

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, July 20, 2010, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Shawn Mayfield, KLJ, discussed a bid-letting for a grade raise 2 ½ miles north on County Road 3 (Urbana Road). Bids included: Six D Construction, \$131,831.75; Clifford Stewart, \$134,125.50; and Star Enterprises, \$225,172.95.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to accept the low bid of \$131,831.75 from Six D Construction for the emergency grade raise on Highway 3 (Urbana Road), to start immediately and with a completion date of August 25. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Also discussed was Project CER-0207(056), box culvert installation north of Leal. Bids included On the Level Construction, \$367,793.30; Swingen Construction, \$401,714.10; and Park Construction, \$490,915.39.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to accept the low bid of \$367,793.30 from On the Level Construction, for Project CER-0207(056). Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Also discussed was Project CER-0221(070), box culvert installation, on County Road 21 North (Lake Road). Five bids were submitted, including the following: Clifford Stewart, \$169,997.30; Sellin Brothers, \$183,570.50; Riley Brothers \$184,367.19; Park Construction \$196,324.47; and 6-D Construction, \$196,593.00.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to accept the low bid of \$169,997.30 from Clifford Stewart Construction, for Project CER-0221(070). Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the preconstruction meeting on a box culvert, Project CER-0211(056), south of Sanborn on County Road 11. That project is to begin July 22.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to sign the engineering agreement with KLJ on Project CER-0211(056). Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning replacement of the North Valley Bridge. Points discussed included the bridge's height and width to accommodate today's commercial and agricultural equipment. A letter of request will be sent to the Department of Transportation.

Discussion was held regarding the use of overweight permits which have been issued in the past.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to discontinue issuing the 10% overweight harvest permits. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to allow the Highway Department to continue using pop commission as an employee fund for that department.

Stan Horst, Buildings and Grounds supervisor, met with the Commission to discuss replacement of rotary pumps on the boiler. He provided a quote from Iron Fireman of approximately \$4500 for the replacement of tanks and pumps.

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Berntson, to approve the repairs and replacement as per the recommendation of Iron Fireman. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Betty Koslofsky, Tax/Zoning Director, introduced Sandy Hansen as the new tax/zoning administrative assistant.

Ms. Koslofsky presented the following Planning & Zoning Board recommendations: Curt Brown, conditional use permit; Joe Kunze, conditional use permit, auditor's lot; Jeremy Olson, conditional use permit, auditor's lot; Norlene Reberg, conditional use permit, auditor's lot; Avis Lenssen, conditional use permit, auditor's lot; Gavilon Grain, height variance; Jonathon DeVries, auditor's lot; John Lonski, variance, building; NextEra, height variance.

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

Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the minutes of July 1 and 6, as presented. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the raffle permit application submitted by Spring Creek Church. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

George Tvedt, landowner, and Stacy Hoehn and Chad Zorn of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service met with the Commission to obtain the consensus of the Board for the sale of approximately 80 acres in Meadow Lake Township (S1/2 of SW1/4, 24-138-61), by Mr. Tvedt to the Service.

It was the consensus of the Board that they are not against the proposed sale of the land to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and that the parties involved may go forward with the sale process.

Betty Koslofsky presented an abatement application from Greg & Karen Burchill, requesting a reduction on their 2009 taxes on PCL:41-3130310, from \$242,900 to \$196,700. Valley Township Board had recommended the request be approved. Koslofsky recommended denial of the abatement.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to approve reduction of the Burchills' property valuation from \$242,900 to \$225,000. Upon a roll call vote with Froelich, Opdahl, and Weber voting "yes," and Schwehr and Berntson voting "no," motion carried.

Kim Franklin, EMA, discussed approval of an EOC grant of \$280,516, to be used for construction of a proposed emergency operations center to be attached to the Highway Department building. The project would involve equipment relocation and create an additional equipment need.

It was the consensus of the Board not to pursue the EOC project at this time, due to financial constraints.

Ms. Franklin presented a proposed security plan for Barnes County. It was the consensus of the Board that the proposal be sent out to department heads for their input, and then brought back for approval.

Jim McAllister, Weed Officer, met with the Commission to discuss the purchase of a used spray truck and equipment. Commissioner Weber made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the purchase of a spray truck and additional spray equipment, and to amend the Weed Department's 2010 budget for an additional \$17,500. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Heather Pautz, Social Service Director, Ellen Bjelland, County Extension Agent, and Theresa Will, CCHD Director, met with the Commission to complete the ACHIEVE (Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and Environmental Change) assessment process, to identify chronic disease risk factors for Barnes County, noting that Barnes County is the only ACHIEVE community in North Dakota.

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

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Edward R. McGough  
Barnes County Auditor

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Cindy Schwehr, Chairperson  
Barnes County Commission