

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 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.

Highway Department

Bids were opened for the Chip Seal project on Barnes County 21 North. Four bids were received: Morris Sealcoat bid 572,031.00; Bituminous Paving bid \$668,120.00; Asphalt Preservation bid \$666,400.00; Astech bid \$704,673.00. Mike Schwehr moved to award the project to Morris Sealcoat; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. Congratulations were given to Ryan Metcalf for achieving the level of Road Scholar II. Flex Fund Grant Applications was awarded to Barnes County, Rogers, Laketown, and Green Townships.

Corrections

Jeremy Wolff has reported the Guardian Medical Manager came out in December, so they now have the program. Sergeant Joshua Bitz has transferred to the Sheriff's Department and Jeremy would like to promote Brady Morden to Sergeant to replace Joshua. Due to the promotion, he is seeking an increase in wages for Brady from the current wage of \$25.75 to the range of \$27.00 to \$27.18 per hour effective with the February 9th payroll period. Mike Schwehr made a motion to approve the increase of pay to \$27.00 per hour for Brady Morden and Teresa Coit. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

Economic Development

Jennifer Feist appeared to discuss the Single-Family Home Buyer Assistance Program. Bill Carlblom made a motion to approve \$90,000.00 to fund six homes at \$15,000.00 each. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Sheriff's Office

Pat Sand and Shane Kalbrener discussed the plan for raising the height of the rotunda handrail on third floor for safety purposes. A Court Facilities Improvement grant of \$21,000.00 was awarded to Barnes County for this project. The total project is \$28,000.00. Vicky Lovell made a motion to accept the grant. Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Auditor's Office

Vicky Lovell moved to approve January 20, 2026, minutes as presented. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting "aye". A request was made from a Barnes County citizen regarding renting FEMA property. Bids were let in December with no interest. The commission would like to meet with the individual before leasing out FEMA property.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson gave an update on the Veteran Service Office activities. On February 2nd, the airport opened bids for selling 3.1 acres of land. The land was sold for \$46,000.00. Hangers lease agreements were updated. They are looking for a new or used payloader. The airport also updated shop rents. Shawn Olauson reported Social Services are approximately one and one-half weeks behind. They purchased two new vehicles. The museum will be having a movie and popcorn night coming up. Mike gave an update on the City County Health District. Vicky Lovell reported the SCDRC has AARP Community Challenge Grants still open until March 4th. The US Commerce CDA Disaster grant application period is open until March 3rd. The library received the Strategic Planning results. HUD housing has enhanced their computer system so people can't get into email parameters and change information. Bill Carlblom attended the Winter Show Board meeting. The Winter Show plans are wrapping up for this year. Annual evaluations have been completed for the Barnes County Extension personnel. The BC Extension Office may come in later this year requesting more funds due to an increase in expenses that were unknown prior to budgeting. The application for the HVAC Court Facilities Grant is delayed for more information.

Bills Approved For January 2026

General Fund: A P Equipment Inc \$65.95, Afac \$3,290.68, Afac Group Insurance \$48.45, Amazon Capital Services \$1,169.11, Andrew S Marquart \$243.00, Balco Uniform Co. Inc \$1,521.27, Barnes Co Ambulance Mandan \$2,518.00, Barnes Co Treasurer \$3,283.58, Barnes County Auditor \$668.58, Barnes County Wildlife Federation \$1,200.00, Barnes Rural Water \$470.36, Bek Communications Cooperative \$972.25, Big Language Solutions \$3.42, Bridge City Dentistry \$1,091.00, Carlblom, William \$81.50, Cass County Electric \$521.60, Cass County Government \$2,517.72, Charm-Tex Inc \$93.80, City County Health District \$10,120.00, Cole Papers Inc. \$1,253.46, Colonial Life Insurance \$485.56, Companion Life Insurance Co \$3,813.60, Counties Providing Technology \$2,896.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$1,590.75, Dacotah Bank Sd \$14,192.27, Dacotah Insurance \$50.00, Dakota Business Solutions Inc \$538.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$86.81, Everson, Jordyn \$35.63, Gille Auto \$200.00, Grenz, Carol \$81.78, Handy Hardware & Rental \$833.50, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$103.40, Hustle 2.0 Pbc \$2,388.34, Info Usa Marketing Inc \$320.00, Information Technology Department \$5,967.40, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$246.17, Knight, Michael \$25.00, Kroeze, Dirk & Jana \$799.08, Leever's Foods \$7.67, Lerud-Mathias Funeral Home Inc \$1,375.00, Litchville Bulletin \$702.82, McClafflin, Theresa \$300.00, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl \$458.74, Mercy Hospital - Chicago \$3,051.13, Mercy Hospital - Valley City \$576.00, Mid-States Wireless, Inc. \$940.00, Midwest Pest Control \$674.00, Miller, Sarah \$450.00, Mindt, Julie \$600.00, Minn-Kota Communications Inc

