

The Board of Barnes County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, September 21, 2004. All members were present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, provided the Commission with the required specifications he had given Dome Pipeline for the construction of County Road 27 South, in regards to the repair of the Dome Pipeline there.

Johnson discussed the hiring of two employees in his department. It was the consensus of the board that the two applicants be hired. He then discussed snow removal requests from subdivisions in northern Barnes County, and updated the Commission on the water problems at Little Yellowstone Park.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Berntson seconded motion to approve the minutes for September 2, 7, 9, and 16, with corrections. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Dennis Rowell requested a repeal of the \$30.00-per-day fine assessed to him by the Zoning Board regarding cleanup of his property that is apparently not being done. Rowell informed the Commissioners that he has completed a large part of the cleanup, and is awaiting the crusher, which is expected soon. The Commission informed Rowell the fine will not be repealed until Zoning Coordinator Norma Duppler is satisfied with the progress of the cleanup.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Berntson seconded motion to re-appoint Bernard Wagner to the Housing Authority for a 5-year term. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Board to place a sign in the Commission Room prohibiting the use of cell phones in that room, except by emergency personnel.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion to sign an Agreement for Professional GIS Services with Kadmas, Lee and Jackson. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, informed the Commission that High Plains Technology has offered \$500.00 for the old AS400 mainframe computer owned by the County.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion to allow Thiel to sell the old AS400 to High Plains Technology for \$500.00.

Marcy Grant, City-County Health Department Director, discussed putting the Tobacco Program on the County's network through a wireless connection.

After much discussion, Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Berntson seconded motion to deny the request for wireless networking for the Tobacco Program. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes" except Commissioner Schwehr, who voted "no," motion carried.

Robin Huseby, States Attorney, discussed the ongoing complaint by Eckelson residents regarding the yard of resident David Maack, who keeps numerous cats on his property.

Commissioner Berntson moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded motion to direct Huseby to seek a nuisance action against Maack if he neglects to clean up the property by a date to be set by Huseby. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioners and Department Heads then attended a Risk Management Training session.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Edward R. McGough
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Palmer Paulson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission