

The Board of Barnes County Commissioners met in special session Tuesday, May 24, 2005, with all members present.

Assistant States Attorney Jean Delaney presented information from States Attorney Robin Huseby that County Recorder Janna Zaun's resignation will be official June 8.

Deputy Recorder Kerstin Ertelt met with the Commission. Chairman Berntson thanked her for helping out. Discussion took place concerning her interest in appointment to the Recorder's position, which she declined.

Betty Koslofsky and Jason Thiel reported on progress made in catching up work in the Recorder's office.

The Commission discussed an audit of the Recorder's Office by County CPA Harold Rotunda. It was the consensus of the Board that Rotunda should be contacted regarding an audit, and also to explain how the funds taken in are handled.

Deb Bjornson of the Barnes County Abstract Office presented her concerns with the Recorder's Office situation, and expressed her confidence in Kerstin Ertelt's work there.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwehr, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to compensate Ertelt at the rate of \$12.00 per hour for the hours she is working for the present time and effective upon her return to work May 19. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maasjo, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to appoint Tax Director BJ Edwardson as County Recorder as of June 8, 2005, on a trial basis, and to move the Tax Equalization Office to the Recorder's Office. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl will consult Emergency Manager Norma Duppler on moving her office to the current Tax Equalization Office.

It was the consensus of the Board that the moving should begin as soon as possible, before MIS Director Jason Thiel takes his vacation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schwehr, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to approve a resolution honoring the National Guard 141<sup>st</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, in conjunction with the "Freedom Party" being planned for June 4 in Valley City. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo reported that materials to construct the new wall in the Social Services Office would cost approximately \$1,200.00. It was the consensus of the Board to go ahead with the project.

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

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Edward R. McGough  
Barnes County Auditor

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Rodger Berntson, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission