

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, January 19, 2010, with all members present.

Mark Anderson of KLJ met with the Commission to discuss closing procedures for summer work completed.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to approve and sign off on Projects SC-0221(068) and CP-0238(009). Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Anderson described new stimulus funds that may be available. He also discussed box culverts in the Sanborn area.

Kim Franklin, Emergency Manager, and Brad Cruff and Lee Grossman of the State's Attorney's Office, discussed the county's hazard mitigation plan's crosswalk section, and problems with getting the Barnes County plan approved.

Wanda Auka, Clerk of Court, informed the Commission that the state court system has mandated a change to Odyssey software in that office. Discussion took place regarding the effects of the change on the non-court functions performed by the Clerk of Court staff.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the minutes of January 5. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Vicki Zinck, Treasurer, presented the annual Pledge of Securities banks for county funds.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to approve the Pledge of Securities for the following financial institutions as presented: Dacotah Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, First Community Credit Union, US Bank, and Bank Forward, all Valley City, and Quality Bank, Fingal. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Betty Koslofsky, Tax Director, and two Vanguard representatives presented software program information to the Commission and answered questions regarding the requested change in CAMA software.

County residents were present to express concerns with the possible involvement of the Vanguard company in county property assessing. Commissioners and Ms. Koslofsky explained that the County was only exploring a software purchase from Vanguard.

After discussion, Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the purchase of the Vanguard CAMA software as presented, with approximate costs as follows: conversion, \$16,000.00; software program, \$16,775.00; 5-year maintenance, \$32,125.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," except Schwehr, who voted "no," motion carried.

Ms. Koslofsky requested that the part-time Tax Office employee Sheila Anderson be allowed to remain in her position after she initially planned to resign. The Commission agreed that she could continue in her position.

Heather Pautz, Social Services Director, introduced new employee Amanda Beseman and discussed her salary.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to place Beseman at a grade 8, with a salary of \$2263.00 per month until she receives her social work license, then will be increased to grade 9, with a salary of \$2512.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairperson
Barnes County Commission