Barnes County Commission Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2005
Valley City, ND 58072

The Board of Barnes County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, May 3, 2005, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Charlotte Brett of Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, met with the Commission. Brett provided an update on the 4th St. Bridge Project.

Johnson reported on the engineering conference he attended in Bismarck. He also presented copies of the poster advertising the County Auction, which will be held May 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Highway Department.

Johnson discussed the problems at the State Highway Department with the Highway-Byway sign. He recommended replacing the "Yield" signs along the Kathryn Road with "Stop" signs. It was the consensus of the Board that Johnson proceeds with that recommendation, while the Highway-Byway sign issue will continue to be studied.

Johnson informed the Commission that he has filled the vacated Equipment II Operator position with the hiring of Dick Korf.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to approve the meeting minutes of April 19, 2005. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Tom Goven, Barnes County Indigent Defense Attorney, requested the Commission allow payment to Attorney Thomas Merrick of Jamestown out of Conflict of Interest budgeted funds, stemming from services Merrick provided to Barnes County because of a death in Goven's family.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to allow the bill of $127.50 to Merrick to be paid out of the Conflict funds as requested. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to allow the Clerk of Court's office to make Tanya Meisch a deputy clerk. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

County Auditor Ed McGough presented a letter from the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) program requesting the Commission appoint a Wellness Coordinator and join the PERS Wellness in the Workplace program, which would reduce County health premiums by 1 percent from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to be a part of the NDPERS Wellness in the Workplace program, to receive the 1 percent discount on health premiums. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to add the following Weed Board Policy to the Barnes County Policy Manual. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Policy for Weed Board Employees - 2005

1. All employees will wear personal protective equipment according to the label of the chemical being applied.

2. When operating an ATV, a helmet will be worn always, no exceptions.

3. Employees will receive two written warnings; on the third offense, they will be dismissed.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to allow the Faith in Action agency to conduct the annual Street Festival on the Courthouse Square, and the Valley Quilters to hold their quilt show inside the Courthouse, with both events set for August 6, 2005. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

The Commission congratulated Social Services on their recent state recognition to the Eligibility Staff, who received the Conrad J. Moe Award and the Star Award, both given for having low error rates.

Discussion took place concerning mileage.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to raise mileage reimbursement county-wide, to .375 per mile, starting May 4, 2005. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo updated the Commission on the construction being done in Social Services offices. Social Services have requested the addition of walls to comply with HIPAA regulations. Commissioner Maasjo will study the matter further for a future Commission meeting.

Tax Director BJ Edwardson met with the Commission to present tax abatement requests.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve the abatement request on PCL: 41-4150800 (Jeffrey A. Gilbertson, Valley City) for 2004 as presented and recommended by the Valley Township Board. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwehr, to approve the abatement request on PCL: 57-9000100 (Gorder Grain Inc., Butte, ND, d/b/a Pillsbury Elevator) for 2003 and 2004 as presented and recommended by the City of Pillsbury. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve the abatement request on PCL: 41-4130202 (Eugene R. and Edith E. Johnson, Valley City) for 2004, as presented and recommended by the Valley Township Board. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve the abatement request on PCL: 01-1610110 (LeRoy Triebold, Valley City) as presented and recommended by the Alta Township Board. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to follow the recommendation of the Ashtabula Township Board to deny the abatement request on PCL: 03-6450080 (Roger and Rochelle Triebold, Valley City) for 2004, as presented. Brad Cruff, Attorney for the Triebolds, stated that the contiguous question has been satisfied with the Triebold ownership of Lot 8. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," except Commissioner Triebold, who voted "no," motion carried.

Harold Rotunda, County CPA, presented the County Audit Report. He informed the Commission that :

- Barnes County is not responsible for City-County Health, that City-County Health is a separate entity responsible for itself.
- It is not against the law to spend in the red, but it is against the law to overspend a budget.

It was the consensus of the Board that Rotunda finalizes the audit with City-County Health in the red. The County Commission will watch the CCH 2005 budget closely, and if need be, they would be willing to lend them another $27,000, with the intention of payback.

Bernie Wagner of the Veterans Service Officer selection committee met with the Commission to recommend candidate James Verwey for the position.

Commissioner Triebold made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Opdahl, to appoint James Verwey as the Barnes County Veteran Service Officer, to start as soon as possible.

Commissioner Maasjo gave a report on progress at the parks.

The following expenditures were approved for payment for the month of April - **GENERAL FUND:** Appliance City $209.97, Arnold Strand, RPR $174.00, Assembled Products Corp $8.33, AT&T Omaha $4.78, Barnes Co Hwy Dept $1,478.95, Berntson, Rodger $168.02, Burnie's $846.44, Carquest Auto Parts Store $152.34, Cass Co Electric $75.51, Central Business Systems $323.35, Cole Papers $208.43, Dakota Plains Cooperative $10.04, Edwardson, Betty $42.09, Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, $1,139.87, G&K Services $177.99, Goven, Thomas $225.00, Huseby, Craig $37.40, Institute of Local Government $500.00 John's I-94 Tesoro $70.00, K&S Embroidery $188.00, Kamstra, Melissa $124.40, Kiefert, Douglas $25.00, Kratz Hardware $81.41, Leroy's Flooring $346.00, Litchville Bulletin $97.26, Loibl, Steve $25.00, Maasjo, Dale $124.00, Magnuson, Karen $171.20, Mastercard $51.17, Matthew Bender & Co $32.65, McClaflin, Randy $178.64, McGough, Edward $97.70, Mid-States Wireless $1,032.20, Midboe, Carol, 25.00, Midwest Pest Control $100.00, Miller Motors $568.38, Montana Dakota Utilities $3,493.33, ND State Radio Communications $300.00, Niewind, Bryan $50.00, Norman Mark $57.95, Northern Safety Technology $41.44, Opdahl, Harlan $243.35, Otis Elevator Co $85.78, Overn Electric $1,925.61, POST Board $135.00, Pamida $33.21, Postage By Phone $2,000.00, Qwest $2,208.82, Rood, Rodney $38.64, Roorda, Elizabeth $183.83, S&S Auto Electric $15.50, Schwehr, Cindy $17.05, Secretary of State $25.00, Servicemaster $596.73, Sheyenne Auto Center $42.65, Sheyenne Printers $179.31, Skalicky, Jon $50.00, TDS Metrocom $391.66, State Chemical Mfg $175.70, Thrifty White Stores $39.93, Triebold, Donald $185.38, Valley Auto Parts $29.30, VC Public Works $1,181.37, VC Times Record $543.40, Valley Officeworks $335.23, Valley Paint & Glass $70.98, Verizon Wireless $337.98, Zaun, Janna $118.42; **CITY COUNTY HEALTH FUND:** American Lung Assn of ND $204.33, Best Impressions $242.24, Central Valley Health $1,195.00, Comfort Inn Bismarck $45.00, Dakota Carrier Network $547.52, Dakota Central Telecommunications $49.95, Dakota Plains Cooperative $64.63, Dex Media East $52.60, Effective Promotions $165.00, Egge, Deb $390.66, Foss Drug $200.94, Foss, Al $150.00, Gerntholz, Tamie $36.89, Glaxosmithkline $203.23, Hoar, Julie $32.35, Kratz, Hardware $20.48, Langland, Tamara $61.48, Leevers Super Valu $27.30, Maple Valley School Dist No. 4 - $1,080.00, March of Dimes $358.48, Marketplace Food & Drug $50.00, Mercy Hospital $2,736.70, Michael, James $360.08, Midland Hospital Supply $127.04, Pamida $13.35, Pesek, Gloria $134.70, Qwest $238.47, Scherrcom $60.00, Scott Trelstad $41.56, Sheyenne Printers $429.96, Swenson, Maria $66.91, Systems & Services $337.61, TDS Metrocom $70.00, Thompson, Laurel $22.43, Thomsen, Paula $34.10, TWL Billing Services & Supplies $318.40, VC Area Chamber of Commerce $25.00, VC Optimist Club $50.00, Valley Drug $150.58, Valley Officeworks $313.11, Valley Twisters Gymnastics $150.00, Western Ophthalmics $222.70, Wick Investments $300.00, Young People's Healthy Heart $1,357.40; **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE:** Barnes Co Hwy Dept $54.83, Sterling Solutions $400.00, TDS Metrocom $8.78; **SOCIAL SERVICES:** Altringer, Patty $131.75, Barnes Co Social Services $50.00, Best Western Mandan $165.00, Cellular One $72.79, Central Business Systems $249.20, Cole, Marlyce $63.86, Comfort Inn Bismarck $45.00, Huss, Candice $124.93, John's I-94 Tesoro $162.00, Johnson, Lisa $212.21, Leevers Super Valu $25.69, Meikle, Marlo $16.99, ND Assn of Counties $3,079.54, ND Dept of Human Services $7,951.94, Pamida $7.97, Pautz, Heather $285.70, Qwest $15.53, Sexton-Brown, Jeanne $33.79, Sheyenne Printers $7.50, South Central Adult Services $90.00, Stutsman Co $44,669.50, TDS Metrocom $195.20, VC Public Works $41.31, Valley Officeworks $227.59; **COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND:** AP Equipment $2.22, Acordia Mt West $36.00, Barnes Co Glass $335.00, Bayshore City Side $7.12, Butler Machinery $29,563.90, CH Carpenter Lumber $54.74, Carquest Auto Parts $425.38, Caterpillar Financial Services $41,487.00, Dakota Industrial Supply $115.50, Dakota Plains Cooperative $11,765.84, Dickey Rural Telephone Co-op $65.15, Enterprise Sales $31.32, Exhaust Pros of VC $10.00, FEI Inc $15.06, Inter-Community Telephone $69.71, K&S Carpet Cleaners $246.24, Kratz Hardware $86.91, Little Falls Machine 92.74, Mercy Hospital $53.00, Mid-States Wireless $86.00, Montana Dakota Utilities $238.62, Northwest Tire $2,354.67, Pearson Electric Motor $18.00, Plains Grain and Agronomy $1,330.63, Power Plan $49.08, Praxair Distribution $147.91, R&R Petroleum Equipment Sales $158.18, RC Welding $60.00,

Safety 1st $450.00, Smith Lumber $20.00, Swanston Equipment $129.38, Sweeney Bros of Fargo $591.45, TDS Metrocom $64.01, The Window Man $51.00, Thrifty White Stores $7.98, Transportation Tech Transfer Center $350.00, Valley Auto Parts $2,549.17, VC Public Works $1,741.04, VC Times Record $70.00, Valley Officeworks $156.92, Verizon Wireless $100.97, Vining Oil Co $1,182.97, Visa $134.53, Wallwork Truck Center $77.75; **COUNTY PARK:** Arc Thrift-e-Shop $4.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Co-op $17.10, Erickson, Harold $25.00, Fargo Truss $116.23, Plains Grain & Agronomy $538.48, Rusty Spur Café $78.61, S&S Auto Electric $40.00; **WEED CONTROL:** Edna Twsp $750.00, Emery, Bruce $127.51, Holcomb, Lynn $281.00, K&S Carpet Cleaners $56.00, Kuder, Kyp $255.08, McAllister, James $117.61, Meadow Lake Twsp $450.00, NDSU Ag Communication $260.00, Pfeifer, Bernard $41.83, Svenningsen, Debbie $23.16,TDS Metrocom $19.67, Valley Officeworks $163.51, Verizon Wireless $27.13, Wendel, Chad $148.25, Wieland, Lloyd $244.50; **ADVERTISING:** Cass Clay Creamery $95.40, Visa $310.38; **OASIS & SOCIAL SECURITY:** Appliance City Radio Shack $64.53, Computer Professionals Unlimited $1,432.12, Dell Comm Inc $209.70, Information Technology Dept $445.00, TDS Metrocom $6.16, Valley Officeworks $461.01, Visa $598.11; **COUNTY AGENT:** Bjelland, Ellen $300.20, Central Business Systems $186.01, GE Capital $145.55, Grueneich, Randy $21.84, TDS Metrocom $78.09; **FARM TO MARKET 15-MILL:** Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson $3,172.65 **BC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND:** VC-BC Development Corp $29,570.00; **COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER:** AR Audit Services $334.27, Ace Hardware $5.98, Appliance City $153.80, Cable Services $46.59, Cass Clay Creamery $487.50, City-County Health Dept $594.00, Food Services of America/Fargo $3,213.12, Hofmann, Cynthia $1,277.82, Jeffrey Doyle Inc $144.60, Leevers Super Valu $223.53, Meritcare Medical Group $122.00, Montana-Dakota Utilities $1,164.45, Overn Electric $772.39, Pamida $72.17, Ray O'Herron Co $853.83, Redwood Biotech $66.00, TDS Metrocom $36.49, Thrifty White Stores $1,873.13, VC Public Works $526.88, Valley Officeworks $212.86; **COUNTY BRIDGE:** Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson $4,389.95, ND Dept of Transportation $6,603.70; **FRONTAGE ROAD FUND:** Stowman, Chuck $1,487.50; **COUNTY AGENT REVOLVING FUND:** Grueneich, Randy $63.62, Leevers Super Valu $26.41, NDSU $15.00, NDSU Extension Pesticide Program $1,023.00; **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Workforce Safety & Insurance $108.80; **SOIL CONSERVATION:** Barnes Co Soil Conservation Dist $5,478.80; **GARRISON CONSERVANCY FUND:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist $5,478.91; **AIRPORT:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport $13,226.23; **PAID UNDER PROTEST:** Barnes Co Treasurer $9,589.56; **911 EMERGENCY FUND:** Dakota Central Telecommunications $23.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Co-op $258.77, Inter-Community Telephone $150.00, Qwest $874.02; **STATE FUNDS:** ND State Treasurer $28,870.67; **WINTER SHOW:** ND Winter Show $13,734.75; **OLDER PERSONS:** South Central Adult Services $10,493.83; **AMBULANCE FUND:** Barnes Co Ambulance $2,640.00; **WATER RESOURCE:** Hurley, Pat $79.45, K&S Carpet Cleaners $56.00; **HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Barnes Co Historical Society $1,373.16; **LIBRARY:** VC Public Library $10,597.67; **RECORDERS PRESERVATION FUND:** Cass Co Treasurer $376.00; **CITIES:** City of Fingal $403.07, City of Kathryn $49.77, City of Leal $3.38, City of Nome .38, City of Oriska $381.96, City of Sanborn $2,637.28, City of Tower City $39.63, City of Valley City $88,503.76, City of Wimbledon $2,171.05; **TOWNSHIPS:** Alta Twsp $4,644.92, Anderson Twsp $2,113.27, Ashtabula Twsp $265.15, Baldwin Twsp $187.60, Binghampton Twsp $2,134.57, Brimer Twsp $331.77, Cuba Twsp $2,533.12, Eckelson Twsp $817.36, Edna Twsp $7,232.68, Ellsbury Twsp $450.12, Getchell Twsp $602.30, Grand Prairie Twsp $465.44, Green Twsp $440.66, Hemen Twsp $1,055.64, Hobart Twsp $10,078.24, Laketown Twsp $156.94, Mansfield Twsp $1,517.41, Marsh Twsp $10,480.71, Minnie Lake Twsp $133.58, Nelson Twsp $106.99, Noltimier Twsp $810.04, Norma Twsp $8,083.73, Oakhill Twsp $267.35, Oriska Twsp $527.81, Pierce Twsp $10,452.06, Potter Twsp $313.61, Raritan Twsp $7,366.83, Rogers Twsp $237.85, Skandia Twsp $77.40, Springvale Twsp $473.45, Stewart Twsp $10,624.91, Thordenskjold Twsp $21.90, Uxbridge Twsp $1,667.36, Valley Twsp $4,337.26, Weimer Twsp $256.47; **PARK DISTRICTS:** City of Fingal $30.73, City of Kathryn $2.79, City of Nome $.01, City of Sanborn $108.30, Valley City Park Dist $11,413.45; **SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** Enderlin No. 100 - $79,131.62, Griggs Co Central No. 18 - $86.90, Hope No. 120 - $3,795.36, Litchville-Marion No. 46 - $12,618.00, Maple Valley No. 4 - $166,101.02, Montpelier No. 150 - $146.44, North Central No. 65 - $193,447.82, Page No. 160 - $787.04, Valley City No. 2 - $290, 398.99, Wimbledon No. 82 – $272,826.60; **RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS:** Dazey $64.76, Edna $2,2273.96, Enderlin $983.57, Fingal $1,723.67, Hope $185.57, Kathryn $87.52, Nome $2,128.10, Sanborn $2,392.62, Tower City $114.77, Wimbledon $9,033.58; **MARTIN'S**

LANDING ASSESSMENT FUND: Barnes Rural Water $359.17; **INTEREST FUND:** Barnes Co Treasurer $10,305.49; **PAYROLL FUND:** Internal Revenue Service $120.26, Job Service ND $1,271.98, State Tax Commissioner $9,558.60.

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

Edward R. McGough Barnes County Auditor	Rodger Berntson, Chairman Barnes County Commission