potter \$988.76, Raritan \$1,468.73, Rogers \$1,118.43, Rosebud \$1,439.30, Sibley \$1,107.60, Skandia \$1,327.75, Spring \$1,282.19, Springvale \$1,351.56, Stewart \$1,268.96, Svea \$1,390.97, Thordenskjold \$1,243.01, Uxbridge \$1,566.11, Valley \$3,154.80, Weimer \$1,356.21; **Park Districts:** Fingal \$4.04, Kathryn \$5.65, Litchville \$.18, Nome \$.17, Sanborn \$4.94, Valley City \$2,026.64; **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$15,629.94, Enderlin 24 \$1,115.31, Hope \$3,251.13, Litchville-Marion \$2,322.57, Maple Valley \$10,188.47, Montpelier \$1,983.76, Page \$971.34, Valley City \$29,732.68; **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$398.60, Edna \$113.56, Enderlin \$9.58, Fingal \$147.44, Hope \$283.59, Kathryn \$25.77, Nome \$103.41, Page \$45.69, Sanborn \$897.23, Tower City \$138.52, Wimbeldon \$250.54; **Interest Fund:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$16,070.19;

Chairman Berntson recessed the Commission meeting and opened the Tax Equalization hearing at 1 p.m.

Berntson called the roll for cities in alphabetical order. No one attended from any of the cities.

Berntson then called the roll for townships in alphabetical order.

The following recommendations were presented by the Tax Equalization office:

Cities:

50. Dazey – Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change
51. Fingal- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change;
#51-0100370 - Increase residential valuation from \$5,200 to \$19,800; clerical error
52. Kathryn-Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change;
#52-0010230 – increase of \$1,200 for RV hookups
53. Leal
54. Litchville- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change;
#54-0010400 – land is taxable, add residential valuation of \$1,600;
#54-0500430 – remove residential structure valuation, structure is exempt
55. Nome - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change
56. Oriska - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change

57. Pillsbury - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change
58. Rogers - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change
59. Sanborn - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change;
Residential values low, suggest to increase valuations by 1%;
#59-0300580, removed residential structure valuation, structure destroyed by nature
60. Sibley - #60-0011290 – increase commercial valuation from \$66,800 to \$70,000, price paid and improvements; #60-0011330 – increased commercial valuation from \$56,300 to \$179,000, price paid and improvements; #60-0010555 – letter owner, requesting residential valuation be reduced from \$54,500 to \$45,400
61. Tower City - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change
62. Wimbledon - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change
63. Valley City

Townships:

1. Alta - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change; #01-3510110 – change ag land to res land, from \$27,800 to \$52,700; #01-3520210 – change ag land to res land, from \$100 to \$1,200; #01-2840400 – after interior inspection, reduce residential valuation from \$77,100 to \$58,200.
2. Anderson - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change; #02-244-410 – add residential valuation of \$116,800 (OM)
3. Ashtabula - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change
4. Baldwin - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change; #04-0830310 – add residential valuation of \$53,800 (OM)
5. Binghampton - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change
6. Brimer - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change
7. Cuba - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change
8. Dazey - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change
9. Eckelson - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change
10. Edna- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change. Residential values low – #10-0840400, Paul Abrahamson, increase residential valuation from \$36,800 to \$75,300 & #10-1210110, Donald & Marjorie Triebold, increase residential valuation from \$61,300 to \$72,200, then the township would be in tolerance.
11. Ellsbury- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
12. Getchell- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
13. Grand Prairie - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change. #13-2210100, Bruce & Carol Schmidt, add residential valuation of \$130,800. (OM) #13-3120200, Lynn Holcomb, add residential valuation of \$40,400. (OM)
14. Green – Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change.
15. Greenland- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change. Residential values low - #15-1020210, Matthew & Deanna Van Bruggen, increase residential valuation from \$63,300 to \$76,200, then township would be in tolerance.
16. Hemen - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, state legislative change.
17. Hobart- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change. Residential values low – #17-2410100, Gale & Marjorie Eggert, increase residential valuation from \$130,000 to \$152,400, #17-3010110, John & Janet Paulson, increase residential valuation from \$90,000 to \$112,500, #17-3040400, Gerald P Norberg Trust, increase residential valuation from \$83,000 to \$141,700, then township would be in tolerance. #17-2330310, Columbia Grain Inc, increase commercial valuation from \$1,730,000 to \$2,730,000. #17-2320245, Jason Sjostrom, increase commercial valuation from \$40,000 to \$250,000.
18. Laketown- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
19. Mansfield - Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
20. Marsh- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change. #20-1020200, Robert & Marion Rieth, increase the commercial valuation from \$431,500 to \$460,100. #20-2840400, Jerry & Lawanna Hieb, add the residential valuation of \$69,800.
21. Meadow Lake- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change. #21-0420200, Steven Tabbert, add the residential valuation of \$56,400. (OM)
22. Minnie Lake- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
23. Nelson- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change. #23-3410130, Steven & Ruth Larson, add the residential valuation of \$110,400. (OM)
24. Noltmier- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
25. Norma- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.

