

The Barnes County Commission met in special session Monday, October 25, 2010, with all members present. Topic was possible FEMA buyouts at Lee's Resort, Lake Ashtabula, as well as a hearing on the minimum sale prices set for the delinquent tax properties sale.

The following residents were present: Robert Eggert, Mark Anderson, Perry Kapaun, Lois Bjornson, Betty Knecht, Shelly Nelson, Kristie Plecity (for Sharon Plecity), Pat Folk, Bryan Kriewald, Dean Ross, Craig & Pam Lasher, Steve Ross, Jay Ehrmantraut, Alfhild Ehrmantraut, Kevin Benson, Elmer Knecht, Jr., Jim Dwyer.

Deb Kantrud of South Central Dakota Regional Council and Ray Morrell of the ND Department of Emergency Services were present to explain buyout procedures and funding sources. Discussion was held concerning allowable uses for buyout properties under FEMA programs.

Mr. Morrell explained that residents under the funding programs offered could roll those funds over under a potential future governor-declared disaster.

Discussion took place regarding erosion to a road leading to Katie's Landing, which is used to enter and exit a subdivision.

Resident Lois Bjornson, a member of the Rebel Ridge Association, Lee's Subdivision, addressed the meeting regarding homeowners who have already moved their homes once.

Kevin Benson reported that he has moved because his cabin is on fault lines, and that he has had verbal engineering of the land where his cabin is located done.

Jim Dwyer stated his land and cabin have suffered total devastation due to the sloughing of his property.

Seven families are affected by this problem.

Discussion regarding the involvement of a hydrologist and engineer was held.

Bob Eggert stated he has sold a lot with waivers on the zoning of lake properties.

Perry Kapaun of Barnes Rural Water discussed the business decisions they may have to make on serving the residents of this area.

Discussion took place concerning the role that the Planning and Zoning Board should take in building subdivisions along the lake.

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

Chairperson Schwehr opened the hearing on the minimum sale prices set by the Board for the delinquent tax properties.

The Commission reviewed the properties listed and set the prices for all properties.

Commissioner Froelich made a motion, seconded by Weber, to approve the minimum sale prices as set. Upon a roll call vote with all voting "yes," motion carried.

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

Edward R. McGough
Barnes County Auditor

Cindy Schwehr, Chairperson
Barnes County Commission