Barnes County Commission
Monday, December 22, 2008
Valley City, North Dakota

The Barnes County Commission met in special session Monday, December 22, 2008, with all members present. Also present were Dick Rausch, Florida Power and Light Energy, and Steven Jones, Blattner Construction.

FPLE requested that they be allowed to continue to use County Road 27/Peak Road to stage wind turbine components and related equipment for the M Power project near Luverne and other North Dakota projects, at and near their current substation and office complex, including the road restriction period effective in the spring of 2009.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Mark Anderson, KLJ, discussed estimated minimum and maximum costs to repair anticipated damages to the asphalt road surface and substructure for the approximate 15 miles of haul road.

Mr. Rausch and Mr. Jones discussed options, including bonds, escrow and when the repairs will be made.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to grant permission for FPLE to use County Road 27 during 2009 spring road restrictions, subject to FPLE being responsible for repairing that section of the road used during road restrictions, including a minimum of a 1 ½ inch bituminous overlay, necessary repairs to the substructure/road bed where needed, and to provide a financial letter of guarantee in a sum sufficient to cover the costs of the anticipated repairs through December 31, 2010. Upon a roll call vote with all voting “yes,” motion carried.

Discussion took place concerning the hourly salary for the recently-hired employee in the County Recorder’s Office.

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

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Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

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Rodger Berntson, Chairman
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