

The Barnes County Commission met in **special session for a hearing on the appraisal values set for the Tax Deed Sale properties** on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 with Eldred Knutson, Rodger Berntson, Phil Leitner and Cindy Schwehr present. Chairman Knutson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Hearing on Appraisal**

As required in North Dakota Century Code §57-28-11, the Board of County Commissioners met to hear any objections to the minimum sale prices set for the properties currently on the list to be sold at the annual sale of land acquired by tax deed, to be held at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, November 18, 2014. No one was present to represent any cities and townships of Barnes County. Casey Gille was present to request lowering the appraised value on parcel #07-3010110 in Cuba Township.

Phil Leitner moved to close the hearing; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Phil Leitner to reduce the appraised value on Parcel #07-3010110 in Cuba Township to \$2,700.00; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Phil Leitner, Cindy Schwehr, and Eldred Knutson voting "yes" and Rodger Berntson voting "no".

The Commission requested that a letter be sent to Dacotah Bank notifying them of the back taxes on Parcel #38-1130300 in Svea Township, if they have not been notified. They had already been notified.

A motion was made by Cindy Schwehr to contact the State's Attorney to see if the county is mandated by law to include the current year's estimated (2014) tax in the assessed values of the back tax property. If the county is mandated by law to include the current year's estimated taxes, the assessed values set will be increased by the amount of the 2014 estimated taxes. Phil Leitner seconded the motion. After discussion, Cindy Schwehr rescinded the motion; Phil Leitner seconded. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to contact the State's Attorney to see if the county is mandated by law to include the current year's estimated tax in the assessed values of the back tax property. If the county is mandated by law to include the current year's estimated taxes, the assessed values set will be increased by the amount of the 2014 estimated taxes. Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion failed upon roll-call vote with Cindy Schwehr and Eldred Knutson voting "yes" and Phil Leitner and Rodger Berntson voting no. After discussion, Cindy Schwehr made a motion to contact the State's Attorney to see if the county is mandated by law to include the current year's estimated (2014) tax in the assessed values of the back tax property. If the county is mandated by law to include the current year's estimated taxes, the assessed values set will be increased by the amount of the 2014 estimated taxes. Rodger Berntson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote with Phil Leitner, Cindy Schwehr, and Rodger voting yes and Eldred Knutson voting no.

Cindy Schwehr made a motion that, after the State's Attorney's review and possible revisions of prices, set prices be published; Phil Leitner seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote, with all members voting yes.

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

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Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor

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Eldred Knutson, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission