

The Barnes County Commission met in Special Budget session on Monday, August 24, 2015 with Mike Metcalf, Bill Carlblom, Cindy Schwehr, John Froelich, and Rodger Berntson present. Chairman Schwehr called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Options for whittling down the County budget were discussed, and the following recommendations were made:

- Reduce the salary proposal from the "full request" to "second half of the July 1, 2015 increases".
- Remove requests from the Auditor, Treasurer, State's Attorney, Tax Director, Emergency Management, MIS, and Social Services for desks and chairs, and look at taking care of those needs in 2015 instead. Mike Metcalf will coordinate this with Valley Officeworks.
- Allow County Road & Bridge 0.5 mills, as has been done in the past.
- Remove the request from Veterans Services for a replacement vehicle, as it is not needed at this time.
- Remove \$250,000 from Building & Grounds for building repairs.
- Remove \$200,000 from 911 Dispatch for radio replacement.
- Allow City-County Health District the same dollars as last year.
- Allow Veterans Services the same dollars as last year.
- Allow Economic Development the same dollars as last year.
- Allow Water Resources the same mills as last year.
- Allow Library the same mills as last year.

Another meeting to further discuss the budget will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 5 pm. The budget hearing will be held at 6 pm on Monday, September 21, 2015.

With no further business, Mike Metcalf made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 am.

Cindy Schwehr, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor