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

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m., roll-call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, a tour of third floor courthouse office space was taken. The agenda was reviewed upon return from the office space tour.

Emergency Management

Jessica Jenrich presented information on Severe Summer Weather Awareness week which is designated as April 22nd through April 26th. A drill will be done sometime during the week with the tornado sirens being set off. Plans are still being made. Dispatch will send out a notice on Everbridge. The Times Record and News Dakota will be notified. Businesses, schools, and counties will be notified. Jessica would like to implement county wide fire and tornado drills again.

Auditor – Minutes

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the March 19, 2024 minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the Local Raffle Permit for Barnes County North School District; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote. County Government Month is the month of April. Barnes County Commission set County Government Week as April 15 through April 19th. The county will serve Walking Taco's and Ice Cream floats on Tuesday April 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson reported we have another applicant for the VSO position and will set up interviews. There are also two applicants for the part time VSO driver opening. We need to get help up at the VSO even if it's just answering phones and helping Tammy out until we fill the position. The Development Corporation meeting will be next Monday. Shawn Olauson reported that we will need to appoint a Water District Manager. Shawn attended the Township Officers meeting which was good. He also attended the County Summit meeting in Bismarck which was also very good. Topics discussed were property tax elimination and shared services regarding combining offices. Wes at the museum wants to know what the county will do if anything for the Barnes County 150th Centennial. The county will put a full-page ad in the Centennial book. Crissy Drake at Dispatch will design an ad to put in the book. Vicky Lovell reported HUD Housing had someone come in to evaluate their boiler and cooling system. MC3000 oil that the Highway Department uses to do chip overlay is no longer made. Jamie will attend a conference in Bismarck to see what the available alternatives are. Equipment no longer used will be put out on bids. Bill Carlblom has meetings coming up next week.

States Attorney

The lawyer handling conflicts cases has taken a full-time job offer in Bismarck and is no longer able to help Tonya with conflict cases. Tonya would like to hire another lawyer at the same rate as the previous lawyer to help with those cases that are conflicts. There are no applicants for an Assistant States Attorney at the increased hiring rate. She would like to attend another training conference in June applicable to a case she is working on and would like permission to attend. This training will be in Louisville Kentucky. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve Tonya attending the training in Louisville Kentucky; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Cindy, Bill, and Pete voting yes and Vicky and Shawn voting no. Ways to reach outside our boundaries were discussed to try to find applicants. Finding applicants is a statewide issue. Tonya is getting overworked and stressed without an Assistant States Attorney. Office remodeling was discussed to give the States Attorney's office more room and more security. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to raise the Assistant State Attorney's hiring wage to $100,000; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. Tonya would like additional compensation of $50,000.00 for carrying the extra workload for the extended period. There is three months of this year that has not been spent on payroll for an Assistants States Attorney which would be available from her budget. This will be tabled until the next commission meeting.

Bills Approved for March 2024

General Fund: Accurate Control Inc $164.00, Aflac $2,742.04, Aflac Group Insurance $48.51, Alber, Laurel $44.00, Allard Trophy Co $37.00, Amazon Capital Services $200.84, Andrew S Marquart $1,200.80, Axon Enterprise Inc $16,196.88, Balco Uniform Co. Inc $168.96, Barnes County $157.21, Barnes Rural Water $285.56, Bek Communications Cooperative $505.34, Bill's Gun Shop & Range $1,325.59, Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center $288.90, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. $44.91, Carlblom, Taylor $50.00, Carlblom, William $111.64, Cass County Electric $340.85, Central Business Systems $70.80, Centurylink Az $1,167.09, Charm-Tex Inc $151.80, City County Health District $20,666.25, Cole Papers Inc. $990.97, Colonial Life Insurance $126.47, Consolidated Correctional Foodserv $11,497.05, Counties Providing Technology $2,690.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $1,816.00, Dacotah Bank Sd $11,149.21, Dacotah Insurance $50.00, Dakota Business Solutions Inc $100.00, Dakota Central Telecommunications $21.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. $317.01, Eide Bailly, Llp $12,509.98, G & R Controls Inc $393.50, Grand Forks County $6,975.00, Greb, Gregory & Rose $1,799.82, Grenz, Carol $216.36, Handy Hardware & Rental $188.84, Hansen, Stacie $50.00, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. $8.00, Hr Collaborative $347.00, Information Technology Department $6,055.19, Inter-Community Telephone $150.00, Jacobson, Ian $25.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 $162.68, Kotaco $807.11, Leaf $190.00, Lentz,Jared $36.00, Litchville Bulletin $342.41, Lovell, Victoria $143.80, Marco $490.02, Marco Inc - St Louis $325.76, Marshall Repair $30.00,

Marshall, Lori $82.90, Mid-States Wireless, Inc. $4,748.68, Midwest Pest Control $200.00, Miller, Sarah $189.14, Mindt, Julie $118.68, Montana-Dakota Utilities $3,524.45, Morehouse Enterprises Llc $5,529.88, Morse Watchmans Inc $237.00, Motorola Solutions Inc $41.16, Nd Association Of Counties $1,443.34, Nd Attorney General $5,105.00, Nd Sheriffs & Deputies Assn $500.00, Ndvaa $50.00, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst $149.63, Olauson, Shawn $126.38, Paulson, Pete $136.18, Pauly Jail Building Company,Inc $1,530.00, Pederson, Karen $218.45, Penguin Management Inc $2,430.00, Petro Serve Usa $8,306.29, Pharmchem Inc $95.85, Quadient Finance Usa Inc $3,100.67, Quadient Leasing Usa Inc $679.38, Quality Alignment & Brake Center $379.93, Quality Auto Body Shop Inc $379.93, Record Keepers, Llc $87.50, Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. $600.00, Rj's Plumbing & Heating $714.99, Roorda, Elizabeth $50.00, Sanford Health Sd $707.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine $2,419.00, Schroeder, Robert & Barbara $288.00, Servicemaster Of Valley City $220.00, Shjandemarr, Ryan $1,738.78, Sirchie Acquisition Company,Llc $265.29, Smith Lumber Company $14.75, Stoudt Miller Inc $725.57, Stutsman County Correctional Cente $2,400.00, Superior Vision Services Inc $667.00, Thomson Reuters -West $747.06, Tritech Software System $9,376.11, Valley Barber Service $274.00, Valley City Public Works $4,537.59, Valley City Times-Record $757.44, Valley Officeworks $325.23, Verizon Wireless $2,278.77, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd $3,780.00, Wolff, Jeremy $270.90, Yanish, Donald $640.07, Total For Fund $179,161.12, **City County Health:** City County Health District $161,763.55, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine $108.00, Total For Fund $161,871.55, **Veterans Service Office:** Aflac $149.59, All Flags Llc $204.29, Centurylink Az $15.71, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $50.00, Dacotah Bank Sd $470.99, Litchville Bulletin $25.00, Petro Serve Usa $299.51, Stoudt Miller Inc $61.83, Superior Vision Services Inc $46.00, Tyler Technologies Inc $449.00, Valley City Times-Record $201.00, Verizon Wireless $113.84, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd $1,100.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc $676.42, Total For Fund $3,863.18, **County Road And Bridge:** Aflac $565.53, Aflac Group Insurance $52.30, Berts Truck Equipment $246.00, Butler Machinery Co. $8,960.08, Centurylink Az $69.51, Chs Dakota Plains Ag $107.95, Colonial Life Insurance $59.04, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $387.68, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. $45.45, Enterprise Sales Co. $31.99, Fargo Freightliner $2,661.39, Handy Hardware & Rental $139.67, Jemco-Maxair $742.72, Keith's Ac, Refrigeration, & Heati $125.00, Klj Engineering Llc $11,527.12, Kotaco $119.03, Montana-Dakota Utilities $271.75, Northwest Tire Inc. $2,696.42, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow $173.36, Petro Serve Usa $327.73, Powerplan Oib $1,261.23, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc $35.44, Quality Alignment & Brake Center $112.75, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care $640.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine $94.00, Schaefer Vermeer Equipment Llp $289.48, Starion Bond Services $109,667.50, State Disbursement Unit - North Da $673.00, Suhr, Dustin $232.01, Superior Vision Services Inc $103.50, Swanston Equipment Co. $278.29, Us Bank Equipment Finance $1.82, Valley Auto Parts $2,039.90, Valley City Public Works $2,991.58, Valley City Times-Record Aud L000 $122.40, Verizon Wireless $99.18, Total For Fund $147,951.80, **Weed Control:** Aflac $149.93, Barnes Co Highway Dept $99.82, Dacotah Bank Sd $639.45, Valley Auto Parts $13.69, Valley Officeworks $25.53, Verizon Wireless $200.05, Windish, Jamen $93.00, Total For Fund $1,221.47, **County Agent:** Aflac $33.50, Amazon Capital Services $26.19, Centurylink Az $3.91, Leevers Foods $11.98, Superior Vision Services Inc $11.50, Tichy, Amy J $216.83, Valley City Times-Record $124.00, Valley Officeworks $65.97, Total For Fund $493.88, **B.C. Emergency Hcpra:** Amazon Capital Services $43.56, Valley Officeworks $121.56, Total For Fund $165.12, **Farm To Market 15 Mill:** Nd Dept Of Transportation $87.11, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow $60.72, Valley Auto Parts $66.98, Total For Fund $214.81, **B.C. Economic Dev Fund:** Vc-Bc Development Corporation $22,040.00, Total For Fund $22,040.00, **County Agent Revolving:** Ndsu Dept 3110 $120.00, Total For Fund $120.00, **Grants And Projects:** Aman, Betty $300.00, Centurylink Az $2.65, Hornung, Deb $255.00, Keller, Constance $300.00, Koch, Brenda $337.04, Magness, Ariah $340.00, Olson,Daphne $256.00, Swenson, Allison $974.53, Tripp,Jorgen $385.00, Zent, Julie $1,172.70, Total For Fund $4,322.92, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. $61,143.48, Total For Fund $61,143.48, **Flood Emergency 2011:** Meadow Lake Township $17,402.90, Springvale Township $23,614.99, Total For Fund $41,017.89, **Stewart Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. $112.00, Total For Fund $112.00, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist $41,117.44, Total For Fund $41,117.44, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport $143,879.85, Total For Fund $143,879.85, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer $45,092.13, Total For Fund $45,092.13, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services $159,469.62, Total For Fund $159,469.62, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance $117,473.86, Total For Fund $117,473.86, **Water Resources:** Aflac $35.52, Centurylink Az $.49, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $48.32, Hieb, Jerry $233.16, Houston Engineering, Inc. $11,661.30, Litchville Bulletin $20.60, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. $4,985.50, Valley City Times-Record $84.75, Total For Fund $17,069.64, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society $30,328.41, Total For Fund $30,328.41, **Library:** Valley City Public Library $62,199.38, Total For Fund $62,199.38, **Recorders Preservation Fu:** Nelson, Jodie $1,540.00, Pfaff, Jody $1,540.00, Valley Officeworks $34.22, Total For Fund $3,114.22, **Cities:** Dazey $7,677.82, Fingal $13,274.98, Kathryn $5,353.77, Leal $3,906.36, Litchville $26,589.39, Nome $2,441.98, Oriska $4,715.20, Pillsbury $6,599.68, Rogers $17,706.19, Sanborn $19,962.41, Sibley $7,087.66, Tower City $573.80, Valley City $1,310,616.90, Wimbledon $20,333.91, Total For Fund $1,446,840.05, **Townships:** Alta $30,528.43, Anderson $15,463.25, Ashtabula $23,346.43, Baldwin $22,303.82, Binghampton $22,718.37, Brimer $11,850.50, Cuba $21,588.01, Dazey $5,147.21, Eckelson $18,817.24, Edna $15,997.73, Ellsbury $23,704.94, Getchell $15,144.43, Grand $40,591.71, Green $9,464.36, Greenland $15,847.31, Hemen $13,291.14, Hobart $48,192.94, Laketown $9,973.75, Mansfield $6,563.13, Marsh $23,075.01, Meadow $17,178.41, Minnie $10,792.76, Nelson $14,083.16, Noltimier $20,391.97, Norma $14,832.43, Oakhill $4,581.26, Oriska $32,648.32, Pierce $8,611.09, Potter $25,493.81, Raritan $10,901.93, Rogers $8,747.52, Rosebud $10,184.45, Sibley $9,438.50, Skandia $6,064.86, Spring $10,279.11, Springvale $13,215.84, Stewart $31,819.54, Svea $13,222.93, Thordenskjold $15,719.14, Uxbridge $21,693.21, Valley $34,180.29, Weimer $21,577.96, $749,268.20, **Park Districts:** Fingal $367.36, Litchville $1,041.21, Sanborn

$907.03, Sibley $216.22, Tower City $125.06, Valley City $410,493.92, Total For Fund $413,150.80, **School Districts:** Barnes County North $609,247.65, Enderlin Area Sd 24 $79,538.50, Griggs County Centra $4,148.25, Hope-Page $110,958.40, Litchville-Marion $307,378.94, Maple Valley $551,614.63, Montpelier $18,922.62, Valley City $1,964,503.78, $3,646,312.77, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey $7,139.66, Edna $3,398.16, Enderlin $804.27, Fingal $5,211.71, Hope $12,171.19, Kathryn $4,820.87, Nome $3,814.37, Page $1,484.98, Sanborn $30,370.81, Tower City $7,910.31, Valley City Rural Fire Protection $29,536.77, Wimbledon $12,097.78, Total For Fund $118,760.88, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. $2,545.00, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. $420.74, Stewart Drain Ii $9,749.61, Thordenskjold Drain $14,533.79, Total For Fund $27,249.14, **Upper Maple River Dam Ass:** Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource $428.18, Total For Fund $428.18, **Capital Projects:** Bank Of North Dakota $582,947.49, Total For Fund $582,947.49, **2023 Cybersecurity Grant:** Marco $5,850.00, Total For Fund $5,850.00, Total Warrants $8,234,251.28

With no further business, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olauson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Interim Auditor