Barnes County Commission
January 2, 2024
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 2023 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., roll-call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

Emergency Management – Emergency Declaration

Jessica Jenrich, Emergency Manager, presented an Emergency Declaration of Winter Storm Disaster for the recent ice storm. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the declaration; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Barnes County, North Dakota
Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS. The County of Barnes has suffered damages from Severe Winter Weather that was caused by rain, sleet, and winds that occurred from December 25, 2023 through December 27.2023; and WHEREAS, heavy layer of ice, stressed by strong winds caused extensive damage to utility infrastructure; and WHEREAS, efforts to repair and restore infrastructure is creating damage to roads and right-of-ways and has caused extensive damages to the rural electric cooperatives; and WHEREAS, this storm caused power outages throughout the county, downed power poles and transmission line; and WHEREAS, this heavy ice and winds caused major tree damages and damage to buildings and property; and WHEREAS, the impact of these damages raise concerns and threaten the health, well-being, and public safety of citizens in the county Barnes due to the storm; and WHERAS, the cost of ice/snow removal and tree removal and the cost of repair, replacement and cleanup of damaged property is in excess of available citizen and county resources. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Barnes County Commission declares a state of emergency to include damages from severe storm activity and to utilize the Barnes County Local Emergency Operations Plan to limit the hardships and impact of this emergency upon the citizens of Barnes County.

Dated at Valley City, North Dakota, this 27th day of December 2023.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Interim Auditor

Auditor – Minutes

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the December 19, 2023, and December 28, 2023 minutes; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included portfolio updates. Pete Paulson provided updates on Veteran Service Office monthly operations. Shawn Olauson reported some Social Service personnel will be working from home coming in to work in the courthouse occasionally. Cindy Schwehr updated the City County Health District parking lot repair and stripping will be done in the spring. New north doors are installed, and the electronic access is not finished. There was a glass office wall removed. Their old generator needs a switch installed that is not there and will be removed and replaced with a new generator installed in the spring. A lawyer has been secured to handle legal issues. Hours may change. Influenza is spreading. Vicky Lovell attended the library board meeting, and their budget has been approved. Garrison Diversion recreation application deadline is March first. Bill Carlblom tried to listen in on the last meeting but there was no sound. The Highway Department has received their new grader, and they have a new employee starting and another driver completed their CDL. Paul Lacina spoke regarding School District Building Fund Levy, and he is okay with the proposal of paying back four years of overpayment for 2019 – 2022 based on information he received from the Barnes County Auditor's Office.

Bills Approved for December 2023

General Fund: A P Equipment Inc $55.95, Aflac $2,620.06, Aflac Group Insurance $48.51, Allard Trophy Co $278.00, Amazon Capital Services $1,377.76, Bakkegard & Schell $459.40, Balco Uniform Co. Inc $266.27, Barnes County $162.50, Barnes County Wildlife Federation $1,200.00, Barnes Rural Water $481.21, Baymont Inn & Suites $96.30, Bek Communications Cooperative $498.04, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. $1,521.40, Blair's Auto Body Llc $367.00, Blr $3,318.00, Blue 360 Media Llc $205.94, Buffalo Bridges Hsz $20.40, Carlblom, William $99.13, Cass County Electric $119.92, Catt Designs $300.00, Central Business Systems $1,738.60, Centurylink Az $1,541.37, Charm-Tex Inc $395.40, Cintas Corp II $174.88, City County Health District $11,082.50, Code 4 Services Inc $22,104.35, Cole Papers Inc. $893.14, Colonial Life Insurance $126.47, Consolidated Correctional Foodserv $11,646.03, Counties Providing Technology $5,310.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $1,716.00, Dacotah Bank Sd $33,518.78, Dacotah Insurance $50.00, Dakota Central Telecommunications $21.00, Dickey Rural

Telephone Coop. $319.30, Ehlers, Breck $30.00, Esch, Mike $148.00, Everbridge Inc $6,952.50, Farm & Home Publishers $825.00, Fmj Electric Llc $5,000.00, Frontline Public Safety Solutions $3,612.50, Grotberg Electric, Inc. $65.00, Handy Hardware & Rental $1,635.69, Hi-Way Servicenter $868.61, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. $98.00, Information Technology Department $6,033.09, Inter-Community Telephone $150.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 $162.68, Jamestown Communications, Inc. $100.00, Jamestown Regional Medical Center $513.00, Jenrich, Jessica $51.30, Klj Engineering Llc $200.52, Koepplin, Bobby $111.35, Leaf $190.00, Lexipol Llc $2,018.80, Lovell, Victoria $134.09, Marco $1,605.30, Mcclaflin, Randy $21.00, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl $192.73, Miller, Sarah $304.46, Minn-Kota Communications Inc $22,909.72, Montana-Dakota Utilities $4,943.59, Nd Association Of Counties $2,810.00, Nd Attorney General $2,660.00, Nd 911 Association $100.00, Northwest Iron Fireman, Inc. $714.00, Office Of The State Auditor $750.00, Olauson, Shawn $73.71, Otter Tail County $86.50, P.O.S.T. Board $90.00, Paulson, Pete $73.58, Pharmchem Inc $303.15, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc $11.52, Quadient Leasing Usa Inc $679.38, Record Keepers, Llc $107.50, Rj's Plumbing & Heating $860.42, Ross' Tree Service $4,000.00, Runge, Jason $25.00, Sanford Health Sd $2,591.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine $270.00, Secretary Of State $36.00, Servicemaster Of Valley City $220.00, Smith Lumber Company $204.92, Stoudt Miller Inc $523.54, Stutsman County Correctional Cente $2,175.00, Summit Companies $640.00, Summit Fire Protection Co $777.50, Superior Vision Services Inc $609.80, The Medicine Shoppe $68.36, Thibert, Cody $25.00, Thiel, Jason $82.10, Thomson Reuters -West $368.01, Urban Green Room $126.86, Valley Auto Parts $181.04, Valley Barber Service $105.00, Valley City Eagles $2,610.00, Valley City Fire Dept. $20.00, Valley City Public Works $4,332.66, Valley City Times-Record $768.12, Valley Flooring $5,797.51, Valley Officeworks $1,740.12, Vanguard Appraisals Inc $2,480.00, Verizon Wireless $1,218.68, Vertiv Corporation $6,088.00, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd $1,890.00, Total For Fund $212,304.52, **City County Health:** City County Health District $1,244.86, Total For Fund $1,244.86, **Veterans Service Office:** Aflac $149.59, Centurylink Az $6.49, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $75.00, Dacotah Bank Sd $86.45, Record Keepers, Llc $7.88, Superior Vision Services Inc $63.10, Urban Couture $171.03, Verizon Wireless $113.82, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd $550.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc $575.82, Total For Fund $1,799.18, **Social Services:** Valley City Public Works $340.00, Total For Fund $340.00, **County Road And Bridge:** A P Equipment Inc $77.50, Advance Garage Door Inc $1,198.00, Aflac $735.47, Aflac Group Insurance $52.30, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. $37.91, Centurylink Az $68.90, Chs Dakota Plains Ag $2,721.23, Colonial Life Insurance $59.04, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $445.00, Dacotah Bank Sd $27.00, Dick Nelson Sales & Leasing $473.40, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. $45.44, Enterprise Sales Co. $78.94, Escosupply $31,005.32, General Equipment & Supplies $8,771.73, Inland Truck Parts & Service $8,346.65, Kotaco $3,011.27, Manson, Heather $10.65, Miller Motors Inc $2,875.43, Nd Association Of Counties $545.00, Nelson International, Inc. $118.47, Northwest Tire Inc. $71.97, Olauson, Amanda $116.60, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow $156.27, Petro Serve Usa $971.85, Powerplan Oib $2,860.90, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care $640.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine $197.00, Smith Lumber Company $605.44, State Disbursement Unit - North Da $673.00, Suhr, Dustin $93.62, Superior Vision Services Inc $97.90, Valley Auto Parts $2,849.37, Valley City Public Works $2,227.51, Valley City Times-Record $124.00, Verizon Wireless $99.17, Western Dakota Energy Association $1,500.00, Total For Fund $73,989.25, **Weed Control:** Aflac $149.93, Barnes Co Highway Dept $178.75, Didier, Beth M $56.28, Handy Hardware & Rental $109.93, Nd Weed Control Association $475.00, Stoudt Miller Inc $73.20, Valley City Public Works $33.77, Verizon Wireless $200.05, Wieland, Robert $42.00, Windish, Jamen $50.00, Total For Fund $1,368.91, **County Agent:** Aflac $33.50, Amazon Capital Services $89.58, Centurylink Az $4.95, Dacotah Bank Sd $96.30, Harstad, Alicia $377.06, Milender, Sue $580.20, Ndsu Dept 3110 $105.00, Quill Corporation $299.90, Superior Vision Services Inc $11.50, Tichy, Amy J $225.30, Valley Officeworks $888.32, Total For Fund $2,711.61, **Farm To Market 15 Mill:** Bierschbach Equipment & Supply $203.00, Hubert Oye & Sons, Inc. $20,407.90, Klj Engineering Llc $3,814.36, Nd Dept Of Transportation $555.86, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow $61.30, Tom Gilbertson & Sons $19,623.94, Total For Fund $44,666.36, **County Bridge:** Smith Lumber Company $149.15, Total For Fund $149.15, **County Agent Revolving:** Dacotah Bank Sd $66.00, Total For Fund $66.00, **Community Service:** Amazon Capital Services $12.59, Verizon Wireless $42.49, Total For Fund $55.08, **Grants And Projects:** Aman, Betty $400.00, Birkland, Jan $40.00, Centurylink Az $1.26, Giesler, Danielle $1,000.00, Henry, Dorothy $40.00, Henry, Loren $40.00, Johnson, Brinklyn $30.00, Keller, Constance $400.00, Koch, Brenda $456.53, Leevers Foods $5.39, Magness, Ariah $340.00, Swenson, Allison $1,200.00, Zent, Julie $835.68, Total For Fund $4,788.86, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. $805.80, Total For Fund $805.80, **Flood Emergency 2011:** Potter Township $8,205.05, Reid, Ken $45.62, Total For Fund $8,250.67, **Stewart Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. $2,767.73, Total For Fund $2,767.73, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist $961.38, Total For Fund $961.38, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport $1,107.85, Total For Fund $1,107.85, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer $6,489.69, Total For Fund $6,489.69, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services $591.63, Total For Fund $591.63, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance $457.20, Total For Fund $457.20, **Water Resources:** Aflac $36.75, Anderson, Bruce $101.53, Centurylink Az $.35, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $50.00, Hieb, Jerry $257.54, Houston Engineering, Inc. $17,077.10, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. $3,917.75, Total For Fund $21,441.02, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society $222.00, Total For Fund $222.00, **Library:** Valley City Public Library $500.53, Total For Fund $500.53, **Recorders Preservation Fu:** Nd Association Of Counties $360.00, Nelson, Jodie $1,855.00, Pfaff, Jody $1,855.00, Tyler Technologies Inc $6,079.00, Total For Fund $10,149.00, **Cities:** Dazey $603.06, Fingal $271.60, Kathryn $586.85, Litchville $2,408.28, Rogers $39.82, Sanborn $1,670.14, Sibley $2.34, Valley City $11,170.33, Wimbledon $461.08, Total For Fund $17,213.50, **Townships:** Alta $684.44, Anderson $1,670.09, Ashtabula $495.70, Baldwin $298.32, Binghampton $479.11, Brimer $442.72, Cuba $534.25, Dazey $362.99, Eckelson $380.85, Edna $528.62, Ellsbury $359.15, Getchell $526.48, Grand $435.93, Green $566.51, Greenland $367.28, Hemen $313.52, Hobart $550.36, Laketown $266.20, Mansfield $292.37, Marsh $696.72, Meadow $475.79, Minnie

$397.18, Nelson $467.67, Noltimier $1,239.25, Norma $444.40, Oakhill $365.66, Oriska $359.62, Pierce $396.89, Potter $268.73, Raritan $384.88, Rogers $262.94, Rosebud $455.04, Sibley $1,516.31, Skandia $387.75, Spring $438.67, Springvale $406.08, Stewart $344.69, Svea $367.48, Thordenskjold $445.61, Uxbridge $520.15, Valley $1,487.55, Weimer $309.46, $21,993.41, **Park Districts:** Fingal $3.64, Kathryn $7.17, Litchville $108.29, Sanborn $63.34, Sibley $.08, Valley City $2,755.39, Total For Fund $2,937.91, **School Districts:** Barnes County North $11,333.71, Litchville-Marion $1,673.92, Maple Valley $3,579.59, Valley City $7,737.31, $24,324.53, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey $610.53, Edna $67.11, Enderlin $8.69, Fingal $112.64, Hope $128.28, Kathryn $38.35, Nome $70.11, Page $41.41, Sanborn $999.56, Tower City $65.67, Valley City Rural Fire Protection $124.79, Wimbledon $247.08, Total For Fund $2,514.22, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. $1,844.25, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. $495.00, Stewart Drain Ii $493.81, Total For Fund $2,833.06, **Covid St & Local Fiscal R:** Klj Engineering Llc $3,500.00, Total For Fund $3,500.00, Total Warrants $472,544.91

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Vicky Lovell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Interim Auditor