

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, August 18, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, updated the Commission on the cold in-place project on County Highway 21 South (Kathryn Road). Mr. Johnson stated that Old 10 west of Highway 1 has been opened, but east of #1 still has water running over it. Other roads with water problems in the county were also discussed.

Discussion was held on starting the grade raise east of #1 before final approval from Federal Highway.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Weber, to allow Johnson and Mark Anderson of KLJ to proceed with preliminary work on the grade raise east of #1. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr presented a proposal for Barnes County to share a truck regulator with Stutsman, Lamoure, and Dickey counties. It was the consensus of the Board that Ms. Schwehr should review the proposal further.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to sign agreements for construction engineering services for projects 5308108-BG3 [CP-0221(009); Cold In-Place Recycled Bituminous Pavement and Incidentals] and 5308109-BG3 [SC-0221(068) & CP-0238(009); HBP Overlay and Incidentals], with Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, Inc., on County Highway 21 South. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to approve the minutes of August 4 and August 5, with a correction. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve a raffle permit for the Sodbuster Club. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve an Event Alcoholic Beverage permit for Kelly's Ashtabula Crossing Resort, Inc. for September 6-7. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Stan Horst, Building and Grounds Supervisor, discussed the Courthouse roof leaks which are affecting the plaster and paint on the interior.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to direct Mr. Horst to hire Greenberg Roofing to repair and maintain the Courthouse roof, at a cost of approximately \$18,620.00. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Jennifer Feist, VC-BC Development Director, and Mary Beth Orn, Depot Restoration Committee treasurer, requested a \$7500.00 grant from the Barnes County Economic Development Fund to the Midland Continental Depot Museum project in Wimbledon.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the \$7500.00 grant from the Barnes County Economic Development Fund, as requested. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Ms. Orn also thanked the Commission for all their hard work, adding that 2009 has been a difficult year for commissions across eastern North Dakota.

Discussion was held on the upcoming budget process.

Kim Franklin, EMA, met with the Commission to present a consulting agreement with South Central Dakota Regional Council.

Gene Bjerke, Sheriff, discussed a replacement Taser that cost \$650.00. It was the consensus of the Commission that the Taser be paid for from the sheriff's budget.

Scott Edinger of the James Valley Entry Team updated the Commission on their program. He requested that the Sheriff appoint officers as special deputies to allow for reimbursement of costs.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to allow the Sheriff to appoint 5-6 correctional officers as special deputies to act as negotiators, and that Barnes County work with the James Valley negotiators' team, at \$15.00 per hour, to be reimbursed when working outside the region, and retroactive to August 9, 2009. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

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

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Edward R. McGough  
Barnes County Auditor

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Rodger Berntson, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission