

The Barnes County Commission met in **special session** for the **Proposed Valley City Rural Fire District Petition Hearing** on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 with Phil Leitner, Eldred Knutson, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present at the Hi-Liner Activity Center. Cindy Schwehr was unable to attend. Chairman Knutson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Bob Bruns provided background information regarding the need for the creation of this fire district. At 7:08 pm, Eldred Knutson recessed the Commission meeting to proceed with the hearing.

Gary Retterath spoke of increasing costs. Dick Gulmon provided a Treasurer's Report, and stated that they have been using the reserves to pay the bills. Other residents expressing opinions included Darrel Holm of Norma Township, Monte Peterson of Nelson Township, and Harley Thoreson of Nelson Township. At 8:04 pm, John Froelich made a motion to close the hearing; Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After determining that the proposed district is suited to the general fire protection policy of the county, Phil Leitner moved to approve the Valley City Rural Fire District Petition, to include property located within the following boundaries: All of the following townships: Alta, Ashtabula, Cuba, Getchell, Grand Prairie, Green, Hobart, Marsh, Noltimier, Stewart, and Valley; the following sections of Norma Township: 4 – 9, 16 – 21, 28 – 30, and the north ½ of 31; and sections 1 – 18 of Skandia Township. Nelson Township does not appear to be eligible to be covered under this petition, as it already has coverage through the Kathryn Rural Fire Protection District. Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

These official minutes constitute a written order of the Barnes County Commissioner's determination as noted above.

With no further business, Phil Leitner made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor

Eldred Knutson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

A public meeting of all electors who are owners of any interest in real or personal property assessed for taxation in the district and who are residing within the boundaries of the district as fixed by the order of the board of county commissioners will be held in the Barnes County Commissioner's Chambers on 2nd floor of the Barnes County Courthouse on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm. At this meeting, those electors listed above may decide by majority vote of those present whether the organization of the district may be completed. Permanent organization must be effected by the election of a board of directors consisting of not less than five residents of the district, at least one of whom must represent each township by having an interest in real or personal property assessed for taxation in the township the director is representing. No more than two members may be from any one township. The board of directors shall meet as soon after the organizational meeting as possible to elect a president, a vice president, and a secretary-treasurer.