Barnes County Commission
June 4, 2024
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, with Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Cindy Schwehr was absent. 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.

US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

US Fish & Wildlife Service is requesting approval to purchase SE ¼ of Section 33-138-59 from John and Helen Olson. Shawn Olauson moved to approve the land purchase by US Fish & Wildlife Service; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote of all present members.

Weed Board

Jamen Windish did not find any grants available for infrastructure to help with the cost of a new building. Jamen will continue to look for lower cost options. The new employee is working out well and Harley is back for the summer.

Corrections

Anna Berntson requested approval to attend along with Sgt. Soderholm and Sgt. Coit, the IACTO 40th Annual Conference being held in Bismarck September 16th through September 19th, 2024 at a cost of $2,211.70 for three employees. Bill Carlblom moved to approve the three Correction Officers to attend the conference; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all present members voting yes. Trail County Inmate Boarding contract was signed.

Auditor – Minutes

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the May 21, 2024 minutes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. Jared Lentz has turned in his resignation leaving the HR/Payroll position open, and the position is being advertised. Julie has 82 vacation hours to use or lose by June 30th. The commission members agreed to allow Julie to carryover 82 hours of vacation to use as soon as possible. Shawn Olauson will give the financial request from the Red River Basin Commission to the Water Board for consideration. Perry Schlagel submitted an application for the open board member position on the BCWRD board. Shawn Olauson made a motion to approve Perry Schlagel as the new member of the BCWRD board; Vicky Lovel seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote. Shawn will notify Perry of the board acceptance.

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included portfolio updates. Pete provided an update on VSO activities. Tammy is in the process of interviewing for an Office Assistant. If the applicant has good qualifications, Tammy can offer the applicant $22.00 per hour. They are still looking for a part-time driver. Vicky Lovell still has tickets available for the library foundation fundraiser. Shingling for the library roof is scheduled to begin June 20th. Jamie Smith notified the commission that on May 22nd, the Sheyenne River Water Trail had surveyed, bid & located for the installation of signs along and in our county right of way. Anchors and other devices have been installed and some signs as well as sign assemblies. It is upsetting and disturbing and disappointing that the Barnes County Highway Department was never contacted regarding this signage project, especially of this magnitude. Upon receiving a review of the plan set, it was discovered that there are 67 signs to be installed in our county right of way and on county owned bridges. The signage does not meet our standards and does not follow county sign policy which was adopted in 2015. If these signs stay in our right of way and we are required to maintain them, it will be at a cost to the county. Encouraged by Commissioner Carlblom, Jamie has reached out to Bobby Koepplin and informed him that the signage was not approved through the Highway Department and will not be allowed without authorization from the county Highway Department and the commission. It is requested that because specifications were not considered and approval from the Highway Department was not granted and additional costs to the Highway Department will be incurred, that authorization be given to the Highway Department to remove the unauthorized signs at a cost to the Sheyenne River Water Trail. Commissioner Carlblom was aware of a couple of signs going up but not a sign project of this magnitude. Jamie testified on a Spring Road Restriction hearing this morning which went well. The Highway crew is working on graveling projects. Stacie Hansen, Director of Equalization, provided the commissioners with a pre-Equalization meeting information guideline. Preliminary numbers going into Equalization were handed out.

Bill Carlblom moved to recess the meeting until 1:00 PM; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The meeting recessed at 8:55 AM.

2024 COUNTY EQUALIZATION MEETING

Bill Carlblom opened the meeting at 1:00 pm and preceded with the Equalization hearing. Instructions were given. The following recommendations were presented by Ms. Hansen, and the following requests were made by the property owners prior to the meeting:

CITIES: There were no appeals or changes for any cities**.**

TOWNSHIPS

1. Alta-#01-0520201, Pamela Burchill, Corrections to addition/entry and deck square footage, Decrease from

$223,000 to $211,800.
3. Ashtabula-#03-6360040, James Weinmann, no garage was added, Decrease from $230,000 to $187,800. #03-6350040, James Weinmann, garage was taken down, Decrease from $54,600 to $33,500.
38. Svea-#38-2640410, Daniel & Talara Latt, Correction for the Farm Exempt Residence, decrease from $402,500 to $194,300. #38-2940410, Bill & Michelle Carlblom, Correction on percentage complete, increase to $135,400 from $123,300.

Vicky Lovell moved to close the Equalization Hearing: Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried, and the Equalization Meeting reconvened at 1:17 PM. The following motions on township requests carried upon roll call votes, with all members voting yes, unless otherwise noted.

TOWNSHIPS
1. Alta-#01-0520201, Pamela Burchill, Corrections to addition/entry and deck square footage, Decrease from $223,000 to $211,800. Pete Paulson moved to approve the reduction; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion.
3. Ashtabula-#03-6360040, James Weinmann, no garage was added, Decrease from $230,000 to $187,800. Vicky Lovel moved to approve the reduction; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. #03-6350040, James Weinmann, garage was taken down, Decrease from $54,600 to $33,500. Shawn Olauson moved to approve the reduction; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion.
38. Svea-#38-2640410, Daniel & Talara Latt, Correction for the Farm Exempt Residence, decrease from $402,500 to $194,300. Pete Paulson moved to approve the reduction; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. #38-2940410, Bill & Michelle Carlblom, Correction on percentage complete, increase to $135,400 from $123,300. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the increase; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion.

Bill Carlblom reconvened the Commission meeting to act on the Omitted Assessments:

CITIES
50. Dazey-#50-0012035, James D Quick Trustees, previous exempt property now taxable (church parsonage), increase from exempt to $82,900 (OM). #50-0010260, Jason & Rochelle Haugen, Added Garage, increase from $34,300 to $40,300 (OM).
62. Wimbledon-#62-0300105, Shawn Kramlich, Adjustments to Residence and added garage, Increase from $81,400 to $109,800 (OM).

TOWNSHIPS
36. Springvale-#36-3430310, Tyler Smith, Taxable to Farm Exempt, decrease $220,800 to $4,000 (OM).

Pete Paulson made a motion to approve the Omitted Assessments as presented. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all present members voting yes.

Bills Approved For May 2024

General Fund: Abm Supply,Llc $500.00, Advanced Business Methods Inc $537.50, Aflac $2,916.82, Aflac Group Insurance $48.45, Altel - Alternative Telecom Inc $375.00, Amazon Capital Services $1,431.40, Andrew S Marquart $774.00, Barnes Co Ambulance Mandan $1,259.00, Barnes County $868.88, Barnes Rural Water $1,675.76, Bek Communications Cooperative $985.12, Bill's Gun Shop & Range $715.79, Bill's Variety Eats And Catering $1,077.20, Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center $674.10, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. $2,075.20, Branam, Tabatha $59.52, Carlblom, William $125.71, Cass County Electric $358.52, Catt Designs $182.00, Centurylink Az $407.75, Charm-Tex Inc $1,792.56, City County Health District $18,704.92, Cole Papers Inc. $695.35, Colonial Life Insurance $126.47, Consolidated Correctional Foodserv $11,901.37, Counties Providing Technology $2,690.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $1,816.00, Dacotah Bank Sd $16,813.12, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. $320.74, Duffy, Tonya $696.92, Earles, Randall $510.14, Election Systems & Software $4,537.39, Electro Watchman, Inc. $1,080.00, Fat Man Trash Llc $729.75, Fmj Electric Llc $733.00, Fuglestad $214.97, Galls Incorporated $217.61, Gortmaker, Terry & Joyce $543.89, Great Plains Directory $476.00, Grenz, Carol $248.97, Ground To Sky Llc $7,200.00, Handy Hardware & Rental $579.53, Harmsen, Lila $996.56, Information Technology Department $5,975.99, Intab, Inc. $418.62, Inter-Community Telephone $150.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 $162.68, Johnson Controls Fire Protection L $1,828.24, Kotaco $774.60, Leevers Foods $177.33, Lovell, Victoria $162.56, Magnuson, Debbie $156.08, Marco $1,444.08, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl $2,679.06, Mercy Hospital - Valley City $1,746.00, Mid-States Wireless, Inc. $14.49, Midwest Pest Control $274.00, Miller, Sarah $127.08, Mindt, Julie $67.00, Montana-Dakota Utilities $3,452.46, Moore, William $208.62, Morten, Nathan $512.00, Nd Association Of Counties $946.37, Nd Attorney General $2,535.00, Nd Dept Of Corrections & Rehabilit $2,564.82, Nd State's Attorney Assn $300.00, Ndaco $200.00, Nucara Pharmacy $1,315.85, O'reilly Auto Parts $93.13, Olauson, Shawn $126.38, Omdahl, Neil & Kaye $113.83, Pace Systems Inc $1,600.00, Paulson, Pete $160.30, Petro Serve Usa $3,778.14, Pharmchem Inc $447.30, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc $110.10, Quadient Finance Usa Inc $4,000.00, Rasmussen, Gregory J $328.32, Real Vision Software, Inc. $3,500.00, Record Keepers, Llc $70.00, Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. $1,000.00, Rj's Plumbing & Heating $72.09, Sanford Health Sd $1,023.81, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine $183.00, Servicemaster Of Valley City $220.00, Shockley, Charles B & K Sharon $673.05, Smith Lumber Company $52.88, State Disbursement Unit - North Da $722.40, State Tax Commissioner $129.75, Stearns, Brenda Carol $1,432.98, Storey Kenworthy Matt Parrott $213.94, Stoudt Miller Inc $495.76, Stutsman County Correctional Cente $4,700.00, Sunset Law Enforcement Llc

$725.10, Superior Vision Services Inc $672.60, Svenningsen, Glen $2,497.42, The Sidwell Company $6,480.00, Thomson Reuters -West $379.05, Valley City Public Works $2,996.64, Valley City Times-Record $1,335.55, Valley Officeworks $251.07, Valley Paint & Glass $4,648.00, Verizon Wireless $1,212.66, Volk, Joachim $140.48, Volk, Shelby $512.00, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd $3,780.00, Wendel Auto Body $836.05, Total For Fund $170,579.69, **City County Health:** City County Health District $5,463.26, Total For Fund $5,463.26, **Veterans Service Office:** Aflac $149.59, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. $62.85, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $50.00, Jacobson, Tammy J. $271.29, Record Keepers, Llc $7.88, Stoudt Miller Inc $64.83, Superior Vision Services Inc $17.10, Valley City Times-Record $60.00, Verizon Wireless $112.80, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd $1,100.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc $676.42, Total For Fund $2,572.76, **County Road And Bridge:** A P Equipment Inc $300.70, Aflac $583.90, Aflac Group Insurance $52.30, Allard Trophy Co $21.00, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. $829.40, Butler Machinery Co. $1,530.64, Centurylink Az $60.89, Chs Dakota Plains Ag $26,204.98, Colonial Life Insurance $59.04, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $386.00, Dacotah Bank Sd $267.82, Dakota Industrial Supply $33.50, Dakotaland Autoglass Inc $556.01, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. $47.72, Duffy, Gary $80.00, General Equipment & Supplies $1,490.82, Handy Hardware & Rental $26.54, Klj Engineering Llc $1,153.55, Kotaco $2,410.59, Little Falls Machine, Inc. $1,434.39, Lycox Enterprises, Inc $1,467.50, Manson, Heather $16.28, Montana-Dakota Utilities $216.84, Ndsu - Ugpti $100.00, Nelson International, Inc. $143,584.00, Northern Salt Inc $3,878.60, Ok Tire Store $8,400.00, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow $213.93, Petro Serve Usa $1,051.92, Piatz, Jacob $5.95, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc $103.19, Quality Alignment & Brake Center $229.75, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care $640.00, Schaefer Vermeer Equipment Llp $25.10, State Disbursement Unit - North Da $673.00, Superior Vision Services Inc $103.50, Swanston Equipment Co. $824.05, Valley Auto Parts $1,647.07, Valley City Public Works $2,151.73, Valley Officeworks $300.21, Verizon Wireless $98.66, Total For Fund $203,261.07, **Weed Control:** Aflac $149.93, Aligned Ag Inc $31,656.15, Barnes Co Highway Dept $259.69, Bayshore City Side $169.95, Didier, Beth M $22.78, Fei Inc $11.06, First International Insurance $20.00, F\S Manufacturing Inc $172.89, Handy Hardware & Rental $462.20, Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc $107,782.10, Pollert, Mark $2,097.50, Valley Auto Parts $99.67, Valley City Times-Record $337.00, Verizon Wireless $200.05, Windish, Jamen $650.00, Total For Fund $144,090.97, **County Agent:** Aflac $33.50, Amazon Capital Services $99.42, Dacotah Bank Sd $40.03, Handy Hardware & Rental $4.99, Harstad, Alicia $673.59, Leevers Foods $25.92, Milender, Sue $50.00, Superior Vision Services Inc $11.50, Tichy, Amy J $212.70, Valley Officeworks $193.95, Total For Fund $1,345.60, **Farm To Market 15 Mill:** Nd Dept Of Transportation $880.47, Total For Fund $880.47, **County Bridge:** Reinsel,Bob $100.00, Total For Fund $100.00, **Community Service:** Nd Community Corrections Associati $110.25, Total For Fund $110.25, **Grants And Projects:** Aman, Betty $300.00, Anderson, Tara $1,600.00, Boese, Debra $230.00, Calheim,Vicky $1,354.23, Casserly, Mackenzie $750.00, Collier, Rebecca $1,600.00, Dean, Aynul $1,460.00, Dream Center $200.00, First Luthern Church $150.00, Frueh, Judy $1,660.00, Hazangwi,Kelvin $2,155.00, Hornung, Deb $425.00, I3g Media $700.00, Johnson, Brinklyn $30.00, Keller, Constance $300.00, Keller, Lori L $3,577.34, Koch, Brenda $423.72, Lillejord,Connie $1,105.00, Magness, Ariah $255.00, Nelson, Melanie $3,280.00, Reimche,Carol $1,920.00, Slaamot,Karen $110.00, Stein, Michelle $625.00, Swenson, Allison $638.17, Tichy, Amy J $280.77, Tripp,Jorgen $330.00, Valley Officeworks $78.88, Vlaminck,Keanna $880.00, Wiedmeier, Tajah $750.00, Zent, Julie $1,277.04, Total For Fund $28,445.15, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. $2,264.57, Total For Fund $2,264.57, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist $1,689.92, Total For Fund $1,689.92, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport $4,871.92, Total For Fund $4,871.92, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer $1,381.49, Total For Fund $1,381.49, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services $2,724.11, Total For Fund $2,724.11, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance $3,864.33, Total For Fund $3,864.33, **Water Resources:** Aflac $36.75, Anderson, Bruce $13.40, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $50.00, Hieb, Jerry $116.58, Houston Engineering, Inc. $10,986.60, Metcalf Archaeological Consultants $3,374.00, Minnesota Valley Testing Laborator $2,507.40, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. $4,339.54, Total For Fund $21,424.27, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society $1,021.49, Total For Fund $1,021.49, **Library:** Valley City Public Library $2,567.40, Total For Fund $2,567.40, **Recorders Preservation Fu:** Nelson, Jodie $1,685.00, Pfaff, Jody $1,615.00, Total For Fund $3,300.00, **Cities:** Dazey $404.39, Fingal $2,846.86, Kathryn $373.76, Leal $9.84, Litchville $2,024.60, Nome $.99, Oriska $42.54, Sanborn $1,026.29, Sibley $226.25, Valley City $20,967.20, Wimbledon $502.03, Total For Fund $28,424.75, **Townships:** Alta $2,501.28, Anderson $2,308.05, Ashtabula $1,576.38, Baldwin $1,894.54, Binghampton $2,429.75, Brimer $2,507.41, Cuba $1,775.26, Dazey $1,260.09, Eckelson $1,507.16, Edna $2,900.53, Ellsbury $1,765.84, Getchell $2,100.88, Grand $1,949.64, Green $2,113.75, Greenland $2,257.29, Hemen $3,479.87, Hobart $2,150.12, Laketown $1,572.67, Mansfield $1,063.35, Marsh $3,193.39, Meadow $1,586.83, Minnie $1,839.21, Nelson $3,104.89, Noltimier $1,738.92, Norma $2,195.18, Oakhill $1,162.59, Oriska $2,483.81, Pierce $1,626.12, Potter $1,386.52, Raritan $1,887.65, Rogers $2,832.11, Rosebud $1,910.73, Sibley $1,258.04, Skandia $2,052.03, Spring $1,992.16, Springvale $1,784.63, Stewart $2,326.90, Svea $1,869.59, Thordenskjold $1,786.45, Uxbridge $2,341.81, Valley $2,612.96, Weimer $3,010.26, $87,096.64, **Park Districts:** Fingal $81.60, Kathryn $10.38, Litchville $79.89, Sanborn $51.91, Sibley $6.90, Valley City $3,613.82, Total For Fund $3,844.50, **School Districts:** Barnes County North $30,620.80, Enderlin Area Sd 24 $2,306.83, Griggs County Centra $125.05, Hope-Page $4,482.03, Litchville-Marion $18,409.52, Maple Valley $17,936.15, Montpelier $475.58, Valley City $45,936.11, $120,292.07, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey $535.95, Edna $314.75, Enderlin $32.81, Fingal $291.95, Hope $378.48, Kathryn $368.82, Nome $142.85, Page $88.06, Sanborn $1,782.32, Tower City $412.83, Valley City Rural Fire Protection $888.11, Wimbledon $615.60, Total For Fund $5,852.53, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. $4,093.50, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. $94.00, Stewart Drain Ii $169.84, Total For Fund $4,357.34, **Payroll Fund:** Dacotah Bank Sd $2,230.13, Nd Association Of Counties Wc $4,704.80, State Tax Commissioner $2,595.00, Total For Fund $9,529.93, Total Warrants $861,356.48

With no further business, Shawn Olauson made a motion, seconded by Vicky Lovell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 PM.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Interim Auditor