

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, May 4, 2010, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Mark Anderson of KLJ, discussed 2009 emergency repair work on three sites and other current projects.

Bids were opened for the three site locations are as follows: Site 15 – County Road 38, 5 miles east of Litchville; Site 18 – County Road 37, 5 miles east and 2 miles south of Fingal; and Site 20 – County Road 34, one-half mile north of Fingal.

Projects were bid for the following:

<u>Contractor</u>	Sites: <u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>
Six D	\$ 17,959.75	18,066.00	17,679.75
Star	22,575.00	27,208.00	25,869.00
Plecity	26,559.00	24,705.52	34,810.00
Subsurface, Inc.	21,091.00		32,275.00

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to award the project for Sites 15, 18, and 20 to Six D. Upon a roll call vote with all voting “yes,” motion carried.

Johnson requested funding for permanent right-of-way easements for box culvert installation in two locations on County Road 7 north of Leal, and one 8 miles north of Valley City. He stated one party had donated an additional easement.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to approve two \$300 payments for the right-of-way easements for box culverts on County road 7 north of Leal. Upon a roll call vote with all voting “yes,” motion carried.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve another \$300 payment for a right-of-way easement for a box culvert 8 miles north of Valley City. Upon a roll call vote with all voting “yes,” motion carried.

Emergency Repair projects on the following lakes were discussed: Meadow Lake, Hobart, and Eckelson. Discussion took place concerning ongoing erosion problems on these lakes and on a body of water east of Kathryn, and whether they would be eligible for ER funding.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to allow Johnson to move ahead on riprapping at Meadow Lake, Hobart, and Eckelson lakes, at his discretion. Upon a roll call vote with all voting “yes,” motion carried.

Johnson discussed the County’s need for a packer. The consensus of the Board was that Johnson investigates the possible rental of a packer from Stutsman County for the several weeks per year that the machine is needed.

Johnson also informed the Commission that employee Jim Sherlock will retire May 15, and requested to hire a replacement.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Weber, to allow Johnson to hire an Operator II at the minimum pay at Grade 7, of \$11.64 per hour.

Heather Pautz, Social Services Director, and staff members Carolyn Schlenvogt, Cathy Metzger, Cheryl Foster, Cindy Unger, Eloise Olson, Gwen Coit, Helen Sherlock, Leah Tangen, Mary Buringrud, and Val Burchill were present to inform the Commission of two awards presented to the Social Services Office from SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), for completion of the required number of case file reviews and the most improved error rate for their caseload size.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the minutes of April 20 as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the use of the Courthouse for the annual Valley Quilters quilt show August 7 as requested. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Berntson informed the board that Stan Horst, Buildings and Grounds supervisor, will trade in the old mower and purchase a new one, per his budget.

Jim Verwey, VSO, discussed County burials for veterans when no family is apparent. It was the consensus of the Commission that Verwey meet with Heather Pautz, Social Services Director, and Brad Cruff, States Attorney, to develop a policy.

Mr. Verwey also presented the name of Dennis Maresh as a VSO driver.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the hiring of Dennis Maresh as a driver for the VSO office. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Gene Bjerke, Sheriff, and Vern Hedland discussed the use of the South Central Adult Services Prescription Assistance program to help with prisoners' prescription costs. It was the consensus of the Board that Bjerke should apply to the program.

Sheriff Bjerke also discussed painting trim and replacing bad wood on the jail exterior.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to proceed with the painting and repairs to the jail exterior as requested by Bjerke, at a maximum cost of \$5000.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

The bid opening for tree removal from the Courthouse yard was conducted by Brad Cruff, States Attorney. Bids were submitted as follows: Belling Tree Service, Erie, for \$4200.00; and Pro Lawn Care & Landscaping, Valley City, for \$4400.00.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to accept the low bid from Belling Tree Service, Erie, for \$4200.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion took place concerning the written resignation of Greg Hager from the zoning coordinator position.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to advertise the Barnes County zoning coordinator position, to pay \$12.00 per hour, for a maximum of 17 hours per week. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Wes Anderson and Joe DeMasi were present to discuss using the Courthouse patio for weekly summer music presentations, due to damages to the City Park bandshell where the performances are normally held. It was the consensus of the Board to allow the performances as long as the Courthouse building is monitored.

Commissioner Weber updated the Commission on a recent meeting of the Senior Citizens board, during which they discussed construction of a garage for 14 vehicles.

Skip Skattum, KLJ, presented a mapping project update and discussion was held regarding completion of the project and including another 379 parcels, along with help in data gathering for the projects.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to proceed with the mapping project and update it through 2010, with a funding cap of \$10,000.00. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Policy Committee chair Linda McKenna and several committee members presented recommendations for changes to the employee policy manual.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve the recommendations as presented to the Commission. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

The following bills were approved for the month of April: **General Fund:** Ace Hardware \$276.66, Appl City \$84.97, Appl City Radio Shack \$17.94, Applied Concepts \$1871.00, Bakkegard & Schell \$1102.90, BC Hwy Dept \$1524.05, BC Water Resource \$57,000.00, Bayshore City Side \$89.97, Berntson, Rodger \$229.50, Doublewood \$126.00, Butler Machinery \$939.00, Cardmember Service \$192.57, Cass Co Electric \$74.13, Central Business Sys \$1000.54, City of Valley City \$18,087.66, Clerk of Dist Ct \$53,730.00, Cole Papers \$244.98, Dacotah Paper \$335.13, Dolphin Capital \$394.66, Froelich, John \$160.00, G&K Services \$292.49, Geinert, Connie \$4275.00, Goven, Thomas \$7.50, Hager, Greg \$44.15, Handy Hardware \$63.90, Harold Rotunda \$4300.00, High Plains Water \$22.00, ITD \$300.00, Jack's Uniform/Equipment \$117.89, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, Koslofsky, Betty \$194.00, Litchville Bulletin \$113.13, Matthew Bender Co \$147.52, McGough, Edward \$167.50, McKenna, Linda \$5.25, Mercy Hospital \$246.00, Meritcare \$90.00, Midstates Wireless \$255.48, Midwest Pest Control \$105.00, MDU \$1655.79, ND Asso of Counties Supts \$50.00, ND Recorders Asso \$75.00, ND Treas Asso \$50.00, ND State Radio Comm \$491.76, ND State's Attny Asso \$400.00, Nelson, Julie \$32.50, ND Supreme Ct \$37.25, Opdahl, Harlan \$622.00, Pamida \$12.99, Perkins \$13.35, Pfaff, Jody \$38.50, Pitney Bowes \$846.00, Pitney Bowes \$340.59, Qwest 3359.07, Radisson \$63.00, Reserve Acct \$3000.00, Roorda, Elizabeth \$242.50, Schwehr, Cindy \$29.00, Servicemaster \$1200.00, Sheyenne Printers \$20.46, Steins \$274.72, Streicher's \$432.96, Synergy \$2270.08, TDS Metro \$275.93, Valley Auto Parts \$98.40, Public Works \$1012.75, Times-Record \$1114.03, Valley Officeworks \$475.98, Valley Service \$97.65, Verizon \$628.98; **City-County Health:** Bloom & Crafts \$59.92, BMJ Publishing \$283.00, CDW Gov \$247.85, Central Valley Health \$2343.50, Chesterman Comm \$1500.00, CCHD \$24.00, CLIA Lab Program \$150.00, Dakota Carrier \$547.52, Dakota Central \$49.95, Dakota Plains \$113.38, Dex Media \$24.90, Eagle Clan \$379.45, Fairfield Inn \$126.00, Foss Drug \$387.27, Langland, Tamara \$39.50, Leever's \$44.94, Lindemann, Danielle \$13.00, Medtox Lab \$10.30, Mercy Hospital \$256.50, Michael, James \$127.95, Pamida \$23.98, Pesek, Gloria \$210.00, Qwest \$173.43, Rosenau, Vicki \$174.00, Sanofi Pasteur \$511.93, Sansio \$600.00, Sheyenne Printers \$15.53, Skalicky, Kasey \$122.16, TDS Metro \$64.71, Thomsen, Paula 562.55, UND \$8000.00, Times-Record \$602.22, Valley Officeworks \$141.74, Viland, Beth \$199.44, Wick Inv \$300.00, Will, Theresa \$180.39, Wyeth \$1065.90; **Veterans Service Office:** BC Hwy Dept \$61.97, Meritcare \$45.00, Sterling Solutions \$450.00, TDS Metro \$16.44, Valley Service \$36.20; **Social Service:** Alltel \$222.40, BC Housing Authority \$384.00, Bayley Neurauter, Lisa \$71.15, Beseman, Amanda \$311.75, Bitz Tire \$350.84, Brian's Service \$160.00, Brothers III \$225.08, Cardmem Service \$1882.38, Compson, Becky \$66.50, Dacotah Foundation \$110.00, HR Collaborative \$75.00, Huss, Candice \$57.50, Ivan Tschider \$454.86, Meritcare \$45.00, Metzger, Catherine \$19.00, Miller Motors \$335.25, ND Dept Human Services \$10,440.72, ND Elig Workers Assn \$40.00, Ottertail \$286.11, Pamida \$32.98, Pautz, Heather \$307.20, Pershing \$306.73, Pommerer, Katharine \$163.81, Sherlock, Helen \$64.00, Sheyenne Printers \$2.25, TDS Metro \$146.06, Thrifty White \$72.84, Valley Officeworks \$37.56, Verizon \$63.56; **County Rd & Bridge:** AP Equipment \$1.70, Advance Garage Door \$1564.00, BC Glass \$356.71, Bitz \$74.85, Carquest \$465.03, Chemsearch \$342.16, Cummins \$183.51, Dakota Plains \$9244.82, Dickey Rural Telephone \$120.52, Enterprise Sales \$7.20, FEI \$7.20, Free Form Plastic \$3442.95, Handy Hardware \$167.12, Inter-community Telephone \$70.19, Johnston Fargo Culvert \$31,163.38, Kari's Cleaning \$269.40, Leever's \$75.11, Little Falls Machine \$292.03, Lyle Signs \$9500.00, Miller Motors \$226.36, MDU \$362.80, Newman Signs \$629.46, NW Tire \$6813.83, Ottertail \$800.00, Pamida \$51.96, S&S Auto \$267.54, Smith Farm & Home \$4.35, Smith Lumber \$635.70, Swanston Eq \$5250.38, TDS Metro \$19.26, Thrifty White \$25.96, Titan \$3725.86, Valley Auto \$1691.93, Public Works \$3214.80, Times-Record \$77.88, Valley Extinguisher \$336.40, Valley Officeworks \$227.71, Valley Radiator & Repair 30.00, Verizon \$97.82, Vining \$1599.13, Wagner, Tina \$138.03, Wallwork Truck Ctr \$708.30, Zep Sales & Service \$702.81, 3D Specialties \$613.18; **County Parks:** Ace Hardware \$42.95, Anderson, Bev \$7.85, Arc Thrift-e-shop \$2.00, Cass Co Electric \$378.60, Dakota Plains \$768.01, ND Dept of Health \$11.77, S&S Auto \$54.88, Valley Auto \$86.99; **Weed Control:** Carquest \$13.97, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, ND Weed Control Assn \$60.00, Reds Fixit Shop \$250.00, Valley Extinguisher \$34.00, Valley Officeworks \$103.61; **Emergency:** Cuba Twp \$78.40, Havlt Ind \$2500.00, Minnie Lake Twp \$4455.60, Norma Twp \$25,376.82, Pamida \$135.20, Qwest \$600.14, Sheyenne Printers \$253.03, Skandia Twp \$3624.87, Spring Creek \$2392.07, Valley Officeworks \$84.77; **Advertising:** VC Chamber \$75.00; **Oasis & Soc Security:** Altel \$235.00, Cardmember Service \$2849.75, CPU \$1842.23, ITD \$518.20, TDS Metro \$5.51, Thiel, Jason \$20.51; **County Agent:** Bjelland, Ellen \$72.38, Cardmember Service \$462.45, Central Bus Sys \$74.16, Cole Papers \$147.50, Consumer Reports \$26.00, Grueneich, Randy \$36.09, NDSU Ag Comm \$60.00, Quill \$858.04, Radisson

\$209.00, TDS Metro \$13.39, Valley Officeworks \$207.75; **Farm to Market:** KLJ \$3876.03, Newman Signs \$674.40, Northern Impr \$1474.47, Star Enterprises \$500.00; **Corrections:** Bob Barker Co \$294.83, Bridge City Dentistry \$78.00, Cable Services \$34.65, Cass Clay \$572.00, Central Bus Sys \$85.00, CCHD \$134.00, Food Services of America \$4353.65, Galls \$270.92, Handy Hardware \$22.77, High Plains Water \$18.75, Leever's \$151.18, Marketplace \$316.50, MDU \$551.94, Moore Med \$21.40, Pamida \$100.52, Redwood Tox Lab \$10.50, Simplex Grinnell \$196.00, TDS Metro \$25.49, Thrifty White \$972.64, Top Quality Mfg \$119.60, Public Works \$565.48, Valley Officeworks \$48.53; **Insurance Reserve:** Wells Fargo Ins Svc \$1179.00; Starion Bond Svc \$100,981.45; **County Agent Revolving:** BC Ext \$40.00, Barnes & Noble \$90.82, Berry, Nicole \$180.00, Bjelland, Ellen \$27.52, Bruns, Jerilyn \$82.00, Carlson, Courtney \$40.00, County Market \$26.57, Dathe, Deanna \$75.00, Domino's \$63.44, Hatcher, Casey \$100.00, Heintz, Torrie \$80.00, Heyd, Paige \$675.00, Kruger, Elizabeth \$70.00, Lamoure School \$303.00, Lamoure Super Valu \$166.42, Leever's \$80.92, Musland, Denise \$225.00, Pamida \$10.57, Pizza Corner \$139.38, Roehrich, Tanesha \$180.00, Saylor, Megan \$20.00, Seidlinger, Kimberly \$12.50, Sorensen, Cara \$80.00, Steffes, Holly \$525.00, Subway \$100.00, TDS Metro \$9.42, Tichy, Amy \$4071.52, Valley Officeworks \$32.51; **Community Service:** ND Comm Corrections Assn \$366.00, Verizon \$167.05; **Grants & Projects:** Leever's \$43.68, Marketplace \$40.02, Nick of Time \$17,250.00; **Corrections Commissary:** Marketplace \$12.00, Pamida \$121.19, Pizza Corner \$86.00, Reliance Telephone \$500.00, Valley Officeworks \$10.88, Wholesale Supply \$274.37; **Soil Conservation:** BC Soil Cons Dist. \$1666.94; **Garrison:** Garrison Div Cons Dist \$1667.33; **Airport:** \$3413.37; **911 Emergency:** Dakota Central \$27.00, Dickey Rural Telephone \$243.00, Inter-community Telephone \$150.00, Qwest \$953.28; **State Funds:** ND State Treasurer \$12,904.95; **ND Winter Show:** NDWS \$4011.80; **Older Persons:** S Central Adult Services \$2926.57; **Ambulance:** BC Amb \$1766.23; **Water Resource:** Acme Electric \$320.99, Hurley, Patrick \$315.50, Ind Builders \$15,000.00, K&T Irrigation \$1943.85, KLJ \$121.85, Kari's Cleaning \$63.70, Klubben \$1800.00, McMillan, Jeffrey \$111.00, Moore Eng \$56,792.55, Paul Opegard \$60.00, Smith, Jamie \$74.48, Valley Officeworks \$12.13, Van Bruggen, Warren \$96.30; **Historical Society:** BC Historical Society \$874.45; **Library:** VC/BC Library \$2516.03; **Recorders Preservation:** Cardmember Service \$1308.23; **Cities:** Dazey \$176.47, Fingal \$436.63, Kathryn \$20.87, Leal \$326.02, Litchville \$93.44, Nome \$72.66, Oriska \$578.94, Pillsbury \$13.67, Rogers \$59.29, Sanborn \$2754.29, Sibley \$174.62, Tower City \$39.63, Valley City \$81,686.41, Wimbledon \$800.34; **Townships:** Alta \$4928.38, Anderson \$235.51, Ashtabula \$1087.76, Baldwin \$143.36, Binghampton \$138.28, Brimer \$179.67, Cuba \$908.92, Dazey \$103.51, Eckelson \$670.45, Edna \$179.92, Ellsbury \$352.65, Getchell \$597.35, Grand Prairie \$236.88, Green \$1104.03, Greenland \$280.35, Hemen \$1981.41, Hobart \$991.96, Laketown \$11.01, Mansfield \$1875.16, Marsh \$1257.40, Meadow Lake \$6.60, Minnie Lake \$529.81, Nelson \$205.22, Noltimier \$802.09, Oakhill \$124.26, Oriska \$770.30, Pierce \$441.67, Potter \$416.13, Raritan \$1773.80, Rogers \$67.95, Sibley Trail \$213.58, Skandia \$176.73, Spring Creek \$850.57, Springvale \$1324.37, Stewart \$265.40, Svea \$71.25, Thordenskjold \$21.90, Uxbridge \$285.98, Valley \$1923.58, Weimer \$118.78; **Park Districts:** Fingal \$34.42, Kathryn \$1.68, Litchville \$12.68, Nome \$5.20, Sanborn \$120.08, Valley City \$20,963.97; **School Districts:** Barnes Co North \$31,691.43, Enderlin \$23,281.59, Griggs \$336.64, Hope \$1055.72, Litchville-Marion \$19,427.97, Maple Valley \$46,086.89, Montpelier \$133.31, Page \$3034.84, Valley City \$152,235.58; **Rural Fire Districts:** Valley City \$122.60, Dazey 106.74, Edna \$52.33, Enderlin \$751.96, Fingal \$59.30, Hope \$193.12, Kathryn \$102.02, Nome \$8.24, Page \$91.32, Sanborn \$2148.51, Tower City \$167.54, Wimbledon \$259.78; **911 Wireless:** Valley City \$10,000.00, ND Assn of Counties \$11,230.94; **Sunset Point Water Assmnt:** Ashtabula Twp \$1629.52; **Mielke Subdivision Water:** Barnes Rural Water \$973.01; **Interest Paid:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$12,177.54; **Payroll:** Job Service ND \$1500.75, State Tax Cm \$10,621.10.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairperson
Barnes County Commission