26. Oakhill- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
27. Oriska- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
 #27-0530320, Curtis Hogen Trust, add agricultural valuation of \$3,700 (OM)
 #27-1330310, Timothy & Stacy Richman, add agricultural valuation of \$3,700.(OM)
28. Pierce- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
29. Potter- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
30. Raritan- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change. Residential values low, #30-0340410, Donald & Joyce Plath, increase residential valuation from \$85,000 to \$87,300, #30-1030310, Raymond & Darlene Kurtz, increase the residential valuation from \$55,000 to \$62,000, #30-1220220, Polly Lindemann, increase the residential valuation from \$135,000 to \$142,800, #30-1330310, John Peterson II & Terri Peterson, increase residential valuation from \$45,000 to \$53,300, #30-1420210, Bert & Tonya Schnell, increase the residential valuation from \$85,000 to \$90,900, #30- 1710110, Larry Sabby, increase residential valuation from \$60,000 to \$70,800, #30-1940410, Daniel & Lacey Rolland, increase residential valuation from \$80,000 to \$90,100, #30-2240420, James & Paulette Jankowski, increase residential valuation from \$73,000 to \$78,700, #30-3040410, Warren & Nancy Ann Johnson, increase residential valuation from \$80,000 to \$93,500, #30-3340410 Darrel & Charlotte Schweigert, increase residential valuation from \$90,000 to \$109,700, then the township would be in tolerance.
31. Rogers- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
32. Rosebud- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
33. Sibley Trail- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change. #33-1420200, Michael Heinze, add the residential valuation of \$70,400. (OM)
34. Skandia- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
35. Spring Creek- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change. Residential values low – suggest to increase every parcel by 15%.
36. Springvale- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change. #36-1330310, Harold Peterson, increase the residential valuation from \$26,300 to \$41,800, garage added. (OM)
37. Stewart- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
38. Svea- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change. #38-2640400, Gregory & Karla Nelson, add residential valuation of \$136,400.
39. Thordenskjold- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
40. Uxbridge-Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
41. Valley- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change.
 Residential values low – suggest to increase all residential parcels by 2.5%.
 #41-1740430, Fred & Wanda Gille, increase commercial valuation from \$86,000 to \$336,000.
42. Weimer- Increase agricultural valuations by 3.7%, State Legislative Change. #42-1810110, Dorothy Orts, add the residential valuation of \$98,900. (OM)

Several township officials and residents commented on valuations.

The following motions were made based on recommendations:

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to accept the 3.7% increase in ag land as required by the state. Upon a roll call vote with all voting “yes,” motion carried.

Fingal

Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to increase the valuation of PCL: 51-0100370 from \$5,200.00 to \$19,800.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting “yes,” motion carried.

Kathryn

Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to increase the valuation of PCL: 52-0010230 by \$1,200.00, for RV hookups. Upon a roll call vote with all voting “yes,” motion carried.

Litchville

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to add residential valuation of \$1,600.00 to PCL: 54-0010400. Upon a roll call vote with all voting “yes,” motion carried.

Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to remove the residential structure valuation on PCL: 59-0300580. Upon a roll call vote with all voting “yes,” motion carried.

Sanborn

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to increase residential property valuations in Sanborn by 1%. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to remove the residential structure valuation of PCL: 59-0300580 (structure destroyed by nature). Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Sibley

Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Weber, to increase valuation on PCL: 60-0011290, from \$68,000.00 to \$70,000.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to increase commercial valuation on PCL: 60-0011330, from \$56,300.00 to \$179,000.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Weber made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to deny the request for reduction of PCL: 60-0010555 from \$54,500.00 to \$45,400.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Alta

Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to reduce residential valuation on PCL: 01-2840400 from \$77,100.00 to \$58,200.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Eckelson

Erik Sand requested his building and 11.25 acres be taxed as ag.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to reclassify the 11.25 acres, PCL: 09-1430310 as ag property. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow the outbuildings on the 11.25 acres as ag-exempt buildings. Upon a roll call vote with Schwehr, Weber, and Berntson voting "no," and Froelich and Opdahl voting "yes," motion failed.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to increase residential valuation of PCL: 10-0840400 from \$36,800 to \$75,300, to meet tolerance. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Weber made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to increase residential valuation of PCL: 10-1210110 from \$61,300 to \$72,200, to meet tolerance. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Greenland

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to increase residential valuation on PCL: 15-1020210 from \$63,300 to \$76,200, to meet tolerance. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Hobart

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to increase the valuation of PCL: 17-2410100, from \$130,000 to \$152,400, as recommended by the Tax Director. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," except Schwehr, who voted "no," motion carried.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to increase valuation of PCL: 17-3010110, from \$90,000 to \$112,500, as recommended by the Tax Director. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," except Schwehr, who voted "no," motion carried.

Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to increase valuation of PCL: 17-3040400, from \$83,000 to \$136,700 as recommended by the Tax Director. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," except Schwehr and Weber, who voted "no," motion carried.

Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to increase commercial valuation of PCL: 17-2330310, from \$1,730,000 to \$2,730,000 as recommended by the Tax Director. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to increase the commercial valuation on PCL: 17-2320245, from \$40,000 to \$150,000, as set by the township assessor. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," except Schwehr, who voted "no," motion carried.

Marlowe Stavens argued his valuation is too high and requested that his valuation be lowered to \$201,000.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to lower Mr. Stavens' valuation to \$201,000 as requested. Upon a roll call vote with Froelich and Opdahl voting "yes," and Opdahl, Berntson, and Schwehr voting "no," motion failed.

Marsh

Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve a valuation increase for Riverbend Farm as recommended by the Tax Director. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve additional residential valuation for PCL: 20-2840400 of \$69,800. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to deny Tim Hagar's request regarding PLC: 14-2230300. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Raritan

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve a valuation increase for all recommendations by the Tax Director as follows:

Residential values low, #30-0340410, Donald & Joyce Plath, increase residential valuation from \$85,000 to \$87,300, #30-1030310, Raymond & Darlene Kurtz, increase the residential valuation from \$55,000 to \$62,000, #30-1220220, Polly Lindemann, increase the residential valuation from \$135,000 to \$142,800, #30-1330310, John Peterson II & Terri Peterson, increase residential valuation from \$45,000 to \$53,300, #30-1420210, Bert & Tonya Schnell, increase the residential valuation from \$85,000 to \$90,900, #30-1710110, Larry Sabby, increase residential valuation from \$60,000 to \$70,800, #30-1940410, Daniel & Lacey Rolland, increase residential valuation from \$80,000 to \$90,100, #30-2240420, James & Paulette Jankowski, increase residential valuation from \$73,000 to \$78,700, #30-3040410, Warren & Nancy Ann Johnson, increase residential valuation from \$80,000 to \$93,500, #30-3340410 Darrel & Charlotte Schweigert, increase residential valuation from \$90,000 to \$109,700, then the township would be in tolerance.

Spring Creek

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to increase residential values in Spring Creek, as recommended by the Tax Director, by 15%. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Svea

Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to add residential valuation to PCL: 38-2640400 of \$136,400. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Valley

Weber made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to increase residential values in Valley Township by 2.5%, as recommended by the Tax Director. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Chairman Berntson closed the equalization hearing and re-convened the Commission meeting.

Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to add residential valuation of \$116,800 to PCL: 02-2440410. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to add residential valuation of \$53,800 to PCL: 04-0830310. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to add residential valuation of \$130,800 to PCL: 13-2210100. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to add residential valuation of \$40,400 to PCL: 13-3120200. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Weber, to add residential valuation of \$56,400 to PCL: 21-0420200. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to add residential valuation of \$110,400 to PCL: 23-3410130. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to add residential valuation to PCL: 27-1330310 and PCL: 27-0530320, of \$3,700 each. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to add residential valuation of \$60,400 to PCL: 33-1420200. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to increase the residential valuation of PCL 36-1330310, from \$26,300 to \$41,800. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to increase commercial valuation from \$86,000 to \$336,000.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to increase the residential valuation of PCL: 42-1810110 to \$98,900. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Rodger Berntson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission