

The Barnes County Commission met in special budget session Thursday, September 24, 2009, with all members present.

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, met with the Commission to discuss the 2010 salary budget for Highway Department employees.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Opdahl, to change the grade from 7 to 6 for Highway employee Richard Lee, due to his lack of a CDL. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to lower the salary budget of the Highway Department by the one part-time and two full-time positions which are unfilled.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to change the grade from 9 to 8 for Auditor's Office employee Yvonne Pegg, due to responsibility changes. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Heather Pautz, Social Services Director, discussed an employee whose salary needed to be increased to at least meet the minimum state requirements for that position.

Commissioner Opdahl made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to increase the salary for Linda Harmon, Social Services employee, from \$17.07 to \$17.22 per hour which is the minimum per-hour salary for her position. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

Ms. Pautz also discussed changing her grade back to 14, with the accompanying salary increase, and as recommended by the North Dakota State Social Services Directors' Association. It was the consensus of the Board that Pautz's grade status be returned to 14 as requested.

Kim Franklin, EMA, updated the Commission regarding the FEMA buyout program, stating one more committee meeting and a public meeting will be held.

Discussion was held concerning the Water Resource Board budget, and the costs associated with Clausen Springs' park, lake, and dam.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Schwehr, to approve the 2010 salary schedule of \$165,969.07. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes" except Commissioner Berntson, who voted "no," motion carried.

Commissioner Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Froelich, to approve the preliminary 2010 County budget. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

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  
Barnes County Commission