

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, October 20, 2009, with all members present.

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, informed the Commission that that department's part-time employee has resigned. Mr. Thiel requested permission to hire a replacement.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to allow Mr. Thiel to hire a part-time employee at a salary of \$10.24 per hour. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Mr. Thiel also discussed time clock policies.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the minutes of October 6 as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to rescind the motion of August 4, which allowed Mark Miedinger of LaMoure to purchase a Barnes County liquor and beer license, for an event October 24-25, 2009, as per the recommendation of Brad Cruff, Barnes County States Attorney. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to appoint Commissioner Froelich and a Winter Show representative as delegates to the North Dakota State Fair. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Gene Bjerke, Sheriff, and deputies met with the Commission to discuss the overtime pay policy.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to add the Sheriff's Office overtime pay policy, which uses vacation, sick, and holiday time in figuring overtime hours, as an amendment to the current policy manual, and to direct the Employee Policy Committee to review the Sheriff's Office and Highway Department policies at the next annual review of the Policy Manual. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Leroy Triebold discussed his concerns with the water levels of the Tolna Coulee, presenting research and photos to the Commission.

Brad Cruff, States Attorney, met with the Commission to discuss county home rule government as outlined by the North Dakota Century Code, as requested by the commissioners.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Rodger Berntson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission