

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 with Bill Carblom, Mike Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Bill Carblom 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.

Complaints

Roy Aafedt appeared to cite four concerns he has. The train continues to block the crossing at County Road #21, at times for twenty plus minutes. Roy expressed safety concerns regarding the hill on 28th St SE. Crops continue to be planted right up next to the road, which makes it hard to see when wildlife cross out of the field onto the road. The intersection by his house has vehicles continuing right through the intersection without stopping at the stop signs. The township road upkeep is up to the townships to take care of. The county does not have authority to do anything on township roads unless the township requests it. The first step would be to start with the township to see what they are willing to do. The first big outing by the lake this spring will be patrolled by the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Office

Randy McClaflin and Steve Loibl appeared to discuss two vehicle bids. One for a 2025 Ford Explorer quoted at \$50,546.00 and a 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe at \$55,495. Equipment from the current Explorer would be able to transfer to the new Explorer. There would not be a trade in. Vicky Lovell made a motion to accept the bid from Stoudt-Miller for the 2025 Ford Explorer. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes upon roll call vote.

Corrections

Randy introduced Melissa Neitzke as a part-time employee who works at the Jail and the Sheriff's Office. Melissa and Anna Berntson requested the Guardian RFID with Command Cloud program at a cost of \$8,538.00 for the first year. The following years will be approximately \$4,000.00 plus supplies if needed. This is a device the size of a cell phone that staff will carry. This will decrease paper usage. Inmate movement, rounds, inmate observations are all on this device. A RFID chip goes on the outside of the cells and pods. It makes it easier for the person sitting in Master Control while making sure things are logged correctly. Everything is recorded in the Spartan which goes into a file. When the state comes, they can be shown the file, and they can see exactly what was going on. The cost will include wristbands, ink, laminator, and the printer. The Medication Manager, when available, will also cut down on medical variances and will help to ensure the right medications are going to the correct inmate so it will cut down on the medical liabilities. That piece is approximately \$1,700.00 per year when available. She is talking with CCHD to see if there will be grant funding available for that piece. Shawn Olauson made a motion to purchase the Guardian RFID program with wristbands; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes upon roll call vote. Jeremy Wolff presented boarding contracts for the commissioners to sign.

Auditor's Office

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the January 21, 2025, minutes as presented. Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting "aye". Rooms at the Radisson for the NDACO convention were discussed. The Radisson charges an additional \$3.50 per night above the state rate for amenities such as swimming pool and exercise room use. The commission prefers to stay at the Radisson because of the location of the civic center where most activities take place and activities usually start at the Radisson.

State's Attorney

Tonya Duffy appeared to discuss remedies for the Mill Rate Calculation Error for the Valley City School District which impacts the Valley City Public School District. There are three options. The first option is to give the school the money and not retrieve it back. The second option is not to give them the money. The third option is to give them the money and have a conversation with the legislature to provide a legislative fix.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson gave updates on the VSO Office. The LaMoure County VSO contract is up for renewal in April. The Airport has been working on the electrical service panel update. They are putting out bids for a fiberglass enclosure to go around the electrical panel. They are advertising for bids for repairing the NE corner of the fence. Shawn Olauson attended the Water Board Meeting. The Little Dam project is done. Thordenskjold Drain is looking at expanding the actual drain. The actual drain is in Norma township. The ground this drain goes into runs up into Cuba Township. Leftover money from the Little Dam project is being used for the Dam Survey on Clausen Springs. Clearing and Snagging was started and there are seven miles left to county line. The Brown Dam may be a straight removal. There is no access to Brown Dam. There is one opening in the call center for Buffalo Bridges. Three childcare workers have been reinstated. Mike Schwehr attended the City County Health District meeting. There was a discussion on stripping issues in the parking lot. South Central Human Services is looking for five more offices upstairs in the CCHD building for behavioral health. CCHD is trying to use grant dollars to provide the office space. Policy was discussed. Vicky Lovell attended the library meeting. They will be paying down their loan to reduce liability. The plumbing proposal for the basement bathroom is on hold. The financial policy was approved. Senior Council reported that the Salvation Army has cut back on paper products provided to the food pantry. The Senior Council provides meals seven days a week. They finished a remodel project. The

senior council provides help for seniors to get into the Medicare Program. Bill Carlblom spoke of a trailer at the Highway Department that needs extensive repair. A new trailer may be a better option than sticking a large amount of money into the repair. The repair estimate is \$6,000.00. They will be getting a couple of estimates on a different trailer for comparison. There was a request from a private individual to use a courthouse room to do passport pictures. The consensus of the commissioners was that the county can't sponsor one private person over another. Greg Bishoff asked about the county supporting the water project he brought to us last summer.

Bills Approved for January 2025

General Fund: Advanced Business Methods Inc \$106.92, Aed Everywhere \$106.43, Aflac \$3,081.20, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.45, All Flags Llc \$236.62, Amazon Capital Services \$3,803.76, Andrew S Marquart \$792.00, Axon Enterprise Inc \$9,095.10, Barnes County Auditor \$1,276.09, Barnes Rural Water \$255.60, Bek Communications Cooperative \$1,106.22, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$24.91, Bong's Bootery \$149.90, Carlblom, William \$164.32, Cass County Electric \$406.83, Centurylink Az \$.02, Charm-Tex Inc \$1,151.40, City County Health District \$9,363.75, Cna Surety \$50.00, Cole Papers Inc. \$1,065.39, Colonial Life Insurance \$126.47, Counties Providing Technology \$2,817.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$1,416.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$11,391.93, Dakota Business Solutions Inc \$100.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$86.43, Electro Watchman, Inc. \$1,721.40, Erickson, Anthony \$25.00, Everson, Jordyn \$13.80, Fmj Electric Llc \$6,118.25, Forum Communications Printing \$5,346.21, Grotberg Electric, Inc. \$88.44, Hagen, Sean \$25.00, Handy Hardware & Rental \$978.62, Information Technology Department \$5,913.09, Intoximeters \$285.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$162.68, Jenrich, Jessica \$128.43, Keith's Ac, Refrigeration, & Heat \$799.54, Klubben, Nicholis \$25.00, Knight, Matthew \$25.00, Kunze, James \$25.00, Leaf \$399.00, Leever's Foods \$87.90, Litchville Bulletin \$354.54, Lovell, Victoria \$181.32, Marco Inc - St Louis \$1,393.00, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl \$148.63, Midwest Pest Control \$155.00, Mindt, Julie \$3.75, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$7,089.27, Mountain-Plains Youth Services Coa \$1,545.00, Nd Association Of Counties \$13,302.00, Nd Chapter Of Apco \$180.00, Nd County Auditors Association \$500.00, Nd County Commissioners Associatio \$1,725.00, Nd County Recorders Association \$500.00, Nd Dept Of Corrections & Rehabilit \$150.00, Nd Dept Of Human Services \$133.18, Nd State Radio Communications \$360.00, Nd Winter Show \$250,000.00, Nd 911 Association \$100.00, Ndrpa \$200.00, North Dakota Planning Association \$50.00, Opatz, Cameron \$25.00, Otis Elevator Company \$1,450.00, Peterson Mechanical Inc \$2,752.58, Petro Serve Usa \$3,200.50, Pharmchem Inc \$159.75, Polymar Products Inc \$200.00, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc \$1,349.81, Pv Business Solutions Inc \$298.50, Quadiant Finance Usa Inc \$3,084.81, Ray Nelson Construction \$6,397.79, Record Keepers, Llc \$70.00, Rj's Plumbing & Heating \$21.78, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$54.00, Scram Systems \$63.08, Secretary Of State \$36.00, Smith Lumber Company \$130.08, Stein's, Inc. \$163.81, Stutsman County Correctional Cente \$400.00, Summit Foods Service Llc \$44,371.80, Superior Vision Services Inc \$655.20, Thiel, Jason \$143.89, Thomson Reuters -West \$379.05, Tyler Technologies Inc \$6,382.95, Valley Auto Parts \$138.25, Valley City Eagles \$1,735.48, Valley City Public Works \$3,774.88, Valley City Times-Record \$399.42, Valley Officeworks \$437.25, Valley Plains Equipment \$4,700.00, Vanguard Appraisals Inc \$650.00, Verizon Wireless \$3,140.55, Voelkner, Stephen \$25.00, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$1,890.00, Weber, Devin \$25.00, Wilson, Dashae \$25.00, Wolff, Jeremy \$150.00, Total For Fund \$437,162.00, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$76,625.26, Total For Fund \$76,625.26, **Veterans Service Office:** Advanced Business Methods Inc \$159.15, Aflac \$149.59, Bek Communications Cooperative \$35.53, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$42.00, Leever's Foods \$58.19, Petro Serve Usa \$289.67, Record Keepers, Llc \$7.88, Superior Vision Services Inc \$17.10, Thebo, Rebecca \$258.40, Verizon Wireless \$112.92, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$550.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc \$290.80, Total For Fund \$1,971.23, **County Road And Bridge:** A P Equipment Inc \$47.80, Aflac \$685.12, Aflac Group Insurance \$52.30, Barnes Co Treasurer \$63.49, Bayshore City Side \$100.94, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$207.00, Butler Machinery Co. \$786.00, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$1,996.33, Colonial Life Insurance \$59.04, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$636.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$79.84, Fargo Freightliner \$26.39, General Equipment & Supplies \$140.90, Handy Hardware & Rental \$80.94, Inland Truck Parts & Service \$10,626.12, Klj Engineering Llc \$2,719.99, Kotaco \$2,753.74, Leever's Foods \$76.71, Linde Gas & Eq / Praxair \$229.40, Litchville Bulletin \$55.84, Little Falls Machine, Inc. \$1,395.34, Locators & Supplies, Inc \$295.74, Metcalf, Jason \$80.29, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$401.41, Nd Association Of County Engineers \$835.00, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$1,505.26, Northwest Tire Inc. \$46.93, O'reilly Auto Parts \$80.01, Ottetail Power Company - Jamestow \$129.62, Petro Serve Usa \$954.29, Powerplan Oib \$1,788.37, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Rhomar Industries Inc \$2,208.48, Ring, Eugene \$107.99, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$113.00, Suhr, Dustin \$220.95, Superior Vision Services Inc \$97.90, Tom Gilbertson & Sons \$150,440.00, Valley Auto Parts \$3,104.82, Valley City Public Works \$3,567.61, Valley City Times-Record \$124.00, Valley Officeworks \$150.50, Verizon Wireless \$99.42, Wd Larson Companies Ltd Inc \$32.52, Total For Fund \$189,843.34, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$149.93, Agterra Technologies Inc \$1,000.00, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$89.75, Dacotah Bank Sd \$2,321.52, Handy Hardware & Rental \$99.89, Nd Weed Control Association \$470.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Total For Fund \$4,342.64, **County Agent:** Advanced Business Methods Inc \$2,572.71, Aflac \$33.50, Milender, Sue \$19.95, Ndsu Dept 3110 \$80.00, Ndsu Extension Service \$22,500.94, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Total For Fund \$25,218.60, **Farm To Market 15 Mill:** Ottetail Power Company - Jamestow \$66.79, Total For Fund \$66.79, **B.C. Economic Dev Fund:** Vc-Bc Development Corporation \$25,000.00, Total For Fund \$25,000.00, **Community Service:** Valley Officeworks \$719.99, Verizon Wireless \$84.08, Total For Fund \$804.07, **Grants And Projects:** Anderson, Tara \$1,600.00, Canadian Pacific Railroad \$3.56, Dream Center \$200.00, Giesler, Danielle \$750.00, Irvin Hone \$3.02, Jason Allen Aarseth \$10.21, Kaitlin Devitt \$25.16, Karen M Anderson \$5.81, Keller, Constance \$200.00, Koch, Brenda \$336.25, Lorinser, Kristi \$300.00, Lorinser, Macy Lynn \$255.00, Michael S Heinze \$3.26, Nathan & Allison Mcmenamin \$28.48, Owen Johnson \$226.94, Patty Myers \$5.90, Robert C Drake

\$66.49, Ronald & Janice M Thoreson \$81.10, Sarah Pruet \$9.91, Suzanne M Mosley \$2.26, Swenson, Allison \$540.00, Tamara Drake \$19.97, Thomas & Diane Van Dehey \$21.21, Zent, Julie \$684.14, Total For Fund \$5,361.36, **Township Tap Funding Proj:** Klij Engineering Llc \$11,798.62, Total For Fund \$11,798.62, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$29,066.99, Total For Fund \$29,066.99, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$19,651.84, Total For Fund \$19,651.84, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$45,999.61, Total For Fund \$45,999.61, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$19,189.94, Total For Fund \$19,189.94, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$38,311.06, Total For Fund \$38,311.06, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$57,368.16, Total For Fund \$57,368.16, **Water Resources:** Comstock Construction Inc \$778,050.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Total For Fund \$778,061.50, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$14,366.00, Total For Fund \$14,366.00, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$39,291.83, Total For Fund \$39,291.83, **Recorders Preservation Fu:** Nelson, Jodie \$1,715.00, Pfaff, Jody \$1,750.00, Residence Inn Bismarck North \$198.00, Total For Fund \$3,663.00, **Cities:** Dazey \$2,543.51, Fingal \$4,663.98, Kathryn \$1,944.07, Leal \$258.66, Litchville \$5,181.86, Nome \$1,454.71, Oriska \$2,260.42, Pillsbury \$115.61, Rogers \$1,198.45, Sanborn \$3,847.73, Sibley \$2,683.42, Tower City \$126.37, Valley City \$300,596.57, Wimbledon \$3,996.14, Total For Fund \$330,871.50, **Townships:** Alta \$12,680.33, Anderson \$16,381.15, Ashtabula \$9,013.26, Baldwin \$5,517.64, Binghampton \$6,522.97, Brimer \$16,944.92, Cuba \$17,151.98, Dazey \$7,896.02, Eckelson \$15,061.86, Edna \$9,758.49, Ellsbury \$8,527.37, Getchell \$11,827.18, Grand \$10,164.62, Green \$7,617.37, Greenland \$15,289.26, Hemen \$12,579.07, Hobart \$8,179.42, Laketown \$10,224.71, Mansfield \$9,433.49, Marsh \$16,868.49, Meadow \$12,710.56, Minnie \$11,500.84, Nelson \$12,158.76, Noltimier \$5,568.96, Norma \$6,632.23, Oakhill \$6,512.30, Oriska \$14,958.35, Pierce \$7,577.07, Potter \$9,678.69, Raritan \$7,099.57, Rogers \$13,899.27, Rosebud \$5,271.73, Sibley \$6,821.37, Skandia \$7,747.74, Spring \$5,327.67, Springvale \$10,916.25, Stewart \$10,299.13, Svea \$18,164.18, Thordenskjold \$7,177.82, Uxbridge \$8,074.94, Valley \$14,119.41, Weimer \$11,553.32, \$441,409.76, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$80.38, Litchville \$183.76, Nome \$3.12, Sanborn \$187.73, Sibley \$68.27, Tower City \$23.64, Valley City \$116,673.53, Total For Fund \$117,220.43, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$410,490.26, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$39,862.35, Griggs County Centra \$2,355.26, Hope-Page \$67,027.31, Litchville-Marion \$321,627.89, Maple Valley \$267,743.01, Montpelier \$17,238.06, Valley City \$694,763.64, \$1,821,107.78, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$8,080.86, Edna \$1,996.25, Enderlin \$172.45, Fingal \$1,941.65, Hope \$3,984.73, Kathryn \$4,140.07, Nome \$2,941.72, Page \$1,560.76, Sanborn \$24,971.64, Tower City \$5,065.75, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$11,835.40, Wimbledon \$6,114.02, Total For Fund \$72,805.30, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Nome School House \$225.00, Stewart Drain li \$10,995.39, Thordenskjold Drain \$15,780.57, Total For Fund \$27,000.96, **Upper Maple River Dam Ass:** Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource \$200.00, Total For Fund \$200.00, **Payroll Fund:** Nd Association Of Counties Wc \$51,065.17, State Tax Commissioner \$2,768.00, Total For Fund \$53,833.17, Total Warrants \$4,687,612.74

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 9:35 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor