Barnes County Commission
October 1, 2024
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, with Bill Carlblom, Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Bill 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.

Planning & Zoning

Liz Roorda presented one variance for Bridgetown Builders on behalf of Roz Allyson. The application is for a setback variance of 60' from the center of the subdivision road located in Ashtabula Township 27-142-58, Lot 6 Block 2 in Werner Subdivision in Ashtabula Township, Parcel #03-650060 for the purpose of building a cabin. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve the variance; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

Sheriff's Office

Randy McClaflin and Shane Kalbrener presented a quote for the Sheriff's office remodeling in the courthouse from Jesse Vavra. Jesse quoted $20,000 to $26,000 and Ray Nelson quoted $18,000 to $20,000. Valley Lumber is the least expensive for materials. Bill Carlblom made a motion to move forward with Valley Lumber for materials and Ray Nelson for the labor. Shane, James, and Ryan will help Ray as much as they can, and Ray's charge will be adjusted reflecting our employee's help. Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Barnes County Park

The Park Board would like to purchase a JD Utility Tractor with a loader and grapple fork for $41,150.00. It is in the budget for this year. This does not include the grooming mower. The park board did approve this purchase and are now awaiting the approval of the commission. It is needed to do work in the parks. Shawn Olauson made a motion to approve the purchase of the JD Utility Tractor with adding the mower attachment back into the package; the mower attachment is approximately $3,400.00. Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Overtime compensation was discussed for Scott Kohler for doing tree cleanup due to the ice damage that was done this spring for the emergency declaration. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve the overtime for Scott; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes.

Highway Department

Jamie Smith appeared before the commission to give an update on the activities of the Highway Department. City County Health District was at the Highway Department for the annual Flu immunizations. NDACO is awarding Kerry Johnson to the Hall of Honor at the upcoming NDACO Conference in October. DOT will be introducing new staff members. Jamie and Tim will attend the Regional Road Conference in Sioux Falls. She will present on how our Highway Department is run. Township billing for work and mowing is starting. The employees have been prepping the machinery for the snowfall season. Jamen sprayed the cattails in ditches. Employees will be working on patching until freeze up and are finishing up on the culverts. We will partner with the Park Department to prepare for winter and blow out water lines when ready. They will put millings on hills at Little Yellowstone. Jamie would also like to thank the Recorders Office for their help with a problem a prospective buyer of some land brought to her attention where a private dwelling sits partially on county property.

Auditor's Office

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the September 17, 2024 minutes. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the September 26, 2024 minutes with correction; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Julie reported that an offer was made to fill the payroll position, and the offer was accepted pending approval of the background check and the drug and alcohol check. The office has been busy with election preparations and the bulk mailings of ballots has begun to go out.

Veteran Service Office

Tammy Jacobson appeared to discuss the appointment scheduling for veterans and the van drivers. Currently the van driver does the scheduling of the veterans' appointments, and it works well. The board of commissioners feel that it is the duty of the office to do the scheduling, and the driver will not be doing the scheduling going forward. The board feels that the driver is part time and if the driver is on call 24/7, the driver may be putting too much time in to be considered part time and compensation may become an issue. It shouldn't have to be a 24/7 operation. Having more than two part time drivers was also discussed due to the difficulties of getting applicants for another driver. We may have to advertise the opening differently.

Environmental Services

Shane Kalbrener presented the contract for the new boiler system from Martin Mechanical. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to proceed and approve the contract from Martin Mechanical. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried with Cindy, Bill, Shawn and Pete voting yes and Vicky Lovell voting no. Removal of the old jail concrete steps and wall was discussed to make room for parking spaces. The work would be done by Shane, James, and Ryan. Bill Carlblom moved to approve the removal of the steps and walls and ramp for new parking spaces. Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson attended a Weed Board meeting last week. Purple Loosestrife in Potter Township has been an ongoing problem. A helicopter has sprayed the area. Jamen Windish purchased a combination eye wash shower station for $1,200.00 which was approved by the Weed Board. Pete also updated the board members on the VSO office van mileage and office calls. Cindy Schwehr updated the commission board members on City County Health District providing school nurses and how much they charge the school. They are looking into what nursing options can be provided for $16,000.00. The nurse costs approximately $36,000 to $40,000. Katie will meet with Josh Johnson on what can be done. Tommy Bergan is new on the CCHD board. CCHD is looking for a grant to fund a portable mobile unit to use in the Barnes County Communities. Vicky Lovell reported the library is finished inside and they are working on moving books back by October 16th. There will be a small celebration at the library on October 5th with some music. Vicky attended the Housing Authority meeting and the South Central Regional Council meeting.

Final 2025 Budget

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the 2025 budget at the refined budget of 11,799,372.20 or 121.45 mills; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Bills Approved for September 2024

General Fund: Advanced Business Methods Inc $196.19, Aflac $2,697.77, Aflac Group Insurance $48.45, Andrew S Marquart $288.00, Axon Enterprise Inc $14,194.71, Barnes County $928.53, Barnes Rural Water $864.25, Bek Communications Cooperative $1,102.58, Berger Auto & Diesel Repair $8,289.41, Berntson, Anna $70.00, Bob's Excavating Llc $1,410.00, Carlblom, William $112.31, Cass County Electric $974.89, Cass County Government $348.00, Charm-Tex Inc $4,370.40, City County Health District $8,294.75, Cole Papers Inc. $654.39, Colonial Life Insurance $126.47, Computer Information Systems Inc $27,974.73, Consolidated Correctional Foodserv $11,609.10, Counties Providing Technology $2,740.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $1,816.00, Dacotah Bank Sd $10,009.77, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. $333.42, Duffy, Tonya $46.90, Electro Watchman, Inc. $419.40, Fat Man Trash Llc $934.50, Forum Communications Printing $4,652.19, Handy Hardware & Rental $169.53, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. $78.00, Iactp $798.00, Information Technology Department $5,893.89, Inter-Community Telephone $150.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 $162.68, Jamestown Regional Medical Center $463.00, K&K Wood $475.00, Kotaco $837.01, Leaf $190.90, Leevers Foods $147.48, Litchville Bulletin $408.60, Marco Inc - St Louis $1,159.53, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl $14.70, Mercy Hospital - Chicago $2,784.00, Midwest Pest Control $200.00, Miller, Sarah $74.17, Montana-Dakota Utilities $943.00, Morden, Brady $86.00, Mountain-Plains Youth Services Coa $1,500.00, Nd Apco $990.00, Nd Attorney General $3,065.00, Nd State Radio Communications $720.00, Nucara Pharmacy $139.47, Olauson, Shawn $202.76, Penguin Management Inc $2,430.00, Petro Serve Usa $251.47, Pharmchem Inc $287.55, Positive Concepts $165.60, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc $704.64, Quadient Leasing Usa Inc $679.38, Ramada By Windham Bismarck $674.10, Ransom County Recorder $20.00, Record Keepers, Llc $17.50, Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. $1,000.00, Richland County Corrections $1,445.00, Rj's Plumbing & Heating $21.78, Roorda, Elizabeth $58.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine $432.00, Schwehr, Cindy L $72.11, Smith Lumber Company $166.96, Soderholm, Seth $21.00, State Disbursement Unit - North Da $722.40, Stutsman County Correctional Cente $5,300.00, Superior Vision Services Inc $626.60, Thomson Reuters -West $379.05, Underground Vaults & Storage, Inc. $460.80, Valley City Public Works $6,278.29, Valley City Times-Record $1,143.00, Valley Officeworks $169.27, Valley Paint & Glass $58.98, Verizon Wireless $1,123.54, Total For Fund $147,868.85, City County Health: City County Health District $601.80, Total For Fund $601.80, Veterans Service Office: Aflac $149.59, Bek Communications Cooperative $35.53, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $50.00, Ndactvso $240.00, Petro Serve Usa $300.76, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine $54.00, Stoudt Miller Inc $64.83, Superior Vision Services Inc $17.10, Valley City Times-Record $80.00, Valley Officeworks $156.79, Verizon Wireless $112.84, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd $1,100.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc $676.42, Total For Fund $3,037.86, County Road And Bridge: Aflac $583.90, Aflac Group Insurance $52.30, Benco Equipment $225.00, Butler Machinery Co. $772.45, Chs Dakota Plains Ag $28,340.39, City Of Dazey $23.38, City Of Fingal $31.16, City Of Kathryn $21.68, City Of Leal $19.78, City Of Litchville $82.27, City Of Nome $19.60, City Of Oriska $43.85, City Of Pillsbury $17.29, City Of Rogers $127.98, City Of Sanborn $65.00, City Of Sibley $55.75, City Of Tower City $17.26, City Of Valley City $4,644.16, City Of Wimbledon $117.10, Colonial Life Insurance $59.04, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $586.00, Dick Nelson Sales & Leasing $286.75, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. $51.16, Fastenal $57.05, Handy Hardware & Rental $3.51, Inland Truck Parts & Service $2,119.97, Kotaco $3,602.89, Little Falls Machine, Inc. $1,760.63, Marshall Repair $198.00, Metcalf, Ryan $254.29, Montana-Dakota Utilities $80.43, Morris Sealcoat & Trucking $702,644.70, Motorola Solutions Inc $102,952.86, Nelson International, Inc. $54.06, Nova Fire Protection, Llc $195.00, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow $117.18, Paradox One $2,900.00, Petro Serve Usa $1,802.40, Powerplan Oib $281.89, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care $640.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine $94.00, Schaeffer's Specialized Lubricants $1,586.40, State Disbursement Unit - North Da $673.00, Superior Vision Services Inc $92.00, The Window Man $89.00, Truenorth Steel $11,115.30, Valley Auto Parts $1,088.88, Valley City Times-Record $82.50, Verizon Wireless $99.38, Total For Fund $870,828.57, Weed Control: Aflac $149.93, Barnes Co Highway Dept $639.57, F\S Manufacturing Inc $118.14, Handy Hardware & Rental $226.87, Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc $13,255.65, Superior Vision Services Inc $11.50, Valley Auto Parts $426.25, Valley City Public Works $62.87, Verizon Wireless $200.05, Total For Fund $15,090.83, County Agent: Aflac $33.50, Harstad, Alicia $244.82, Milender, Sue $281.84, Ndsu Dept 3110 $305.89, Superior Vision Services Inc $11.50, Tichy, Amy J $100.00, Valley Officeworks $127.53, Total For Fund $1,105.08, Farm To Market 15 Mill: Chs Dakota Plains Ag $239.78, Dallmann Services Company $5,327.88, Klj Engineering Llc $1,068.82, Lesmeister Gravel Inc

$18,273.25, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow $77.37, Team Laboratory Chemical Llc $787.50, Total For Fund $25,774.60, Bridge Sinking: Starion Bond Services $8,083.75, Total For Fund $8,083.75, County Agent Revolving: Dacotah Bank Sd $17.84, Total For Fund $17.84, Community Service: Runge, Jennifer $51.59, Verizon Wireless $42.03, Total For Fund $93.62, Grants And Projects: Swenson, Allison $360.00, Total For Fund $360.00, Township Tap Funding Proj: Klj Engineering Llc $14,314.98, Total For Fund $14,314.98, Soil Conservation: Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. $739.45, Total For Fund $739.45, Garrison Conservancy Dist: Garrison Diversion Cons Dist $835.46, Total For Fund $835.46, Airport: Barnes Co Municipal Airport $540.10, Total For Fund $540.10, State Funds: Nd State Treasurer $281.48, Total For Fund $281.48, Older Persons: South Central Adult Services $299.30, Total For Fund $299.30, Ambulance: Barnes County Ambulance $422.02, Total For Fund $422.02, Water Resources: Aflac $36.75, Anderson, Bruce $37.52, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $50.00, Hieb, Jerry $154.10, Legge, Scott $37.52, Superior Vision Services Inc $11.50, Total For Fund $327.39, Historical Society: Barnes Co Historical Society $112.26, Total For Fund $112.26, Library: Valley City Public Library $234.39, Total For Fund $234.39, Recorders Preservation Fu: Nelson, Jodie $1,330.00, Pfaff, Jody $1,470.00, Tyler Technologies Inc $1,500.00, Total For Fund $4,300.00, Cities: Fingal $1,500.71, Litchville $77.62, Valley City $11,555.33, Wimbledon $25.53, Total For Fund $13,159.19, Townships: Alta $830.58, Anderson $372.51, Ashtabula $527.74, Baldwin $307.44, Binghampton $1,359.07, Brimer $456.25, Cuba $550.58, Dazey $304.96, Eckelson $393.59, Edna $500.44, Ellsbury $370.13, Getchell $542.57, Grand $449.26, Green $910.10, Greenland $378.51, Hemen $323.10, Hobart $1,092.47, Laketown $274.34, Mansfield $301.31, Marsh $718.02, Meadow $490.34, Minnie $409.32, Nelson $1,177.02, Noltimier $565.65, Norma $457.98, Oakhill $376.84, Oriska $370.62, Pierce $409.02, Potter $276.95, Raritan $396.65, Rogers $270.98, Rosebud $468.95, Sibley $591.28, Skandia $399.60, Spring $411.92, Springvale $418.49, Stewart $355.22, Svea $378.72, Thordenskjold $459.24, Uxbridge $536.05, Valley $1,459.46, Weimer $318.92, $21,962.19, Park Districts: Fingal $52.44, Litchville $3.04, Valley City $5,509.32, Total For Fund $5,564.80, School Districts: Barnes County North $599.53, Litchville-Marion $1,330.48, Maple Valley $3,389.52, Valley City $17,524.61, $22,844.14, Rural Fire Districts: Dazey $233.09, Edna $58.95, Enderlin $8.95, Fingal $257.29, Hope $132.20, Kathryn $112.57, Nome $72.25, Page $42.68, Sanborn $498.46, Tower City $67.67, Valley City Rural Fire Protection $109.91, Wimbledon $206.63, Total For Fund $1,800.65, Covid St & Local Fiscal R: Klj Engineering Llc $13,853.87, Nd Dept Of Transportation $45,943.46, Total For Fund $59,797.33, Total Warrants $1,220,397.93

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 9:56 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Interim Auditor