\$2,700.00, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$9,641.80, Motorola Solutions Inc \$10,369.60, Nd Association Of Counties \$12,702.00, Nd Attorney General \$1,900.00, Nd County Commissioners Associatio \$1,725.00, Nd Dept Of Human Services \$1,027.36, Nd Recreation & Park Association \$210.00, Nd State Radio Communications \$1,006.00, Nd Winter Show \$200,000.00, Ndpio \$100.00, Netwrix Corporation \$4,710.12, North Dakota Attorney General \$33.12, North Dakota Planning Association \$55.00, Northwest Iron Fireman, Inc. \$286.84, Nucara Pharmacy \$399.15, Peterson Mechanical Inc \$1,780.00, Petro Serve Usa \$2,256.81, Pharmchem Inc \$352.55, Quadient Finance Usa Inc \$3,124.97, Record Keepers, Llc \$105.00, Sanford Health Sd \$1,000.00, Scram Systems \$337.41, Stein's, Inc. \$322.62, Stoudt Miller Inc \$2,258.14, Strom, Lori \$490.75, Stutsman County Correctional Cente \$4,200.00, Summit Foods Service Llc \$21,334.20, Tenneson, Jayme \$943.75, Thiel, Jason \$78.00, Thomson Reuters -West \$390.42, Trittech Software System \$10,337.16, Valley Barber Service \$256.00, Valley City Eagles \$2,383.00, Valley City Public Works \$4,478.73, Valley City Times-Record \$1,041.50, Valley Officeworks \$6,146.35, Vanguard Appraisals Inc \$650.00, Verizon Wireless \$2,271.28, Yondr Inc \$3,750.00, Total For Fund \$392,077.01, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$47,771.42, Total For Fund \$47,771.42, **Veterans Service Office:** Advanced Business Methods Inc \$107.63, Aflac \$215.03, Bek Communications Cooperative \$35.60, Companion Life Insurance Co \$141.70, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$42.00, Leaf \$19.00, National Association Of County Vso \$100.00, Petro Serve Usa \$361.76, Record Keepers, Llc \$7.88, Valley Officeworks \$78.77, Verizon Wireless \$113.00, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$1,100.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc \$249.66, Total For Fund \$2,572.03, **County Road And Bridge:** Aflac \$1,086.48, Aflac Group Insurance \$40.85, Barnes Co Treasurer \$63.49, Bayshore City Side \$50.94, Berts Truck Equipment \$20.00, Chs Inc \$24,160.90, Cole Papers Inc. \$308.43, Colonial Life Insurance \$193.14, Companion Life Insurance Co \$1,049.26, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$678.00, Enterprise Sales Co. \$2,842.48, Gille Auto \$1,000.00, Handy Hardware & Rental \$229.82, Hopewells - Geoff Hopewell \$450.00, Inland Truck Parts & Service \$295.36, Klj Engineering Llc \$7,061.11, Kotaco \$1,096.08, Linde Gas & Eq / Praxair \$614.45, Litchville Bulletin \$43.26, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$214.54, Nd Association Of County Engineers \$485.00, Nd Dept Of Transportation \$101,465.34, North Central International, Llc \$167.76, One Call Concepts, Inc \$30.00, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestown \$197.59, Petro Serve Usa \$478.11, Powerplan Oib \$785.10, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Schaefer Vermeer Equipment Llp \$4,209.66, Valley Auto Parts \$1,851.33, Valley City Public Works \$4,636.62, Verizon Wireless \$99.46, Walk-N-Roll Inc \$5,128.95, Willey, Myron \$250.00, Total For Fund \$161,923.51, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$170.08, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$47.83, Companion Life Insurance Co \$99.92, Handy Hardware & Rental \$274.59, Midwest Pest Control \$200.00, Valley City Times-Record \$34.85, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Windish, Jamen \$50.00, Total For Fund \$1,077.32, **Emergency:** Hobart Township \$10,625.00, Noltimier Township \$7,915.85, Total For Fund \$18,540.85, **County Agent:** Advanced Business Methods Inc \$577.65, Aflac \$33.50, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Harstad, Alicia \$128.00, Ndsu Extension Service \$23,201.18, Tichy, Amy J \$50.00, Total For Fund \$24,040.29, **B.C. Emergency Hcpra:** Dacotah Bank Sd \$24.96, Total For Fund \$24.96, **County Bridge:** Klj Engineering Llc \$751.40, Total For Fund \$751.40, **County Agent Revolving:** Ndsu Dept 3110 \$80.00, Total For Fund \$80.00, **Community Service:** Valley Officeworks \$48.96, Verizon Wireless \$78.08, Total For Fund \$127.04, **Grants And Projects:** Anderson, Tara \$1,720.00, Camisa, Patricia \$255.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$185.97, Keller, Constance \$507.50, Leever's Foods \$8.44, Lorinser, Kristi \$507.50, Rides Horse, Tonia \$340.00, Rohrer, Anna \$100.00, Swenson, Allison \$230.00, Williams, Alexis \$1,050.17, Total For Fund \$4,904.58, **Township Tap Funding Projects:** Klj Engineering Llc \$12,637.59, Total For Fund \$12,637.59, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$18,247.13, Total For Fund \$18,247.13, **Flood Emergency 2011:** Nd Division Of Emergency Managemen \$45,912.88, Total For Fund \$45,912.88, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$12,777.74, Total For Fund \$12,777.74, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$28,634.62, Total For Fund \$28,634.62, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$12,264.32, Total For Fund \$12,264.32, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$23,944.73, Total For Fund \$23,944.73, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$54,774.30, Community Volunteer Ems Of Lamoure \$2,445.78, Total For Fund \$57,220.08, **Water Resources:** Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center \$238.00, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Didier, Cara \$197.20, Hieb, Jerry \$33.65, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$83,704.50, Nd Water Resource Districts Assn \$700.00, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$3,923.22, Red River Joint Water Resource Dis \$105,456.00, Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water \$3,011.47, Total For Fund \$197,314.00, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$9,008.17, Total For Fund \$9,008.17, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$22,330.95, Total For Fund \$22,330.95, **Cities:** Dazey \$815.13, Fingal \$2,005.79, Kathryn \$1,114.52, Leal \$221.42, Litchville \$2,168.22, Nome \$603.38, Oriska \$964.59, Pillsbury \$122.07, Rogers \$1,088.22, Sanborn \$1,793.55, Valley City \$145,573.05, Wimbledon \$1,682.78, Total For Fund \$158,152.72, **Townships:** Alta \$9,349.38, Anderson \$14,717.02, Ashtabula \$4,610.51, Baldwin \$4,960.11, Binghampton \$3,111.98, Brimer \$10,069.36, Cuba \$4,925.09, Dazey \$9,817.74, Eckelson \$10,661.89, Edna \$5,062.56, Ellsbury \$4,144.92, Getchell \$10,776.61, Grand \$9,613.15, Green \$6,894.92, Greenland \$7,294.19, Hemen \$8,717.29, Hobart \$7,641.91, Laketown \$7,089.77, Mansfield \$9,631.99, Marsh \$6,040.45, Meadow \$8,373.16, Minnie \$9,591.04, Nelson \$10,923.07, Noltimier \$5,547.40, Norma \$6,178.20, Oakhill \$3,876.05, Oriska \$10,244.30, Pierce \$1,641.46, Potter \$9,027.08, Raritan \$3,726.94, Rogers \$8,569.00, Rosebud \$3,534.03, Sibley \$3,681.18, Skandia \$6,880.74, Spring \$3,914.60, Springvale \$7,263.61, Stewart \$5,268.99, Svea \$15,177.58, Thordenskjold \$6,725.17, Uxbridge \$5,029.12, Valley \$10,466.40, Weimer \$7,843.12, \$308,613.08, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$25.40, Litchville \$83.17, Sanborn \$73.87, Valley City \$59,798.63, Total For Fund \$59,981.07, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$261,740.35, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$24,044.55, Griggs County Centra \$541.91, Hope-Page \$49,582.49, Litchville-Marion \$207,437.83, Maple Valley \$181,018.71, Montpelier \$12,545.92, Valley City \$456,843.81, \$1,193,755.57, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$4,816.39, Edna \$1,080.54, Enderlin \$244.56, Fingal \$1,328.12, Hope \$2,379.07, Kathryn \$2,743.15, Nome \$1,426.02, Page \$1,270.92, Sanborn \$17,816.51, Tower City \$8,002.45, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$8,550.48, Wimbledon \$2,306.74, Total For Fund \$51,964.95, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. \$712.50, Stewart Drain li \$6,375.09, Thordenskjold Drain \$13,883.21, Total For Fund \$20,970.80, **Payroll Fund:** Nd Association Of Counties Wc \$81,022.47, Total For Fund \$81,022.47, Total Warrants \$2,968,643.28

With no further business, Shawn Olauson made a motion, seconded by Vicky Lovell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with all members voting "aye" and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor