

The Board of Barnes County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, February 15, 2005, with all members present.

Highway Superintendent Kerry Johnson met with the Commission, along with Ross Eberle, Barry Schuchard, and Wade Frank, all of Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson (KLJ), to discuss upcoming summer road projects. Eberle informed the Commission that Barnes County's federal aid dollars have increased by approximately \$73,000.00.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded motion to adopt the following resolution to accept the bids as conducted during the state level bidding process. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Resolution 3

WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$985,776.24 from Central Specialties received in the bid opening of February 11, 2005 for Projects SC-0212(051), CP-0207(005), CP-0219(005), and HSC-0221(065) was the low bid received.

WHEREAS, this bid is considered reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of BARNES County will award to Central Specialties, Inc. the contract for Projects SC-0212(051), CP-0207(005), CP-0219(005), and HSC-0221(065) and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract.

It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the Federal Highway Administration.

ATTEST:

/s/ Edward R. McGough, County Auditor
Rodger Berntson, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted and passed at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at Barnes County on 2-15-05.

/s/ Edward R. McGough, County Auditor

NOTE: Project SC-0212(151) federal funds are limited to \$265,000 and Project HSC-0221(065) federal funds are limited to \$70,000.

Discussion took place regarding the Hospital Bridge problem with surface breakdown of shale in the concrete deck, and what needs to be done to stop the deterioration before the structural rebar becomes damaged.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Triebold seconded motion to proceed with remedial action to the bridge, specifically Barnes County Bridge No. 0-VC0.6, as to specifications presented by Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, and to sign a letter to be sent to Mr. Dave Leftwich of the State Department of Transportation. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion took place on the 4th St. Bridge replacement or repair. KLJ updated the Commission on the process.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Triebold seconded motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2005. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Maasjo seconded motion to amend the Sheriff's Department budget line item for dispatcher expense, from \$58,000.00 to \$61,000.00. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding House Bill 1398, which would increase the correctional facility levy from five mills to 10 mills.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Schwehr seconded motion to support HB 1398 with a "yes," vote, and to request the District 20 and 24 State Representatives to also support the bill with their vote. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Jason Thiel, MIS Director, met with the Commission to discuss problems with keeping the Highway Department on line with the existing Sight Line non-wire system. He requested a fiber optic line feed from the Courthouse to the Highway Department.

Commissioner Maasjo moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion to allow Thiel to proceed with hooking up the Highway Department with the fiber optic network system. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Thiel requested the County show more sets of minutes on their website. It was the consensus of the Board to show as many as he wants.

Thiel also requested that he be allowed to teach a computer course at Valley City State University as a fill-in for two weeks.

Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Opdahl seconded motion to allow Thiel to help the University by filling in as a teacher for two weeks, (two hours Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, one hour Tuesday, no hours Thursday), and to make up his hours with the County. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Johnson presented a letter from the State Highway Patrol asking that the County provide them with a written request for help with County road restrictions when they go into effect.

Commissioner Opdahl moved and Commissioner Triebold seconded motion that Johnson send the State Highway Patrol a written request for help with County road restrictions.

The Security Committee met with the Commission to discuss ideas for improving Courthouse security. Topics included cameras and panic buttons.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Schwehr moved and Commissioner Triebold seconded motion to adjourn. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Rodger Berntson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission