

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, July 21, with all members present.

Harold Rotunda, CPA presented the 2008 County Audit. He stated the County had a good year, reflecting good budget practices, with one concern being township debt to the Highway Department.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the minutes of July 7 with a clarification. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the previous meeting on FEMA buyouts.

Jason Thiel, MIS, presented quotes from Compumatic Time Recorders, Inc. for time cards.

Gene Bjerke, Sheriff, requested the purchase of two radar units, at a cost of approximately \$3742.00.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to allow the Sheriff to purchase the two radar units as requested for approximately \$3742.00, from the Sheriff's Office new equipment budget line item. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Sheriff Bjerke requested that the Correctional Center outside trim be painted. It was the consensus of the Board that the requested maintenance be done.

Bjerke also requested that the County donate \$500.00 to the Valley Water Rescue Association to help cover the cost of a recent rescue operation at Lake Ashtabula.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to donate \$500.00 from the general fund to the Valley Water Rescue Association to help cover the cost of a recent rescue operation at Lake Ashtabula. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Kim Franklin, EMA; Nancy Allen, Winter Show Director; and Ken Evenson, Valley City Commissioner, met with the Commission to discuss sandbag removal and repairs to the Winter Show building's parking lot. Mr. Evenson stated that Valley City will take the County sandbags free of charge at the landfill. It was the consensus of those present to have Ms. Franklin work with the City, Winter Show staff, and Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, to decide how to cover the 3% cost share not covered by FEMA.

Brad Cruff, States Attorney; Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director; and Jamie Smith, Planning and Zoning coordinator, met with the Commission to discuss the proposed part-time position of Barnes County building coordinator.

Department Heads met with the Commission to discuss concerns and general County business.

Chairman Berntson appointed a committee to search out grants for repairs and upgrades to County property. Appointed were Stan Horst, Jason Thiel, and Brad Cruff.

Stan Horst, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, discussed repairs and maintenance necessary to the heating equipment, which needs to be done before the heating season.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to proceed with the requested repairs to the heating equipment. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Rodger Berntson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission