

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 with Mike Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Bill Carlblom was absent. Vice Chair Shawn Olauson called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m., roll call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the agenda was reviewed.

Emergency Management

Jennifer Jenrich gave updates on the June 20th storm. Five homes were destroyed beyond livable conditions and will need to be rebuilt. The National Weather Service and Jessica were evaluating damage throughout the county. Preliminary reports are EF2 South and Southwest of Valley City and EF3 in the western Barnes County by Urbana. Damage consists of houses, farms, grain bins, shops, storage buildings and trees. We are waiting for the National Weather Service final reports. The county doesn't have much damage except for signs. Cities do have damages and that needs to be submitted to the state for FEMA disaster qualification. The State DES was also working on damage assessments in the cities of Wimbledon, Dazey, and Leal. The volunteers have been outstanding. Cities have been working diligently to get damage cleaned up. We now have a storm shelter set up in the basement of Connect Church.

Dispatch

Ethan Waters was introduced as a new employee with dispatch. Ethan previously worked for the Weed Board and worked for the Juvenile Detention Program in Devils Lake. He worked Saturday after the storm and jumped right in and did a fantastic job. Andrea Hetland will soon be done with training and will go on probation. Ian has put in his two weeks' notice as he decided this job was not for him so we will have one opening. Chris Westerhausen has retired. A dispatcher and a trainee were working when the sirens went off for the tornado warning on June 20th. Sarah and a night shift supervisor came in at 10:30 to assist. Phones were extremely busy and overwhelmed. Jason Thiel came up and added another phone. There were 219 calls for service, 480 emergency and non-emergency calls, 20 agencies were called out in the first three hours and 1386 phone calls on two of the counsels. The team handled it extremely well. Coordination among agencies was amazing. A SIRM tower will be built in Valley City. An agreement with the City of Valley City was approved to be signed. A new repeater is being installed today. Coverage is still being tested. A mobile-to-mobile program will be added in July. We are on the transition list. Once timeline is known, Sarah will work with agencies getting the sign-off on programming. Most pre-work is done. It's a matter of starting training and looking at that once we get to on-boarding. We were asked to participate in a grant for a pilot project for Safe Road Safe Street for All grant. This will provide a comprehensive road safety plan. The grant will pay for a CAD to CAD integration with Stutsman County. This is an in-kind grant so it wouldn't cost the county any dollars except for Sarah's time.

Auditor's Office

Vicky Lovell moved to approve June 17, 2025, minutes as presented. Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried with all present members voting aye. A deadline for the disaster proclamation was discussed and will be discussed at the next meeting. A Gaming Site Authorization was presented for The Hungary Pelican at The Crossing. Pete Paulson made a motion to approve the Gaming Site; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all present members voting yes. The Auditor's/Treasurer's Convention went well with a lot of new information being presented regarding new legislation.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson reported the VSO van mileage was 1,623 miles and 40 rides were given, 217 phone calls, 121 walk-ins and seven appointments. There will be a conference call with LaMoure County Commissioners at 9:00 a.m. during the next commission meeting on July 15th to discuss fees. Airport insurance paid was \$5,980.00. Mike Schwehr reported City County Health is still working on septic issues in Enderlin, Litchville, and Rogers. The next meeting will include an evaluation for Katie and looking at job descriptions. Vicky Lovell reported SCDRC has CDBG grant applications available for cities and fire departments, and they are accepting all types of grant applications. The deadline is July 15th. The library is developing a technology plan. HUD is working on two boilers.

Bills Approved For June 2025

General Fund: Advanced Business Methods Inc \$93.72, Aed Everywhere \$439.28, Aflac \$2,988.71, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.45, Amazon Capital Services \$310.04, Amg Radiology Aberdeen \$97.00, Andrew S Marquart \$153.00, Angeles, Danilo & Patti \$1,036.44, Bakkegard & Schell \$208.85, Balco Uniform Co. Inc \$2,619.00, Barnes Co Vso \$58.05, Barnes County Auditor \$765.20, Barnes Rural Water \$506.76, Bek Communications Cooperative \$1,128.31, Berntson, Anna \$100.00, Big Language Solutions \$3.99, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$1,762.55, Boll, Nicholas & Kristin Boll \$248.31, Bridge City Dentistry \$252.00, Buttke, Emma \$136.18, Carlblom, William \$68.20, Cass County Electric \$406.87, Charm-Tex Inc \$298.00, Christensen, Rose Beverage \$16.16, Christopher, John \$158.00, City County Health District \$9,721.25, Cole Papers Inc. \$591.99, Colonial Life Insurance \$126.47, Companion Life Insurance Co \$3,942.61, Counties Providing Technology \$2,817.00, Cts Language Link \$6.73, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$1,446.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$16,501.84, Delmore, Wayne \$25.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$99.85, Diegel, Derrell \$1,005.00, Environmental Systems Research Ins \$2,910.00, Everson, Jordyn \$34.51, Fat Man Trash Llc \$890.00, Ground To Sky Llc \$1,000.00, Handy Hardware & Rental \$334.82, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$57.55, Hr Collaborative \$50.00, Information Technology Department \$6,113.79, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$129.51, Kamstra, Matthew \$25.00, Kotaco \$1,799.45, Leever's Foods \$90.60, Litchville Bulletin \$448.32, Lovell, Victoria \$315.60, Marco Inc - St Louis \$657.93, Mid-States Wireless, Inc. \$198.50, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$2,795.37, Morehouse Enterprises Llc \$131.93, Nd Correctional Health Care Assn \$100.00, Nd Dept Of Human

Services \$483.30, Neitzke, Melissa \$126.00, Nucara Pharmacy \$233.72, Olauson, Shawn \$76.60, Otis Elevator Company \$2,465.36, Paulson, Pete \$200.40, Penguin Management Inc \$200.00, Peterson Mechanical Inc \$3,524.65, Petro Serve Usa \$6,843.21, Pharmchem Inc \$159.75, Postmaster \$120.00, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc \$114.65, Quadient Finance Usa Inc \$2,999.21, Quadient Leasing Usa Inc \$679.38, Record Keepers, Llc \$87.50, Sanford Health Sd \$1,315.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$280.00, Schwehr, Michael \$56.30, Smart, Travis \$87.10, Smith Lumber Company \$619.99, Sommerland, Nolan \$87.10, Stoudt Miller - Vp \$48,297.00, Stoudt Miller Inc \$1,575.29, Stutsman County Correctional Center \$5,800.00, Summit Foods Service Llc \$13,149.00, Sund, Kelly \$25.00, Sunset Law Enforcement Llc \$1,441.20, The Medicine Shoppe \$60.89, Thiel, Jason \$78.14, Thomson Reuters -West \$390.42, Thornton, Nicholas & Jennifer \$204.31, Valley Auto Parts \$92.79, Valley Barber Service \$478.00, Valley City Fire Dept. \$280.00, Valley City Public Works \$4,339.86, Valley City Times-Record \$1,557.72, Valley Officeworks \$594.80, Velure, Beverly \$2,476.60, Verizon Wireless \$1,203.12, Volk, Shelby \$88.00, World Insurance Associates Llc \$1,601.00, 3d Specialties, Inc. \$4,557.90, Total For Fund \$177,319.95, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$10,815.28, Total For Fund \$10,815.28, **Veterans Service Office:** Aflac \$149.59, Bek Communications Cooperative \$35.90, Companion Life Insurance Co \$141.70, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$42.00, Jacobson, Tammy J. \$226.00, Petro Serve Usa \$375.77, Record Keepers, Llc \$7.88, Stoudt Miller Inc \$65.42, Thebo, Rebecca \$45.00, Valley Officeworks \$19.99, Verizon Wireless \$112.94, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$550.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc \$343.30, Total For Fund \$2,115.49, **County Road And Bridge:** A P Equipment Inc \$484.95, Aflac \$740.26, Aflac Group Insurance \$40.85, Barnes Co Vso \$181.85, Butler Machinery Co. \$436.62, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$26,904.23, Colonial Life Insurance \$59.04, Companion Life Insurance Co \$1,099.22, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$636.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$45.20, General Equipment & Supplies \$1,076.67, Hermanson, Darrell \$300.00, Hubert Oye & Sons, Inc. \$13,957.40, Kotaco \$1,855.73, Lg Everist Inc \$1,364.40, Manson, Heather \$19.15, Marshall Repair \$120.00, Metcalf, Ryan \$90.00, Ndsu - Ugpti \$125.00, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$355.64, Olauson, Shane \$204.14, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestown \$140.95, Petro Serve Usa \$84.47, Postmaster \$120.00, Powerplan Oib \$479.59, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$183.00, Schander, Mary J \$300.00, Stoudt Miller Inc \$523.08, Swanston Equipment Co. \$115.74, Tangen, Tim N \$90.00, The Window Man \$93.00, Truenorth Steel \$30,753.56, Valley Auto Parts \$1,176.53, Valley City Public Works \$1,024.91, Valley City Times-Record \$272.08, Verizon Wireless \$99.43, Wd Larson Companies Ltd Inc \$1,178.17, Willey, Myron \$90.00, World Insurance Associates Llc \$50.00, Total For Fund \$87,510.86, **Weed Control:** A.P.I Garage Door, Inc \$1,800.00, Aflac \$149.93, Agterra Technologies Inc \$210.00, Amazon Capital Services \$378.07, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$737.80, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$119.40, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.77, Dacotah Bank Sd \$802.00, Didier, Beth M \$23.80, FLS Manufacturing Inc \$871.95, Handy Hardware & Rental \$437.03, Stoudt Miller - Vp \$51,155.00, Stoudt Miller Inc \$182.93, Valley City Public Works \$34.18, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Windish, Jamen \$50.00, World Insurance Associates Llc \$1,097.00, Total For Fund \$58,298.91, **County Agent:** Aflac \$33.50, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Dacotah Bank Sd \$275.00, Milender, Sue \$387.67, Ndsu Dept 3110 \$76.53, Tichy, Amy J \$50.00, Valley Officeworks \$51.70, Total For Fund \$924.36, **B.C. Economic Dev Fund:** Vc-Bc Development Corporation \$110,000.00, Total For Fund \$110,000.00, **County Agent Revolving:** Dacotah Bank Sd \$967.57, Total For Fund \$967.57, **Grants And Projects:** Barnes Co Extension Service \$200.00, Centurylink Az \$.03, Hazangwi, Kelvin \$2,848.76, Leever's Foods \$38.82, Linebaugh, Alillian \$120.00, Perlman, Corey \$1,750.00, Rohrer, Anna \$100.00, Stein, Michelle \$625.00, Total For Fund \$5,682.61, **Township Tap Funding Projects:** Blokzyl, Kathleen \$100.00, Henderson Ward \$1,150.00, Johnson, Thomas \$300.00, Richter, Karen \$200.00, Total For Fund \$1,750.00, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$4,433.65, Total For Fund \$4,433.65, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$3,227.49, Total For Fund \$3,227.49, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$6,965.61, Total For Fund \$6,965.61, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$426.91, Total For Fund \$426.91, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$5,407.36, Total For Fund \$5,407.36, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$8,061.85, Total For Fund \$8,061.85, **Water Resources:** Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$5,303.50, Johnny B's Trees & Service \$1,000.00, Minnesota Valley Testing Laborator \$1,744.80, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$1,161.90, Valley City Times-Record \$28.80, Total For Fund \$9,288.96, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$2,027.68, Total For Fund \$2,027.68, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$5,121.79, Total For Fund \$5,121.79, **Cities:** Dazey \$1,948.66, Fingal \$4,358.27, Kathryn \$2,181.59, Leal \$257.43, Litchville \$3,890.37, Nome \$2,293.54, Oriska \$1,305.55, Pillsbury \$1,573.52, Rogers \$160.67, Sanborn \$3,690.45, Sibley \$1,263.35, Valley City \$109,716.74, Wimbledon \$2,117.14, Total For Fund \$134,757.28, **Townships:** Alta \$1,607.56, Anderson \$1,135.88, Ashtabula \$1,613.33, Baldwin \$235.60, Binghampton \$1,764.31, Brimer \$349.63, Cuba \$921.38, Dazey \$233.69, Eckelson \$2,035.77, Edna \$830.33, Ellsbury \$379.45, Getchell \$1,196.62, Grand \$1,039.96, Green \$1,775.94, Greenland \$2,336.61, Hemen \$539.13, Hobart \$1,168.62, Laketown \$308.51, Mansfield \$230.90, Marsh \$2,676.45, Meadow \$390.69, Minnie \$589.55, Nelson \$820.36, Noltimier \$862.35, Norma \$662.49, Oakhill \$288.78, Oriska \$974.68, Pierce \$465.58, Potter \$1,408.28, Raritan \$318.64, Rogers \$1,238.08, Rosebud \$654.52, Sibley \$1,219.12, Skandia \$306.22, Spring \$823.12, Springvale \$561.09, Stewart \$1,369.36, Svea \$290.21, Thordenskjold \$459.82, Uxbridge \$1,582.48, Valley \$3,545.53, Weimer \$244.40, \$41,455.02, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$217.75, Litchville \$153.18, Sanborn \$178.19, Sibley \$31.60, Valley City \$60,822.21, Total For Fund \$61,402.93, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$38,203.79, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$1,870.97, Griggs County Central \$406.62, Hope-Page \$2,546.57, Litchville-Marion \$14,192.10, Maple Valley \$18,094.87, Valley City \$174,703.50, \$250,018.42, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$679.61, Edna \$170.00, Enderlin \$6.86, Fingal \$524.87, Hope \$215.75, Kathryn \$183.01, Nome \$153.05, Page \$70.38, Sanborn \$1,814.61, Tower City \$137.29, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$1,260.04, Wimbledon \$816.09, Total For Fund \$6,031.56, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Stewart Drain Li \$173.74, Total For Fund \$173.74, **Covid St & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:** Nd Dept Of Transportation \$1,001.56, Total For Fund \$1,001.56, **Under Levied Funds:** Valley City School District #2 \$209,519.18, Total For Fund \$209,519.18, **Payroll Fund:** Nd Association Of Counties Wc \$1,966.69, Total For Fund \$1,966.69, Total Warrants \$1,206,672.71

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 9:53 a.m.

Shawn Olauson, Vice Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor