

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 4, 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.

Sheriff's Office and Judge Thornton

Judge Nicholas Thornton and Sheriff Randy McClafin appeared to discuss security and lockers during court hearings and trials. Emma Buttke would be willing to provide security during trials and hearings. However, to provide personnel for the court, a full-time office deputy would need to be hired for the Sheriff's Office. Bill Carlblom made a motion to have Emma provide court security and the sheriff's office hire a full-time office deputy; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote. The pay rate will be discussed and determined at a later date. Security cell phone pouches from Yondr were available for demonstration. A quote from Yondr was presented for \$3,750.00. Bill Carlblom made a motion to approve the Yondr quote; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes upon roll call vote.

Back the Blue Grant

Pat Sand and Jeremy Wolf presented a schedule of how they would like to see the money from Back the Blue Grant distributed, with the amounts paid to Sheriff's Office and Correctional employees based on years of service. Vicky Lovell made a motion to follow the presented schedule for disbursing the Back the Blue dollars as presented in the schedule; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Auditor's Office

The motion on October 21, 2025 to "move forward with the transfer of the nurse to corrections with the understanding Karen Bundy's vacation and sick leave balances be paid out by City County Health before transferring over and Karen's years of service will be moved over with her" was discussed and amended to read that the county will move forward with transferring Karen over to corrections from City County Health, striking the vacation and sick leave balances and years of service from the motion. Vacation and sick leave and year of service will be discussed at a later date. Shawn Olauson moved to approve October 21, 2025, with changes as discussed, October 29, 2025, and November 3, 2025 minutes as presented. Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. A court facilities grant for the HVAC system was discussed. Bill Carlblom made a motion to go ahead with the application. Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. The Notice of Real Estate Forfeited to the County for Delinquent Taxes was presented and discussed by the commission for appraisal of property. The appraisal totals set by the board includes the estimated 2025 tax. Parcel #29-2210110 recently had the 2022 tax paid but the 2023 and 2024 tax still remain unpaid since the list had been sent out. This total will be adjusted to reflect the payment. Parcel # 52-0100340 had higher special assessments than the previous year. The 2025 estimate will be adjusted to reflect the change. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the Notice of Real Estate Forfeited as presented with changes; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes. A Local Permit Raffle application for the Sodbuster Club was presented. Vicky Lovell made a motion to approve the application; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson discussed the airport hanger door that was damaged in the June storm. The insurance check is \$58,000 and the bill to fix the door approximately \$90,000. They are not accepting the check because of the difference. They are going back to the Farmers Union agent to find out why it is so low. LEPC meeting was talking about more training, disaster response, updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan, basic first aid for high school students. Veteran Service Office had 2,879 miles put on the van with 50 rides. Shawn Olauson reported LIHEAP will be funded through the end of this year and WIC will be funded to the end of the month. Insurance rates are reported to be going up substantially which will bring in more clients looking for help. Food Pantry is taking donations. Mike Schwehr attended the City County Health District meeting. They are busy with the respiratory season. They would like to wait to transfer Karen to corrections until January 1. Vicky Lovell missed the SCDRC meeting because of the annual NDACO convention. Bill Carlblom attended the annual NDACO convention in Bismarck. He had some good ideas for the highway department. Questions on raises were brought up. Normally raises are across the board and if the board would be willing to do anything more. Consensus of the board is that the raises are across the board and with the 3% cap, we could run into issues doing anything more. Services may need to be cut.

Bills Approved For October 2025

General Fund: Witnessfee,Meal,Mileage \$200.60, Mileage,Meals,Witness Fee \$578.92, Acom Systems \$1,995.00, Advanced Business Methods Inc \$354.70, Aflac \$2,817.44, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.45, Amazon Capital Services \$521.11, Badlands Environmental Consultants \$1,920.00, Barnes Co Vso \$184.95, Barnes County Auditor \$668.58, Barnes Rural Water \$1,053.18, Beckman Septic Llc \$1,500.00, Bek Communications Cooperative \$1,059.48, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$71.82, Carlblom, Taylor \$58.00, Carlblom, William \$90.60, Cass County Electric \$816.82, Cass County Government \$170.00, Charm-Tex Inc \$1,179.00, City County Health District \$9,735.00, Cole Papers Inc. \$1,199.01, Colonial Life Insurance \$126.47, Companion Life Insurance Co \$3,828.86, Counties Providing Technology \$2,817.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$1,362.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$10,894.75, Dacotah Paper Co. \$1,478.80, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$102.77, Duffy, Tonya \$301.00, Electro Watchman, Inc. \$178.28, Everbridge Inc \$6,952.50, Everson,Jordyn \$12.18, Fat Man Trash Llc \$934.50, G & R Controls Inc \$5,955.00, Galls Incorporated

\$207.99, Ground To Sky Llc \$500.00, Hager, Brian \$25.00, Handy Hardware & Rental \$787.96, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$61.00, Information Technology Department \$5,474.00, Intoximeters \$285.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$162.68, Kjelland Excavation \$6,500.00, Klj Engineering Llc \$2,388.81, Koepplin, Bobby \$4,238.69, Kotaco \$702.89, Litchville Bulletin \$325.80, Marco \$4,019.19, Marco Inc - St Louis \$1,380.16, Marshall, Lori \$49.00, McClafflin, Theresa \$400.00, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl \$121.29, Mid-States Wireless, Inc. \$1,147.50, Midwest Pest Control \$330.00, Miller, Sarah \$297.52, Mindt, Julie \$89.67, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$2,158.51, National Association Of Counties \$450.00, Nd Apco \$180.00, Nd Attorney General \$1,950.00, Nd Dept Of Human Services \$850.69, Nd State Radio Communications \$720.00, Nucara Pharmacy \$405.95, Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel \$553.80, Penguin Management Inc \$3,402.00, Petro Serve Usa \$150.27, Pfaff, Jody \$201.60, Pharmchem Inc \$191.70, Pine Country Nursery \$950.00, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc \$114.65, Record Keepers, Llc \$52.50, Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. \$1,540.00, Roorda, Elizabeth \$58.00, Sanford Health Sd \$1,633.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$280.00, Schwehr, Michael \$173.80, Scram Systems \$209.16, Smith Lumber Company \$100.41, Stoudt Miller Inc \$3,614.04, Strata Corporation \$880.67, Stryker Corporation \$1,472.00, Stutsman County Correctional Cente \$1,700.00, Summit Foods Service Llc \$22,326.00, Thiel, Jason \$74.64, Thomson Reuters -West \$390.42, Valley Barber Service \$318.00, Valley City Public Works \$6,549.24, Valley City Times-Record \$1,480.53, Valley Officeworks \$306.44, Verizon Wireless \$287.62, Wolff, Jeremy \$150.00, Total For Fund \$146,536.56, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$2,542.53, Total For Fund \$2,542.53, **Veterans Service Office:** Aflac \$149.59, All Flags Llc \$370.65, Bek Communications Cooperative \$35.53, Companion Life Insurance Co \$141.70, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$42.00, Leaf \$190.00, Petro Serve Usa \$233.29, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$56.00, Stoudt Miller Inc \$65.42, Verizon Wireless \$112.96, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$550.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc \$278.70, Total For Fund \$2,225.84, **County Road And Bridge:** Aflac \$740.26, Aflac Group Insurance \$40.85, Arrowwood Prairie Co-Op \$3.41, Bierschbach Equipment & Supply Co, \$222.00, Blair's Auto Body Llc \$440.00, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$27,766.71, Cole Papers Inc. \$99.76, Colonial Life Insurance \$59.04, Companion Life Insurance Co \$1,099.22, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$636.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$237.26, Dallmann Services Company \$4,073.52, General Equipment & Supplies \$1,178.76, Handy Hardware & Rental \$245.06, Inland Truck Parts & Service \$448.10, Klj Engineering Llc \$63,160.16, Kotaco \$2,662.22, Litchville Bulletin \$129.78, Mayo Construction \$1,855,792.44, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$84.09, Nd Dept Of Transportation \$38,283.95, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$969.95, North Central International,Llc \$885.12, Ottetail Power Company - Jamestown \$296.28, Petro Serve Usa \$625.15, Powerplan Oib \$242.78, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Smith, Todd \$98.28, Stoudt Miller Inc \$9,924.14, The Window Man \$93.00, Truenorth Steel \$30,328.00, Valley Auto Parts \$901.05, Valley City Public Works \$718.24, Valley City Times-Record \$218.25, Verizon Wireless \$99.44, Total For Fund \$2,043,442.27, **Weed Control:** Grant Reimbursement \$1,850.00, Aflac \$149.93, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$949.20, Bayshore City Side \$164.95, Companion Life Insurance Co \$99.92, Handy Hardware & Rental \$265.55, Midwest Pest Control \$100.00, Valley Auto Parts \$168.38, Valley City Public Works \$143.41, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Windish, Jamen \$50.00, Total For Fund \$4,141.39, **County Agent:** Advanced Business Methods Inc \$615.76, Aflac \$33.50, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Dacotah Bank Sd \$393.99, Milender, Sue \$397.95, Ndaaea \$75.00, Ndsu Extension Service \$19,334.24, Tichy, Amy J \$333.47, Total For Fund \$21,233.87, **Farm To Market 15 Mill:** Klj Engineering Llc \$221.00, Total For Fund \$221.00, **County Bridge:** Nd Dept Of Transportation \$930.62, Total For Fund \$930.62, **Community Service:** Verizon Wireless \$39.04, Total For Fund \$39.04, **Grants And Projects:** Horse, Tonia \$85.00, Keller, Constance \$440.00, Leever's Foods \$50.47, Lorinser,Kristi \$440.00, Swenson, Allison \$1,021.76, Williams, Alexis \$1,155.47, Zent, Julie \$75.00, Total For Fund \$3,267.70, **Township Tap Funding Projects:** Jensen Brothers Construction Inc \$734,983.54, Klj Engineering Llc \$42,651.85, Total For Fund \$777,635.39, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$1,299.86, Total For Fund \$1,299.86, **Flood Emergency 2011:** Nd Dept Of Emergency Services \$16,269.88, Total For Fund \$16,269.88, **Stewart Drain:** Larson Helicopters \$700.00, Total For Fund \$700.00, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$1,132.72, Total For Fund \$1,132.72, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$1,705.22, Total For Fund \$1,705.22, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$913.10, Total For Fund \$913.10, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$1,271.02, Total For Fund \$1,271.02, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$1,837.91, Total For Fund \$1,837.91, **Water Resources:** Anderson, Bruce \$87.50, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$7,139.25, Larson Helicopters \$904.00, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$3,345.39, Postmaster \$73.00, Schlagel,Perry \$13.30, Starion Bond Services \$21,935.00, Valley City Times-Record \$34.00, Total For Fund \$33,581.40, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$476.70, Total For Fund \$476.70, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$1,225.12, Total For Fund \$1,225.12, **Cities:** Dazey \$1,158.15, Fingal \$3,249.02, Kathryn \$1,008.81, Litchville \$1,402.59, Nome \$177.45, Pillsbury \$59.39, Sanborn \$210.88, Sibley \$1,062.21, Valley City \$33,026.18, Wimbledon \$1,041.58, Total For Fund \$42,396.26, **Townships:** Alta \$527.85, Anderson \$382.48, Ashtabula \$635.66, Baldwin \$222.86, Binghampton \$357.92, Brimer \$330.73, Cuba \$399.11, Dazey \$282.92, Eckelson \$449.02, Edna \$813.69, Ellsbury \$268.30, Getchell \$490.81, Grand \$325.66, Green \$423.20, Greenland \$340.37, Hemen \$928.00, Hobart \$411.14, Laketown \$198.86, Mansfield \$255.36, Marsh \$719.82, Meadow \$487.92, Minnie \$296.71, Nelson \$3,060.26, Noltimier \$391.91, Norma \$331.98, Oakhill \$273.17, Oriska \$268.65, Pierce \$296.49, Potter \$550.77, Raritan \$439.18, Rogers \$508.01, Rosebud \$339.93, Sibley \$359.31, Skandia \$637.87, Spring \$627.38, Springvale \$514.17, Stewart \$1,084.27, Svea \$274.52, Thordenskjold \$553.95, Uxbridge \$388.57, Valley \$1,469.81, Weimer \$297.37, \$22,215.96, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$75.93, Litchville \$58.81, Sanborn \$15.41, Sibley \$26.58, Valley City \$11,318.05, Total For Fund \$11,494.78, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$12,066.08, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$961.60, Griggs County Centra \$86.90, Hope-Page \$56.19, Litchville-Marion \$6,698.01, Maple Valley \$2,528.79, Valley City \$39,727.88, \$62,125.45, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$236.19, Edna \$123.16, Enderlin \$53.13, Fingal \$123.18, Hope \$99.17, Kathryn \$424.50, Nome \$104.74, Page \$30.94, Sanborn \$788.46, Tower City \$95.64, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$174.34, Wimbledon \$298.18, Total For Fund \$2,551.63, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. \$1,813.75, Larson Helicopters \$1,032.00, Stewart Drain Li \$236.33, Thordenskjold Drain \$184.43, Total For Fund \$3,266.51, **Capital Projects:** Bank Of North Dakota \$241,609.98, Total For Fund \$241,609.98, Total Warrants \$3,448,289.71

With no further business, Pete Paulson made a motion, seconded by Mike Schwehr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with all members voting “aye” and the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor