

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, February 16, 2010, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Mark Anderson, KLJ, discussed ongoing emergency projects and mitigation property.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the February 2 minutes with a clarification. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Ed McGough, Auditor, informed the Commission of a notice from State Fire & Tornado urging the purchase of flood insurance. No action was taken.

Chairperson Schwehr informed the Commission of a bid error in the Midland Continental Depot project [Project STM-TEO-0002(017)].

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to reject the bids received by the NDDOT January 29, 2010, and allow the board responsible for the Midland continental Depot Project in Wimbledon, to re-bid the grant project. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Mr. McGough presented a letter from the City of Valley City requesting a Commission representative to serve on the city's annexation mediation board.

Chairperson Schwehr appointed Commissioner Froelich as the Barnes County Commission representative on the Valley City annexation mediation board.

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, presented a request to install another T1 line, doubling the County's bandwidth speed, at a cost share increase of \$230.00 monthly, with the network shared by state court, Valley City and Barnes County.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the T1 installation to double the bandwidth speed as requested, at a County cost share increase of \$230.00 per month. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Mr. Thiel also requested to hire a replacement part-time employee.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow Thiel to hire a replacement part-time employee in the MIS department. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to adopt the following Resolution 10.1: Notice of Salaries for Newly-Elected Officials:

**Resolution 10.1: Notice of Salaries for Election Officials**

WHEREAS, 2010 is an election year; and

WHEREAS, there are positions within the County up for election; and

WHEREAS, the Barnes County Commission recognize the need for the public to know what the starting salaries for those elected positions will be.

THEREFORE, the Barnes County Commission has set the starting salaries for the following elected positions. The County Commission reserves the right to negotiate the starting salaries depending on experience of the newly elected official.

Barnes County State's Attorney, \$52,600.00; Barnes County Sheriff, 46,200.00; Barnes County Auditor, 42,750.00; Barnes County Treasurer, 30,100.00; Barnes County Recorder, 30,100.00; Barnes County Commissioner, 12,849.00.

/s/ Edward R. McGough, Barnes County Auditor

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010

Greg Hager, Zoning Coordinator, met with the Commission to discuss his new position.

Brad Cruff, States Attorney, and Wanda Auka, Clerk of Court, met with the Commission to discuss the Court Facilities Improvement Grant Award, which was approved in the amount of \$149,457.75, with a 25% match of County funds in the amount of \$49,321.06. To also replace the three windows in the State's Attorney's office which are not covered through the grant funds, the County's share will be approximately \$66,000.00.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow advertising for bids on the window replacements, including one bid for all third-floor windows, and another bid for all windows on first through third floors of the Courthouse. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to proceed with the building of furniture for courtrooms, and for computers in the Clerk's office. Upon a roll call vote with Commissioners Schwehr, Opdahl, and Froelich voting "yes," and Berntson and Weber "no," motion carried.

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

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Edward R. McGough  
Barnes County Auditor

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Cindy Schwehr, Chairperson  
Barnes County Commission