Barnes County Special Commission Meeting
Thursday, December 29, 2005
Valley City, ND 58072

The Board of Barnes County Commissioners met in a special end-of-year session Thursday, December 29, 2005.

Tax Director BJ Edwardson met with the Commission to present the state certified 2006 agricultural average value per acre for Barnes County as $403.39. Discussion took place on recommendations from the Barnes County Soils Committee.

Commissioner Berntson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Triebold, that a) the agricultural value target be as close as possible to 95.5 percent of the state-certified average for the 2006 tax year with minus 4.5 percent per acre prepared for township valuation data sheets effective for the 2006 tax year. There will be no more than ½ percent tolerance allowed at the local level for adjustments; and b) that all qualifying inundated acres will be valued at $9.22, based on non-cropland average landowner share of gross returns per acre, effective for the 2006 tax year. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwehr, to approve the Beer, Liquor, and Sunday Alcoholic Beverage license for S&M Roadside Bar & Grill. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Maasjo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwehr, to amend the following budgets for 2005. Upon a roll call vote with all members voting "yes," motion carried.

- Non-Departmental: $75,000.00 - Dollars spent on Homeland Security, reimbursed at 100 percent;
- Tax Equalization: $500.00 – Increased salary costs while Tax Office assumed the responsibilities of the County Recorder's Office;
- Buildings and Grounds: $36,000.00 – Dollars spent to refurbish the District Courtroom, reimbursed at 50 percent;
- Sheriff: $40,000.00 – Dollars spent on law enforcement grants, reimbursed at 100 percent;
- County Road & Bridge: $35,000.00 – Dollars transferred from the Highway Distribution Fund;
- County Parks: $26,000.00 – Needed repairs and equipment costs over the budget amount;
- Weed Control: $36,500.00 – Costs of labor, publishing, chemicals, and equipment over the budgeted amounts;
- Advertising: $1,500.00 – County dues increases over budgeted amounts;
- Data Processing: $1,600.00 – Service maintenance costs charged to MIS budget associated with new software purchase;
- Corrections: $24,000.00 - Medical assistance, nurse, and termination costs over the budgeted amount;
- 2004 Bridge Sinking: $499,300.00 – Bridge bond dollars transferred to the Bridge fund and not budgeted in this year.

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

_____ _____

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Harlan Opdahl, Chairman
Barnes County Commission