Barnes County Commission
August 9, 2024
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in SPECIAL BUDGET session on Friday, August 9, 2024 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Preliminary Budget Discussion

Auditor Julie Mindt presented the preliminary budget requests, some of which exceeded the maximum allowable levy limitations. The following adjustments were made:

- General Fund was set at $5,859,038.31 – which equals 60 mills.
- City County Health was set at $390,578.92 – which equals 4 mills.
- Veterans Service was set at $195,189.12 – which equals 2 mills.
- Road & Bridge was set at $2,440,942.16– which equals 25 mills.
- Weed Control was set at $390,368.50 – which equals 4 mills.
- Emergency set at $390,368.50 – which equals 4.0 mills.
- County Agent was set at $164,065.48 – which equals 1.68 mills.
- Economic Development set at $195,360.63 - which equals 2 mills.
- Bridge Sinking set at $80,131.03 - which equals .82 mills.
- Capital Projects set at $976,008.82 – which equals 10.0 mills.
- Soil Conservation set at $146,467.00 – which equals 1.5 mills.
- Garrison Conservancy set at $97,645.00 – which equals 1 mill.
- Airport set at $230,590.00 – which equals 2.38 mills.
- Older Persons set at $195,289 – which equals 2 mills.
- Ambulance set at $285,340.00 – which equals 3 mills.
- Water Resources set at $293,014.65 – which equals 3 mills.
- Historical Society set at $73,234.00 - which equals .75 mills.
- Library set at $152,000.00 – which equals 2.06 mills.
- State Medical Center set at $97,610.00 - which equals 1 mill.

Cindy Schwehr moved to set the preliminary budget for publication and Estimated Tax Statement purposes at $12,653,491.90 or 130.19 mills on the fund's respective taxable valuations; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon with all members voting "yes".

These are preliminary figures. The Commission intends to work on further reductions between now and October 3, 2024 when the 2025 budget will be finalized.

With no further business, Pete Paulson made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olauson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Interim Auditor