

Barnes County Commission
January 6, 2026
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, with Bill Carlblom, Mike Schwehr, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson. Vicky Lovell was present via telephone. 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.

Bravera Insurance

Scott Faehnrich, Bravera Insurance agent, discussed various ways he could save the county money by insuring through Bravera with Scott as our NDIRF agent.

Corrections

Jeremy Wolff presented a quote of \$25,490.00 plus an annual maintenance fee of \$3,593 for an Idemia LiveScan fingerprint machine. Bill Carlblom made a motion to approve the purchase if Idemia would agree to a two-year warranty before they would start charging an annual maintenance fee; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

NDDOT

Brad Darr, NDDOT Maintenance Division Director, joined the commission meeting via Teams to discuss a 129,000 lb Large Truck Network that is being proposed on a network of state highways. Bill Carlblom made a motion to follow the state proposal recommendation of allowing 129,000 lb trucks on the state highway network system. Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mike, Bill, Pete, and Shawn voting "yes" and Vicky voting "no".

Auditor's Office

Vicky Lovell moved to approve December 16, 2025, minutes as presented. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting "aye". A Liquor License application for wine only for Maryvale was presented for approval. Mike Schwehr made a motion to approve the application. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson reported the Airport had new officers elected for their board. They will be selling 3.1 acres of land and will be advertising on bids beginning next week with a bid opening of February 2nd. They are working on a seal coat project for the runway. The Veteran's Office put 2,638 miles on the van with 54 rides. Shawn Olauson reminded everyone of the Pancake Feed coming up for the Historical Society. Mike Schwehr reported that the CCHD director is out on medical leave and Megan Velure will be the interim director. Vicky Lovell reported the Strategic Planning meeting at the library went well. The Skyline Villa is installing a new boiler. Bill Carlblom has an annual review of the Extension Office personnel coming up.

Bills Approved For December 2025

General Fund: Advanced Business Methods Inc \$112.36, Aflac \$2,817.44, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.45, Allard Trophy Co \$473.25, Amazon Capital Services \$759.77, Barnes County Auditor \$442.43, Barnes Rural Water \$978.28, Bek Communications Cooperative \$984.84, Big Language Solutions \$5.70, Bill's Gun Shop & Range \$5,411.10, Burnn Boiler & Mechanical Inc \$954.90, Butler Machinery Co. \$3,220.00, Carlblom, William \$69.25, Cass County Electric \$540.54, Cass County Government \$785.56, Charm-Tex Inc \$239.60, City County Health District \$8,800.00, City Of Valley City \$430.15, Code 4 Services Inc \$13,361.80, Cole Papers Inc. \$965.61, 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 \$20,149.26, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$89.21, Duffy, Tonya \$1,007.80, Emblem Enterprises Inc \$374.25, Everson,Jordyn \$15.12, Farm & Home Publishers \$825.00, Galls Incorporated \$25.38, Handy Hardware & Rental \$659.79, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$61.00, Information Technology Department \$5,873.20, Jackson,Trent \$434.60, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$246.17, Jamestown Area Chamber Of Commerce \$1,000.00, Klj Engineering Llc \$132.46, Koeplin, Bobby \$3,000.00, La Quinta Inn & Suites Inn Bismarc \$110.00, Lexipol Llc \$3,027.64, Litchville Bulletin \$505.93, Lovell, Victoria \$128.40, Marco Inc - St Louis \$657.93, McKesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl \$102.07, Midwest Pest Control \$157.33, Mmt Irrigation \$150.00, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$5,568.88, Morehouse Enterprises Llc \$5,065.88, Nd Attorney General \$4,050.00, Nd County Auditors Association \$500.00, Nd County Commissioners Associatio \$50.00, Nd Dept Of Human Services \$4,300.72, Nd 911 Association \$100.00, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$157.67, Olauson, Shawn \$129.80, Petro Serve Usa \$3,188.35, Pfaff, Jody \$198.80, Pharmchem Inc \$319.50, Quadient Finance Usa Inc \$3,083.44, Quadient Leasing Usa Inc \$709.08, Ramada By Windham Bismarck \$1,287.00, Record Keepers, Llc \$70.00, Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. \$1,200.00, Rj's Plumbing & Heating \$722.02, Sanford Health Sd \$1,471.00, Schwehr, Michael \$262.10, Scram Systems \$371.46, Sheyenne River Valley Scenic Byway \$4,400.00, Stein's, Inc. \$163.81, Stoudt Miller Inc \$1,791.12, Streicher's \$265.92, Stutsman County Correctional Cente \$5,900.00, Summit Fire Protection Co \$318.65, Summit Foods Service Llc \$25,804.80, Target Solutions Learing,Llc \$3,982.79, Taylor Print Impressions Inc \$15,825.78, The Travelers Indemnity Co \$21,002.00, The Village Family Service Center \$3,003.00, Thiel, Jason \$139.39, Thomson Reuters -West \$390.42, Valley Auto Parts \$5.49, Valley Barber Service \$400.00, Valley City Public Works \$8,017.65, Valley City Times-Record \$739.58, Valley Officeworks \$3,235.75, Vanguard Appraisals Inc \$1,925.00, Verizon Wireless \$207.66, West Central Regional Juvenile Cen \$375.00, World Insurance Associates Llc \$590.00, Total For Fund \$218,450.16, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$1,165.32, Total For Fund \$1,165.32, **Veterans Service Office:** Aflac \$149.59, Bek Communications Cooperative \$35.53, Companion Life Insurance Co \$141.70, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$42.00, Leaf \$380.00, Levers Foods \$74.95, National Association Of County Vso \$100.00, Petro Serve Usa \$700.27, Record Keepers, Llc \$15.76, Stoudt Miller Inc

\$64.91, Valley Officeworks \$80.40, Verizon Wireless \$113.00, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$1,100.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc \$370.48, Total For Fund \$3,257.08, **County Road And Bridge:** Aflac \$740.26, Aflac Group Insurance \$40.85, Ashtabula Township \$528.79, Baldwin Township \$4,545.55, Bayshore City Side \$304.32, Berts Truck Equipment \$46,026.00, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$2,986.40, Butler Machinery Co. \$5,317.33, Chs Inc \$4,607.27, Colonial Life Insurance \$59.04, Companion Life Insurance Co \$1,049.26, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$636.00, Getchell Township \$327.09, Grand Prairie Township \$2,658.04, Klj Engineering Llc \$3,495.12, Kotaco \$1,999.03, Linde Gas & Eq / Praxair \$586.42, Manson, Heather \$24.21, Marshall Repair \$2,919.21, Metcalf, Ryan \$90.00, Midstates Equipment & Supply \$32,608.30, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$81.02, Nd Association Of County Engineers \$350.00, Nd Dept Of Transportation \$279,159.01, Ndsu - Ugpti \$150.00, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$24.52, Noltimier Township \$499.10, North Central International,Llc \$544.94, Nova Fire Protection, Llc \$195.00, Ok Tire Store \$1,675.00, Olauson, Shane \$45.86, Ottetail Power Company - Jamestow \$191.41, Petro Serve Usa \$148.32, Powerplan Oib \$2,152.71, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$61.00, Smith, Jamie L. \$79.52, Subsurface Inc \$219,465.00, Tangen, Tim N \$90.00, Valley Auto Parts \$1,224.97, Valley City Public Works \$29.40, Valley City Times-Record \$36.00, Valley Officeworks \$348.99, Verizon Wireless \$99.46, Willey, Myron \$90.00, World Insurance Associates Llc \$647.00, Total For Fund \$619,576.72, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$149.93, Amazon Capital Services \$766.99, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$196.41, Brenco Corporation \$13,844.06, Companion Life Insurance Co \$99.92, Dathe.Kadance \$1,521.00, Handy Hardware & Rental \$165.46, Nd Weed Control Association \$765.00, Pollert Mark \$2,077.44, Stoudt Miller Inc \$13,348.88, Valley Officeworks \$305.84, Vavra, Jesse \$1,521.00, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Windish, Jamen \$50.00, Total For Fund \$35,011.98, **County Agent:** Aflac \$33.50, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Dacotah Bank Sd \$540.00, Harstad, Alicia \$331.28, Jamestown Area Chamber Of Commerce \$500.00, Leavers Foods \$76.99, Milender, Sue \$439.59, Ndsu Dept 3110 \$119.00, Ndsu Extension-Se District Office \$219.05, Tichy, Amy J \$518.40, Valley Officeworks \$319.00, Total For Fund \$3,146.77, **Insurance Reserve Fund:** World Insurance Associates Llc \$374.00, Total For Fund \$374.00, **County Bridge:** Klj Engineering Llc \$901.68, Nd Dept Of Transportation \$5,229.00, Total For Fund \$6,130.68, **Grants And Projects:** Camisa,Patricia \$510.00, Centurylink Az \$.04, Dathe.Kadance \$160.00, Giesler, Danielle \$750.00, Hazangwi,Kelvin \$2,410.00, Keller, Constance \$630.00, Ketterling,Lilah \$160.00, Knox, Laura \$1,620.00, Leavers Foods \$14.47, Lorinser,Kristi \$735.00, Perlman, Corey \$1,625.00, Rides Horse, Tonia \$510.00, Swenson, Allison \$760.00, Williams, Alexis \$1,806.07, Total For Fund \$11,690.58, **Township Tap Funding Projects:** Klj Engineering Llc \$26,269.01, Total For Fund \$26,269.01, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$884.32, Total For Fund \$884.32, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$920.85, Total For Fund \$920.85, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$894.26, Total For Fund \$894.26, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$251.83, Total For Fund \$251.83, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$582.32, Total For Fund \$582.32, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$803.79, Total For Fund \$803.79, **Water Resources:** Barnes Co Highway Dept \$312.50, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$10,484.75, Nd Water Users Association \$1,090.00, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$1,612.50, Valley City Times-Record \$25.10, Total For Fund \$13,574.81, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$218.43, Total For Fund \$218.43, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$568.85, Total For Fund \$568.85, **Cities:** Dazey \$180.19, Kathryn \$1,055.50, Leal \$9.44, Litchville \$5,636.50, Oriska \$14.36, Rogers \$7.82, Sanborn \$23.10, Valley City \$37,028.80, Wimbleton \$362.67, Total For Fund \$44,318.38, **Townships:** Alta \$774.61, Anderson \$341.96, Ashtabula \$381.44, Baldwin \$300.50, Binghampton \$453.27, Brimer \$418.84, Cuba \$551.29, Dazey \$287.98, Eckelson \$1,549.53, Edna \$459.41, Ellsbury \$339.78, Getchell \$498.08, Grand \$412.42, Green \$535.95, Greenland \$347.47, Hemen \$296.61, Hobart \$520.67, Laketown \$251.84, Mansfield \$276.60, Marsh \$659.14, Meadow \$450.13, Minnie \$375.76, Nelson \$442.44, Noltimier \$707.06, Norma \$420.43, Oakhill \$345.94, Oriska \$340.22, Pierce \$1,758.06, Potter \$1,349.03, Raritan \$394.95, Rogers \$248.76, Rosebud \$483.91, Sibley \$507.03, Skandia \$366.83, Spring \$527.38, Springvale \$384.17, Stewart \$326.09, Svea \$494.67, Thordenskjold \$421.58, Uxbridge \$492.09, Valley \$1,586.37, Weimer \$292.77, \$22,373.06, **Park Districts:** Litchville \$92.62, Sanborn \$1.23, Valley City \$2,136.79, Total For Fund \$2,230.64, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$9,846.23, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$158.85, Litchville-Marion \$3,815.96, Maple Valley \$1,119.51, Valley City \$11,644.26, \$26,584.81, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$203.24, Edna \$54.77, Enderlin \$8.22, Fingal \$104.82, Hope \$126.90, Kathryn \$48.50, Nome \$74.69, Page \$39.18, Sanborn \$1,154.08, Tower City \$62.12, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$79.26, Wimbleton \$928.29, Total For Fund \$2,884.07, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. \$3,080.50, Kjelland Excavation \$500.00, Total For Fund \$3,580.50, **Capital Projects:** Moody's Investors Service \$500.00, Total For Fund \$500.00, **Covid St & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:** Martin Mechanical Design Inc \$175,331.45, Total For Fund \$175,331.45, Total Warrants \$1,221,574.67

With no further business, Shawn Olauson 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 8:49 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
 Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
 Barnes County Auditor