

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 with Bill Carlbom, Mike Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Bill Carlbom 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.

#### **IT Department**

Jason Thiel presented the Counties Providing Technology for our software contract for renewal. Vicky Lovell made a motion to accept the contract; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

#### **Highway Department**

Jamie Smith attended by phone to ask for approval for the resolution to accept Gowan Construction's bid for \$627,675.63 for the south Kathryn hill slide. Vicky Lovell made a motion to approve the resolution; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. The list of county surplus property has been submitted, and bids will be opened at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> commission meeting. There is a request to purchase the right of way for Minnie Lake/Grand Prairie Township project. The project requires .5 acres at \$850.00 and a temporary easement at \$300.00 for a total cost of \$1,150.00. Pete Paulson made a motion to approve the right of way and easement purchase; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all members voting yes.

#### **Jack Ertelt**

Jack Ertelt appeared to discuss his dissatisfaction with the Sheriff's Office criminal arrest policy when criminals are caught in the act of committing a crime. There was an incident on his rural property that had some activity, and the people caught on the property were let go and their vehicle was not impounded. This is an active on-going case so the Sheriff's Office can only answer in general terms. Jack is requesting to know a clear reason why the decision was made not to make the arrest and impound the vehicle. This will be revisited once the court process has been finalized.

#### **Tax Equalization**

Stacie Hansen presented the Sidwell Contract Renewal for review. The soils layer has not been updated since we started using this software. The initial contract is \$25,455.00 for three years with payment spread out over the three years. If GIS soils layer is added into it, the additional cost will add approximately \$2,000.00 onetime cost. Questions on the update need to be answered before asking for the soils layer update. The contract will be revisited at another meeting. Liz spoke on the Nicholas & Kristen Boll abatement application. Pete Paulson made a motion to approve the Nicholas & Kristen Boll abatement application for 2023 and 2024; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes.

#### **Auditor's Office**

Shawn Olauson moved to approve April 15, 2025, minutes as presented. Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. A Lawrence Welk letter of support from Scott Walker was presented and discussed. Shawn Olauson made a motion to approve the letter of support with no financial obligations. Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. A request for abatements for the Primary Residence Credit list from the ND State Tax Department for trusts and/or mobile homes was presented with corrections. Mike Schwehr made a motion to accept the list of abatements with corrections; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes.

#### **Commission Discussion**

Pete Paulson gave an update on the VA Office. They are working on scheduling driver hours and the contract with LaMoure is being reviewed. Mike Oberlander is interested in taking over Casey Burchill's position on the Airport Board. The budget is good. There will be a fly in breakfast on June 14<sup>th</sup> during Rally in the Valley. Shawn Olauson attended the Buffalo Bridges Zone meeting. They are working on standards of administration. Legislative Wrap Up Is May 14<sup>th</sup>. Jerry Berquist who was the former Emergency Manager in Stutsman County, has passed away. Mike Schwehr presented the audit report from City County Health. Preparedness for measles outbreak is a concern. Preparedness at the schools has been done except for Valley City. Wesley Acres pool is still being worked on. Funding is a concern with reduced grant funding. Some charges and fees will be affected. One full time RN will be reduced. The nursing for the school will be cut. The nursing contract for the jail will remain the same. Vicky Lovell reported the library is finished. There is a story in the High Line Notes magazine on the library. There may be a donor plaque. She will attend a meeting with a prospective tenant for housing. Vicky attended the South Central Regional Council meeting. Bill Carlbom gave Scott Kohler permission to open the campground early for the workers cleaning up the oil pipeline spill by Fort Ransom.

#### **Bills Approved For April 2025**

**General Fund:** Acom Systems \$4,000.00, Advanced Business Methods Inc \$115.47, Aed Everywhere \$442.68, Aflac \$2,988.71, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.45, Balco Uniform Co. Inc \$294.00, Barnes Co Ambulance Mandan \$1,067.76, Barnes County Auditor \$824.85, Barnes Rural Water \$484.64, Bek Communications Cooperative \$1,094.05, Bill's Variety Eats And Catering \$1,149.23, Bong's Bootery \$329.80, Bridge City Dentistry \$358.00, Carlbom, William \$117.90, Cass County Electric \$81.49, Charm-Tex Inc \$1,856.77, City County Health District

\$9,556.25, Cole Papers Inc. \$1,087.13, Colonial Life Insurance \$126.47, Counties Providing Technology \$2,817.00, Cts Language Link \$64.36, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$1,416.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$11,542.22, Dacotah Insurance \$100.00, Dakota Business Solutions Inc \$512.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$88.91, Eggermont, Kevin \$253.68, Everson, Jordyn \$15.33, Fat Man Trash Llc \$934.50, G & R Controls Inc \$782.22, Gille Auto \$125.00, Grandalen, Larry & Halaine \$1,016.55, Handy Hardware & Rental \$542.70, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$57.55, Hr Collaborative \$50.00, Information Technology Department \$6,008.29, Jacobson, Ian \$25.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$129.51, Klj Engineering Llc \$659.62, Koepplin, Bobby \$3,000.00, Kotaco \$1,276.39, Krile, Robin \$233.20, Litchville Bulletin \$282.94, Marco \$30.65, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl \$69.40, Menards Inc.- Store #3324 Jmst \$839.97, Mercy Hospital - Chicago \$1,710.00, Mercy Hospital - Valley City \$264.00, Missoula Concrete Construction \$16,500.00, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$5,447.65, Nartec, Inc \$99.63, Nd Association Of Counties \$38.00, Nd Attorney General \$2,605.00, Nd Dept Of Human Services \$366.87, Nd State Radio Communications \$1,006.00, Nd Winter Show \$1,464.78, Petro Serve Usa \$2,980.76, Pfaff, Jody \$369.77, Quadient Finance Usa Inc \$3,051.62, Record Keepers, Llc \$52.50, Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. \$900.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$894.00, Scram Systems \$136.12, Secretary Of State \$36.00, Sheyenne River Valley Scenic Byway \$2,000.00, Smith Lumber Company \$12.99, Stanard & Associates, Inc \$56.00, Summit Foods Service Llc \$18,132.60, Superior Vision Services Inc \$638.40, Thiel, Jason \$76.39, Umsted, Harry & Carol \$200.00, Valley Barber Service \$480.00, Valley City Christian School \$9,318.66, Valley City Public Works \$4,828.79, Valley City Times-Record \$1,128.24, Valley Officeworks \$529.02, Verizon Wireless \$1,249.91, Total For Fund \$135,470.34, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$6,779.21, Total For Fund \$6,779.21, **Veterans Service Office:** Advanced Business Methods Inc \$332.92, Aflac \$149.59, Bek Communications Cooperative \$35.53, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$42.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$187.67, Leaf \$589.00, Leever's Foods \$55.17, Petro Serve Usa \$1,228.73, Record Keepers, Llc \$7.88, Superior Vision Services Inc \$17.10, Tyler Technologies Inc \$449.00, Valley Officeworks \$200.56, Verizon Wireless \$112.94, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$550.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc \$278.69, Total For Fund \$4,236.78, **County Road And Bridge:** A P Equipment Inc \$399.95, Aflac \$740.26, Aflac Group Insurance \$40.85, Bayshore City Side \$8.99, Butler Machinery Co. \$7,036.89, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$22,574.10, Colonial Life Insurance \$59.04, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$636.00, Enterprise Sales Co. \$83.88, General Equipment & Supplies \$265,900.00, Handy Hardware & Rental \$948.27, J & M Truck Sales Inc \$75,900.00, Keith's Ac, Refrigeration, & Heat \$3,077.66, Klj Engineering Llc \$20,023.85, Legge's Portable Milling \$20.08, Litchville Bulletin \$188.46, Mac's \$56.56, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$339.77, Nd Dept Of Transportation \$8,125.32, Ndsu - Ugpti \$300.00, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$692.33, North Central International, Llc \$293.16, Ottetail Power Company - Jamestown \$207.33, Petro Serve Usa \$1,000.30, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, R.C. Welding \$90.00, Rdo Equipment Co. \$68,000.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$117.00, Sign Solutions Usa Llc \$4,879.73, Snap-On Incorporated \$209.85, Superior Vision Services Inc \$80.50, Swanston Equipment Co. \$833.34, Valley Auto Parts \$1,756.17, Valley City Public Works \$2,324.02, Valley City Times-Record \$144.96, Valley Plains Equipment \$311.91, Verizon Wireless \$99.43, World Insurance Associates Llc \$564.00, Total For Fund \$488,703.96, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$149.93, Agterra Technologies Inc \$3,000.00, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$182.59, Dacotah Bank Sd \$103.38, Didier, Beth M \$23.80, Fei Inc \$303.89, F\S Manufacturing Inc \$217.63, Handy Hardware & Rental \$269.53, Midwest Pest Control \$200.00, Pollert, Mark \$1,000.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Valley Auto Parts \$46.99, Valley City Times-Record \$113.62, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Warne Chemical & Equipment \$563.40, Windish, Jamen \$50.00, Total For Fund \$6,436.31, **County Agent:** Advanced Business Methods Inc \$454.79, Aflac \$33.50, Dacotah Bank Sd \$306.00, Harstad, Alicia \$587.98, Leever's Foods \$13.65, Milender, Sue \$72.47, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Valley Officeworks \$33.97, Total For Fund \$1,513.86, **B.C. Emergency Hcpra:** Dacotah Bank Sd \$1,113.30, Total For Fund \$1,113.30, **Community Service:** Verizon Wireless \$42.04, Total For Fund \$42.04, **Grants And Projects:** Giesler, Danielle \$875.00, Leever's Foods \$46.80, Lyons, Cori \$50.00, Swenson, Allison \$540.00, Total For Fund \$1,511.80, **Township Tap Funding Projects:** Braun Intertec Corporation \$18,945.50, Klj Engineering Llc \$18,715.00, Total For Fund \$37,660.50, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$3,473.19, Total For Fund \$3,473.19, **Stewart Drain:** Dacotah Bank \$19,525.08, Total For Fund \$19,525.08, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$2,749.04, Total For Fund \$2,749.04, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$5,876.98, Total For Fund \$5,876.98, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$2,267.97, Total For Fund \$2,267.97, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$4,176.54, Total For Fund \$4,176.54, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$5,765.22, Total For Fund \$5,765.22, **Water Resources:** Houston Engineering, Inc. \$7,622.70, Minnesota Valley Testing Laborator \$1,744.80, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$2,120.24, Starion Bond Services \$22,425.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Total For Fund \$33,924.24, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$1,423.66, Total For Fund \$1,423.66, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$4,748.97, Total For Fund \$4,748.97, **Recorders Preservation Fund:** Nelson, Jodie \$1,470.00, Pfaff, Jody \$1,470.00, Total For Fund \$2,940.00, **Cities:** Fingal \$1,840.86, Kathryn \$2,015.38, Leal \$48.90, Litchville \$1,336.51, Oriska \$567.39, Rogers \$16,476.74, Sanborn \$3,641.90, Sibley \$968.31, Tower City \$39.62, Valley City \$50,429.38, Wimbledon \$1,368.77, Total For Fund \$78,733.76, **Townships:** Alta \$14,631.76, Anderson \$9,933.42, Ashtabula \$10,360.89, Baldwin \$9,911.12, Binghampton \$10,510.81, Brimer \$12,393.35, Cuba \$10,923.06, Dazey \$9,749.57, Eckelson \$10,861.70, Edna \$9,980.68, Ellsbury \$10,000.02, Getchell \$10,221.15, Grand \$9,963.14, Green \$10,599.52, Greenland \$9,660.65, Hemen \$10,295.72, Hobart \$17,771.91, Laketown \$9,649.02, Mansfield \$11,024.53, Marsh \$10,954.05, Meadow \$9,975.09, Minnie \$9,813.36, Nelson \$10,496.20, Noltimier \$10,158.25, Norma \$10,103.45, Oakhill \$9,765.30, Oriska \$10,482.24, Pierce \$11,035.62, Potter \$9,906.58, Raritan \$11,903.01, Rogers \$10,295.55, Rosebud \$10,037.72, Sibley \$9,923.11, Skandia \$9,724.29, Spring \$10,049.98, Springvale \$10,112.38, Stewart \$10,080.27, Svea \$9,660.79, Thordenskjold \$10,382.07, Uxbridge \$10,031.03, Valley \$11,685.80, Weimer \$10,130.05, \$445,148.21, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$20.29,

Litchville \$50.09, Sanborn \$157.53, Sibley \$24.23, Valley City \$16,045.12, Total For Fund \$16,297.26, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$66,735.70, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$26,832.88, Hope-Page \$2,581.36, Litchville-Marion \$14,735.77, Maple Valley \$39,433.89, Montpelier \$663.66, Valley City \$134,702.34, \$285,685.60, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$328.79, Edna \$68.06, Enderlin \$835.29, Fingal \$225.53, Hope \$248.91, Kathryn \$272.74, Nome \$209.98, Page \$49.62, Sanborn \$2,678.75, Tower City \$259.44, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$1,319.33, Wimbledon \$1,040.82, Total For Fund \$7,537.26, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. \$1,414.50, Nome School House \$100.00, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$245.00, Stewart Drain li \$538.07, Thordenskjold Drain \$425.66, Total For Fund \$2,723.23, **Covid St & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:** Klj Engineering Llc \$10,062.63, Nd Dept Of Transportation \$4,295.65, Total For Fund \$14,358.28, Total Warrants \$1,620,822.59

With no further business, Shawn Olauson made a motion, seconded by Bill Carlbom, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with all members voting “aye” and the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Bill Carlbom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt  
Barnes County Auditor