Barnes County Commission Special Meeting
Tuesday, November 22, 2005
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in special session Tuesday, November 22, 2005, with all members present. Also present were: Tax Director-Recorder BJ Edwardson; Kerstin Ertelt; States Attorney Brad Cruff; Jay Cink; Keith Colville; Bob Drake; Leroy Neubauer; and Rocky Kowalski.

Cruff informed the Commission of their options since the petitions concerning the Resolution adopted October 18, 2005, (combining the offices and positions of the Barnes County Recorder and the Barnes County Tax Director into one unelected office and position) were received and appear to have collected the required number of signatures.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Maasjo, to amend paragraph four of The Plan, as it currently is stated from "the Director of Property and Records will be an appointed position" to "the Director of Property and Records will be an appointed position effective with a vacancy in the office or the first Monday in January 2007, whichever first occurs." Upon a roll call vote with all members voting “yes,” motion carried.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, to appoint Kerstin Ertelt as County Recorder until the 2006 election, at the salary of $13.25 per hour. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting “yes,” motion carried.

Ertelt was then sworn in as County Recorder by Brad Cruff.

It was the consensus of the Board that they will re-evaluate the salaries of BJ Edwardson and Betty Koslofsky in January, 2006.

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

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Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

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Rodger Berntson, Chairman
Barnes County Commission