

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 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.

City of Valley City

City Administrator Gwen Crawford presented a request to extend the Renaissance Program for a period of ten years. Shawn Olauson made a motion to extend the Renaissance Program for ten years; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

Planning and Zoning

A setback variance application for Devin Weber for installing drain tile within 75' of 125th Ave SE and within 75" of 30th St SE in Noltimier Township. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the application; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. A variance application was presented from John Anderson for a drain tiles setback within 75' but outside of the road right of way in the SE¼ 22-139-57 in Cuba Township. Pete Paulson moved to approve the variance; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. A drain tile set back variance for John Triebold was presented located in the S½ of 25 and all of 26-140-58 in Valley Township. Pete Paulson moved to approve the application; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. Matthew Olson has an application creating a subdivision and rezoning it to residential and a variance of 150' from the center of the township road to build a house on the SW ¼ 2-140-58 in Valley Township. Shawn Olauson moved to approve the application; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. Building Permits were reviewed.

Environmental Services

A quote for a carpet cleaner for the courthouse was presented from Smith Lumber and Cole Paper. Pete Paulson moved to purchase the carpet cleaner from Smith Lumber contingent on if they would match the price of the Cole Paper quote; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote with all members voting yes.

Highway Department

Vicky Lovell made a motion to approve the Resolution for Industrial Builders with a bid of \$799,690.20 for the Bayshore Slide Award contract. Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. Road conditions were discussed for Barnes County highway #20 and #22. Vicky Lovell made a motion to reduce the weight limit to 80,000 pounds on county highway #22 beginning at state highway #1 west to the county line effective June 1st. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes. The dump ground hill road will be closed during culvert replacement.

Auditor's Office

Shawn Olauson moved to approve May 6, 2025, minutes as presented. Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon vote with all members voting "aye".

Veterans Service Office

The Veteran Service contract with LaMoure County was discussed. Pete Paulson made a motion to approve the contract if LaMoure County would agree to \$30,000.00 annually; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Economic Development

Jennifer Feist is requesting an additional \$1,250.00 of Economic Development funds to be used for the Single Family Home Buyer Assistance Program. This would bring the previous approved dollars to a total of \$120,000.00. This would provide \$30,000.00 for four homes in the county.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson reported Economic Development would like approval of an additional \$1,250,00 of Economic Development funds and they will be in to address this. Shawn Olauson reported that the Barnes County Museum has a couple of board openings. Mike Schwehr reported City County Health District remains concerned with the Measles outbreak and there is mandatory reporting right away by clinics if there is a case. Vicky Lovell reported HUD will be having their annual audit. Hilde van Gijssel will give the annual library report during the June 17th commission meeting and Hilde will be done on library board at the end of June. They are planning to put up a donor's plaque. Bill Carlbom reported the North Star Classic did okay. The covid fund balance was discussed.

With no further business, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by Pete Paulson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with all members voting "aye" and the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor