

The Barnes County Commission met in special session Thursday, December 31, with all members present.

Brad Cruff, States Attorney, met with the Commission to discuss the County's FEMA buyout properties, which are also delinquent tax sale properties, and a policy for leasing them.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to accept and interview a candidate for the position of zoning coordinator, who submitted an application after the December 14 deadline. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," except Berntson, who voted "no," motion carried.

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, met with the Commission to discuss the Tax Equalization budget and to request to hire a replacement for part-time employee Sheila Anderson, who has resigned.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow Ms. Koslofsky, to hire a permanent, part-time employee in the Tax Equalization office, for 16 hours per week at \$9.07 per hour. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

The following budget amendments, due mainly to snow removal and flood expenses, were presented.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to amend the Commissioner budget for 2009 by an additional \$6,200.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to amend the Tax Equalization budget for 2009 by an additional \$4,500.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to amend the Recorder's budget for 2009 by an additional \$2,200.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to amend the Zoning Coordinator budget for 2009 by an additional \$200.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to amend the Highway Distribution budget for 2009 by an additional \$430,000.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to amend the County Road & Bridge budget for 2009 by an additional \$564,400.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Weber, to amend the County Park budget for 2009 by an additional \$49,900.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to amend the Emergency budget for 2009 by an additional \$944,000.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to amend the Insurance Reserve budget for 2009 by an additional \$1,000.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to amend the 2004 Bridge Sinking budget for 2009 by an additional \$9,900.00. 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

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman
Barnes County Commission