

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, June 16, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, stated the Kathryn Road (County 21) will be open through to State Highway 46; the Urbana Road has also opened. The only road remaining closed is Old Hwy. 10 near Sanborn. Discussion took place on opening that road amid concerns with water edging both sides of the road.

It was the consensus of the Commission that Old 10 near Sanborn should remain closed for another week due to the safety concerns.

Mark Anderson, KLJ, discussed the county bids opened at the NDDOT in Bismarck June. Concern was expressed that the bids were higher than expected. The Commission needed to either accept or reject the bids as presented; if rejected, could re-bid next year and remain eligible for stimulus funds.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to accept Project STM-SC-0221(069), County Road 21 from 10 miles south of Valley City, 9.607 miles, for microsurfacing and incidentals, and to adopt the following Resolution 3 - Accept Bid for Project STM-SC-0221(069); Project SC-0221(068), County Road 21 from 1.5 miles south of Kathryn, 3.168 miles, for bituminous pavement overlay and incidentals, and Project CP-0238(009), City of Kathryn, for .506 miles of hot bituminous pavement overlay and incidentals, and to adopt the following Resolution 4: Accept Bid for Project SC-0221(068). Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Resolution 3 - Accept Bid for Project STM-SC-0221(069)

WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$556,999.38 from Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation received in the bid opening of June 05, 2009, for Project STM-SC-0221(069) was the low bid received.

WHEREAS, this bid is considered reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Barnes County will award to Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation the contract for Project STM-SC-0221(069) and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract.

It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the Federal Highway Administration.

ATTEST: Edward R. McGough, County Auditor

/s/ Rodger Berntson, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

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/s/ Edward R. McGough, County Auditor

Resolution 4 – Accept Bid for Projects SC-0221(068) and SC-0221(068)

WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$543,725.43 from Central Specialties, Inc. received in the bid opening of June 05, 2009, for Projects SC-0221(068) and CP-0238(009) was the low bid received.

WHEREAS, this bid is considered reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Barnes County will award to Central Specialties, Inc. the contract for Projects SC-0221(068) and CP-0238(009) and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract.

It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the Federal Highway Administration.

ATTEST: Edward R. McGough, County Auditor

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Mr. Johnson recommended approval of an approach application from Craig Burchill.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the approach application for Craig Burchill, on County Road 6, Sec. 32, Ellsbury Twp., Range 56W, as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Johnson informed the Board a candidate has been chosen to fill the Equipment Operator II position in the Highway Department.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the hiring of the candidate for the Equipment Operator II position. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, presented two abatement applications: Gale and Marjorie Eggert, and John and Janet Paulson, all in Hobart Township.

Gale and Marjorie Eggert requested the value of PCL:17-2410100 be lowered from \$204,900 to \$95,000. Hobart Township recommended lowering the value to \$167,400.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to lower the valuation of PCL:17-2410100 to \$95,000 as requested by the Eggerts. No second was made; motion failed.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to lower the valuation of PCL: 17-2410100 to \$178,700. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Chairman Berntson, who voted "no," motion carried.

John and Janet Paulson requested the value of PCL:17-3010110 be lowered from \$124,700 to \$85,000. Hobart Township recommended lowering the value to \$87,000. Ms. Koslofsky recommended denial of the abatement request.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to deny the abatement request on PCL: 17-3010110. Upon a roll call vote with Froelich, Schwehr, and Berntson voting "yes," and Opdahl and Weber voting "no," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the minutes of June 2 as with removal of one duplicate paragraph. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Ellen Bjelland, Extension Agent, requested an hourly wage increase for the part-time summer 4-H employee, from \$8.50 to \$8.80, as approved in the 2009 budget.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the hourly wage increase as requested, for the part-time summer 4-H employee, from \$8.50 to \$8.80, as approved in the 2009 budget. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve a raffle permit for Spring Creek Lutheran Church. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Johnson discussed Highway Department summer hours of four, 10-hour days. Commissioner Froelich stated he has heard concerns from two townships regarding getting roads bladed in a timely manner following a rain. Other concerns centered on the administrative assistants, who are responsible for zoning and water board, being absent on Fridays.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion that the Highway Department return to the 8-hour, five-day work week instead of the 10-hour, four-day week. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Residents and County employees were present for a discussion on the hiring of a part-time building inspector.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, that the County create a part-time zoning director position, and that a three-person committee be appointed to develop a job description. With Commissioners Schwehr, Opdahl, and Froelich voting "yes," and Berntson and Weber voting "no," motion carried.

Chairman Berntson then appointed the following to the committee to develop the zoning director job description: Commissioner Froelich; Brad Cruff, States Attorney; and Jim Stevens, Zoning Board Chairman.

Mary Peterson and Jennifer Feist, Development Director, requested a \$2000.00 grant from the Barnes County Economic Development mill levy, to be used toward a freezer for Ruud's Market, Nome. Total cost of the freezer is approximately \$4730.00; remainder would be paid by local residents.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the \$2000.00 grant from the Barnes County Economic Development fund, to be used to partially pay for a glass freezer for Ruud's Market, Nome, contingent on all other funding being available. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Kim Franklin, Emergency Manager, discussed the FEMA buyout projects.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to sign the extension for completion of the Highway/Byway. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Rodger Berntson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission