

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 with Bill Carlblom, Mike 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.

Weed Board

Puklich currently has a gas $\frac{3}{4}$ ton GMC pickup for \$62,305 that the Weed Board would like to purchase. The 2015 Ram 1500 would then be sold to the Highway Dept next year. The commission will table this and look at the cost of a new building for Weed Board purposes.

Economic Development

All parties on the south side of interstate have been notified by Economic Development going door to door and MDU asking residents if they would be interested in a natural gas pipeline extension as an option. MDU is starting to get responses.

Highway Department

Vicky Lovell made a motion to approve the contract bid from Jensen Brothers for \$1,136,721.80 for the Minnie Lake, Grand Prairie (Barnes County) and Lake Township (Cass) Project for box culverts, aggregate surfacing & CMP repairs. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. Jamie is getting the price on LED stop signs. Project updates were given. Bids were opened for the Barnes County surplus property that was advertised. Vicky Lovell made a motion to award the items bid on to the highest bidder; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. There were a few items not bid on which will be bundled and re-advertised.

Tax Equalization

Shawn Olauson made a motion to renew the Sidwell Contract without the soil layer update for a period of three years; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. The Equalization meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. this afternoon.

Auditor's Office

Mike Schwehr moved to approve May 20, 2025, minutes as presented. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. Notice of Foreclosure of Tax Lien letters have been sent out.

Environmental Services

Bid Opening took place for the boiler replacement project. Rieger Borgen Benson Electric Inc., CustomAire, and Mission Mechanical Inc submitted Electrical Contractor bids for the Heating and Cooling courthouse project. No Mechanical Contractor and no General Contractor bids were received therefore the project will need to be advertised for rebidding.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson attended the Weed Board meeting. Purple Loosestrife letters have been sent out. The new pickup with sprayer should be ready this week. The Veteran Service van put on 3,091 miles with 67 rides. The money from the state grant for the van has now been depleted. Tammy will be meeting with Lamoure County regarding compensation for veteran services provided. A conference call with Lamoure County is possible during the next commission meeting to discuss compensation. Shawn Olauson stated Tom Overn has been elected Vice Chair on the Buffalo Bridges Board. Mike Schwehr reported the first phase of the remodel on the upstairs offices of the City County Health Building is close to complete. Juneteenth will still be a holiday for CCHD this year. Going forward, the Juneteenth holiday will be gone. Vicky Lovell reported South Central Dakota Regional Council has Community Development Block Grants open.

Bill Carlblom moved to recess the meeting until 1:00 p.m.; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The meeting recessed at 10:51 a.m.

2025 COUNTY EQUALIZATION MEETING

Bill Carlblom opened the equalization hearing at 1:00 p.m. Stacie Hansen, Director of Equalization, reviewed the hearing process and proceeded through each city and township for appeals and requests to be presented.

CITIES:

Leal: David Lokken Jr. urged the commission to keep spending down.

Litchville: 54-0100070, Brett Lloyd requested decrease from \$87,500 to \$78,500.

Oriska: 56-0400070, Thomas & Kristie Steffen. Reduced by county assessor to \$38,600 after inspection.

Rogers: 58-0010310, Rose Beverage Christensen, added value for new sewer hookup; increase from \$48,500 to \$50,500.

TOWNSHIPS:

Alta: 01-0530300 Fred Schroeder requested decrease from \$156,400 to \$147,400.

Baldwin: 04-0830320 Jeremy Nauman had no requests but believes his taxes were higher compared to similar properties. Rhonda Lindseth discussed ag land. Marty Dahl and Trevor Jacobson requested the board to stay with the prior soil survey.

Cuba: 02-0520200, Darrel Schroeder requested decrease from \$179,500 to \$167,700. Arvid Winkler strongly urged the commission to deny the new soil survey and fight it at state level. He also urge all appellants to go to the state board of equalization in August.

Grand Prairie: Supervisor Casey Burchill wanted to represent the entire township and requested across the board reductions on ag land increases.

Green: 14-1530310, Doug Lettenmaier requested decrease from \$80,400 to \$72,200; 14-1740400, Doug Lettenmaier requested decrease from \$42,300 to \$38,100; 14-1930300, Doug Lettenmaier requested decrease from \$107,400 to \$100,000; 14-1030310, Tim Logan had written a request to decrease from \$76,700 to \$66,700; 14-1610100, Tim Logan had written a request to decrease from \$164,200 to \$136,300.

Marsh: 20-0440450, Vivian Nelson submitted a first-time application for Farm Residence Exemption and 2023 FGI (66%) at township equalization. The commission directed the assessor's office to request tax information from 2024, 2022, 2021, and 2020 to supplement the 2023 FGI and establish longevity of active farmer criteria. Tabled until the requested information is received.

Noltimier: 24-2710110, Darrell Schroeder requested decrease from \$89,200 to \$84,600; 24-2740400, Fred Schroeder requested decrease from \$165,900 to \$155,500.

Skandia: 34-0740400, Dwight Olson requested decrease from \$80,600 to \$74,600; 34-0830210, Dwight Olson requested decrease from \$58,900 to \$55,800; 34-0830300, Dwight Olson requested decrease from \$48,500 to \$42,200; 34-0930300, Dwight Olson requested decrease from \$146,300 to \$124,600; 34-0940400, Dwight Olson requested decrease from \$119,700 to \$105,700.

Springvale: 36-2920200, Ronald Weber. Assessor Brett Kapaun presented request to decrease from \$62,700 to \$59,000.

Stewart: 37-1430310, David & Linda Vandrovec. Reduced by county assessor \$66,400 after inspection.

Svea: 38-0410100, Doug Lettenmaier requested a decrease from \$113,700 to \$106,200.

Following all discussion, Bill Carlblom closed the equalization hearing and opened the equalization meeting.

Vicky Lovell made a motion to approve the preceding ag land requests; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried upon a roll call vote with Mike Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, and Bill Carlblom voting yes and Shawn Olauson and Pete Paulson voting no.

Pete Paulson made the motion to reduce 54-0100010 to \$78,500 following owner agreeing to allow interior inspection for the 2026 valuation; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with Pete Paulson, Bill Carlblom, Mike Schwehr, and Vicky Lovell voting yes and Shawn Olauson voting no.

Mike Schwehr made the motion to reduce 56-0400070 to \$38,600; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with Bill Carlblom, Pete Paulson, Shawn Olauson, and Mike Schwehr voting yes and Vicky Lovell voting no.

Pete Paulson made a motion to increase 58-0010310 to \$50,500; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Mike Schwehr made the motion to reduce 37-11430315 to \$66,400; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Vicky Lovell made the motion to close the county equalization meeting; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried upon a roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Bill Carlblom reconvened the commission meeting at 2:41 p.m. to act on the Omitted Assessments presented by the county assessor's office.

CITIES

Dazey: 50-0100470, Thomas E Brunes removed mobile home, decrease from \$17,500 to \$3,200.

Nome: 55-060075, Evan Graff, exempt to taxable, increase to \$8,100

Pillsbury: 57-0011390, Blake Kylo, exempt to taxable, increase to \$3,200

Valley City: 63-4180125, 63-4180242, and 63-4180251, After School Latch Key Program Inc., taxable to exempt.

TOWNSHIPS

Alta: 01-1810110, Conrad & Beverly Mitzel, farm exempt to taxable, increase from \$5,100 to \$275,900.

Ashtabula: 03-6500060, Rozalyn Allyson Trust, added house and garage, increase from \$22,300 to \$225,900.

Heman: 16-2610100, Rodger Berntson, farm exempt to taxable, increase from \$114,800 to \$252,600.

Meadow Lake: 21-1710110, Pamela J Van Dyke, farm exempt to taxable, additional house added, increase from \$14,700 to \$447,400.

Noltimier: 24-2240410, Westra Ravelings Holdings LLP, house added, increase from \$6,100 to \$119,100.

Oakhill: 26-0340425, Zac & Stacie Coleman, new building added, increase to \$61,500.

Rogers: 31-2540410, Randall & Elizabeth Elliot, old house removed, new house added, increase from \$162,400 to \$328,000.

Spring Creek: 35-3120210, John & Lori Froemke, old house removed, decrease from \$79,200 to \$4,700.

Thordenskjold: 39-1230310, Wade Storhoff & Hanna Dykstra, farm exempt to taxable, increase to \$254,200.

Shawn Olauson made the motion to accept all omitted assessments as presented; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes.

Bills Approved For May 2025

General Fund: Advanced Business Methods Inc \$322.00, Aflac \$2,988.71, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.45, Amazon Capital Services \$293.11, Andrew S Marquart \$383.40, Avera Medical Group Radiology \$240.00, Bakkegard & Schell \$365.00, Balco Uniform Co. Inc \$1,306.83, Barnes Co Ambulance Mandan \$1,259.00, Barnes Co Historical Society \$196.90, Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$7,528.32, Barnes County Auditor \$765.20, Barnes County Ambulance \$883.69, Barnes Rural Water \$1,831.27, Baycom Inc \$11,946.00, Bek Communications Cooperative \$1,104.85, Berntson, Anna \$150.00, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$168.31, Bridge City Dentistry \$666.00, Carlblom, William \$83.60, Cass County Electric \$482.29, Charm-Tex Inc \$2,696.36, City County Health District \$11,059.14, Coit, Teresa \$82.60, Cole Papers Inc. \$649.89, Colonial Life Insurance \$126.47, Counties Providing Technology \$2,817.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$1,416.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$14,964.76, Dacotah Paper Co. \$503.17, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$94.89, Everson, Jordyn \$25.69, Fat Man Trash Llc \$934.50, Handy Hardware & Rental \$1,035.72, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$57.55, Hr Collaborative \$150.00, Information Technology Department \$5,943.54, Inventory Trading Company \$1,679.00, Jacobson, Ian \$25.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$129.51, Johnson Controls Fire Protection L \$1,992.78, Leever's Foods \$152.04, Litchville Bulletin \$859.12, Lovell, Victoria \$167.60, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl \$201.13, Mercy Hospital - Chicago \$8,015.00, Mercy Hospital - Valley City \$998.00, Midwest Pest Control \$200.00, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$4,315.45, Motorola Solutions Inc \$13,699.20, Nd Attorney General \$2,105.00, Nd Dept Of Human Services \$2,494.50, Nd State Radio Communications \$503.00, Negan's Investigative Services Llc \$4,300.00, Nucara Pharmacy \$485.84, Olauson, Shawn \$645.20, Petro Serve Usa \$202.78, Pharmchem Inc \$255.60, Quality Inn (Nd400) \$198.00, Ray Nelson Construction \$17,219.75, Real Vision Software, Inc. \$4,000.00, Record Keepers, Llc \$87.50, Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. \$700.00, Rj's Plumbing & Heating \$674.42, Sanford Health Sd \$2,899.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$743.00, Schwehr, Michael \$110.50, Scram Systems \$33.20, Smith Lumber Company \$332.49, Stein's, Inc. \$163.81, Stoudt Miller Inc \$965.67, Streicher's \$157.00, Stutsman County Correctional Cente \$1,800.00, Summit Foods Service Llc \$22,155.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$667.30, Thiel, Jason \$119.30, Thomson Reuters -West \$390.42, Uline \$440.47, Valley City Public Works \$4,402.08, Valley City Times-Record \$913.68, Valley Officeworks \$921.93, Verizon Wireless \$1,168.67, Volk, Shelby \$50.00, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$6,000.00, Wolff, Jeremy \$150.00, Total For Fund \$186,429.15, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$20,020.22, Total For Fund \$20,020.22, **Veterans Service Office:** Aflac \$149.59, Bek Communications Cooperative \$35.53, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$42.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$17.10, Thebo, Rebecca \$181.00, Verizon Wireless \$112.94, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$550.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc \$276.51, Total For Fund \$1,309.77, **County Road And Bridge:** Aed Everywhere \$303.17, Aflac \$740.26, Aflac Group Insurance \$40.85, Allard Trophy Co \$30.00, Blackburn, Robert \$85.37, Butler Machinery Co. \$40.16, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$2,093.56, Colonial Life Insurance \$59.04, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$636.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$25.00, Glenn Body Repair Inc \$9,244.97, Jacobson, Andy \$44.97, Keith's Ac, Refrigeration, & Heati \$202.50, Klj Engineering Llc \$26,181.39, Kotaco \$3,063.66, Leever's Foods \$35.42, Linde Gas & Eq / Praxair \$2,732.45, Manson, Heather \$16.58, Metcalf, Ryan \$59.99, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$388.03, Nd Dept Of Transportation \$25,654.16, North Central International, Llc \$146.18, Northwest Tire Inc. \$2,758.48, O'reilly Auto Parts \$15.58, One Call Concepts, Inc \$7.50, Ottetail Power Company - Jamestown \$330.66, Petro Serve Usa \$166.20, Quality Alignment & Brake Center \$490.00, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$192.00, Schaefer Vermeer Equipment Llp \$2,288.22, Superior Vision Services Inc \$109.40, Swanberg Construction, Inc \$174.00, Swanston Equipment Co. \$2,900.00, Valley Auto Parts \$1,161.92, Valley City Public Works \$2,233.21, Valley Officeworks \$22.56, Valley Plains Equipment \$301.72, Verizon Wireless \$99.43, Wd Larson Companies Ltd Inc \$6.67, World Insurance Associates Llc \$3,240.00, Total For Fund \$88,961.26, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$149.93, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$516.12, FIS Manufacturing Inc \$7,858.20, Handy Hardware & Rental \$140.11, Litchville Bulletin \$30.40, Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc \$145,363.15, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$56.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Valley Auto Parts \$254.60, Valley City Times-Record \$365.08, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Total For Fund \$154,945.14, **County Agent:** Aflac \$33.50, Amazon Capital Services \$55.99, Dacotah Bank Sd \$388.56, Harstad, Alicia \$487.76, Hochhalter, Debra \$40.00, Milender, Sue \$301.85, Ndsu Dept 3110 \$472.36, Ndsu Extension Service \$22,500.88, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Tichy, Amy J \$150.00, Valley Officeworks \$74.87, Total For Fund \$24,517.27, **B.C. Economic Dev Fund:** Vc-Bc Development Corporation \$22,040.00, Total For Fund \$22,040.00, **Community Service:** Nd Community Corrections Associati \$310.50, Verizon Wireless \$42.04, Total For Fund \$352.54, **Grants And Projects:** Anderson, Tara \$1,600.00, Heyd, Sydney \$120.00, Investment Sales Inc \$17.66, I3g Media \$300.00, Joseph Curtis \$21.45, Leever's Foods \$45.16, Matheny, Adrienne \$100.00, Richard R Pritchert \$10.28, Swenson, Allison \$720.00, Wayne Delmore \$7.19, Total For Fund \$2,941.74, **Township Tap Funding Projects:** Braun Intertec Corporation \$1,654.50, Klj Engineering Llc \$35,870.64, Total For Fund \$37,525.14, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$7,828.35, Total For Fund \$7,828.35, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$5,440.39, Total For Fund \$5,440.39, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$12,185.32, Total For Fund \$12,185.32, **Paid Under Protest:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$12,377.05, Total For Fund \$12,377.05, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$5,036.34, Total For Fund \$5,036.34, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$10,009.67, Total For Fund \$10,009.67, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$14,989.59, Total For Fund \$14,989.59, **Water Resources:** Anderson, Bruce \$137.90, Fehr, Bret \$140.00, Hieb, Jerry \$171.50, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$5,381.75, Minnesota Valley Testing Laborator \$1,744.80, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$3,888.22, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Total For Fund \$11,475.67, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$3,753.58, Total For Fund \$3,753.58, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$10,259.67, Total For Fund \$10,259.67, **Recorders Preservation Fund:** Nelson, Jodie \$1,645.00, Pfaff, Jody \$1,750.00, Total For Fund \$3,395.00, **Cities:** Dazey \$3,417.47, Fingal \$3,608.24, Kathryn \$1,848.93, Leal \$556.45, Litchville \$5,303.99, Nome \$1,882.71, Oriska \$2,316.97, Pillsbury \$270.27, Rogers \$954.72, Sanborn \$6,616.16, Sibley \$552.90, Valley City \$143,390.45, Wimbledon \$4,532.19, Total For Fund \$175,251.45, **Townships:** Alta \$4,000.31, Anderson \$4,261.45, Ashtabula \$2,972.20, Baldwin \$1,936.00, Binghampton \$3,111.47, Brimer \$2,697.62, Cuba \$3,150.15, Dazey \$1,885.06, Eckelson \$5,943.67, Edna \$2,849.27, Ellsbury \$2,001.11, Getchell \$3,562.58, Grand \$2,557.94, Green \$3,209.43,

Greenland \$2,196.46, Hemen \$2,164.88, Hobart \$4,373.00, Laketown \$1,862.78, Mansfield \$1,771.96, Marsh \$7,528.85, Meadow \$2,192.93, Minnie \$3,060.15, Nelson \$3,298.03, Noltimier \$2,243.89, Norma \$2,346.04, Oakhill \$1,486.74, Oriska \$3,455.47, Pierce \$2,002.20, Potter \$2,730.26, Raritan \$2,726.14, Rogers \$2,149.30, Rosebud \$2,656.71, Sibley \$5,373.27, Skandia \$2,129.18, Spring \$3,077.24, Springvale \$2,355.73, Stewart \$3,432.96, Svea \$2,109.97, Thordenskjold \$2,326.70, Uxbridge \$4,700.12, Valley \$8,516.82, Weimer \$3,497.95, \$131,903.99, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$234.46, Litchville \$189.95, Sanborn \$322.79, Sibley \$13.83, Valley City \$75,233.90, Total For Fund \$75,994.93, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$86,854.35, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$8,807.04, Griggs County Centra \$541.99, Hope-Page \$4,508.41, Litchville-Marion \$37,971.04, Maple Valley \$41,460.41, Montpelier \$1,492.33, Valley City \$294,932.06, \$476,567.63, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$1,908.92, Edna \$343.87, Enderlin \$56.33, Fingal \$532.51, Hope \$475.04, Kathryn \$542.07, Nome \$541.94, Page \$242.74, Sanborn \$4,730.36, Tower City \$743.12, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$2,823.38, Wimbledon \$1,917.56, Total For Fund \$14,857.84, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Thordenskjold Drain \$8.78, Total For Fund \$8.78, **Covid St & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:** Klj Engineering Llc \$2,936.37, Total For Fund \$2,936.37, Total Warrants \$1,513,313.85

With no further business, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olason, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with all members voting “aye” and the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor