

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 with Bill Carlblom, Mike Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson. 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

Bids were received for a new patrol vehicle. Puklich submitted a bid of \$57,325.00 for a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe and a bid of \$49,552.00 for a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500. Stoudt-Miller Inc submitted a bid of \$42,330.00 for a 2026 Dodge Durango with a 3.6L V6 or \$45,148.00 with a 5.7 Hemi; A bid of \$46,864.00 with a 3.3L V6 was submitted for a 2026 Ford Explorer; and a bid of \$49,717.00 for a 2026 Ram 1500 4X4 Crew Cab and a bid of \$49,511.00 for a Ford F-150 4X4. The new vehicle will replace a Durango. Retro-fitting the vehicle would be an additional cost, with cost depending on if current equipment could be used in the new vehicle. After discussion Bill Carlblom made a motion to accept the bid for the 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes upon roll call vote. Jeremy Wolff, Chief Correctional Officer, would like permission to attend Law Enforcement Training Academy. This is a twelve-week course that he would attend in Bismarck. Melissa would cover his job duties until he returned after the twelve weeks. This cross training would allow Jeremy to be a backup for the Sheriff's Department. The county would pay regular wage while he is attending the course. This will be tabled to the next commission meeting on March 17th.

Weed Board

Jamen would like to phase out the 2015 single axle pickup that is currently being used for spraying by purchasing a new double axel vehicle. A bid of \$47,588.00 for a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado chassis was presented from Puklich. He will check around for flatbed prices. The double axel vehicle would be safer because of the weight shifting of the water tank on the bed of the truck. Bill Carlblom made a motion to approve the purchase from Puklich; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. The highway department may be interested in the 2015 pickup. Jamen does monitor the leafy spurge issue on the land located in the NW¼ of Section 22 in Hobart Township that is owned by the US Forest Service. Beetles were put out last year. He will continue to monitor the issue.

Auditor's Office

Vicky Lovell moved to approve February 17, 2026, minutes as presented. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting "aye". Applications for Abatement or Refund of Taxes were presented and discussed. The City of Valley City Commission Board recommended all applications be approved. The properties submitted for refund of taxes were Parcel #63-3021259 for Valley City Public School District: Parcels 63-3472274 and Parcel #63-3472265 for Thundering Saints Inc.; and Parcels 63-5420600, 63-6040198, 63-4000818, 63-3110126, and 63-4000296 for the City of Valley City. The commissioners felt the property tax should be agreed upon between the buyer and seller of the property and properties should go through the equalization process if the timeline permits. Pete Paulson made a motion to reject all submitted Applications for Refund of Taxes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Commission Discussion

Pete reported that the Veteran Service Office put 2,588 miles on the van with 40 rides. The mileage on the van is 91,000 plus so we may want to plan for a new van in a year or two. Bob Nelson was driving a veteran to an appointment in Fargo when he was rear ended by another driver on 19th Ave N. No injuries were reported. Bob did submit a police report. This was a hit and run. The road conditions were very icy when this occurred. This has been submitted to insurance. The Weed Board had a 26% increase in chemical prices. Loosestrife weed is under control. Justin and Jamen will be attending a weed conference in Colorado in April. The airport will be taking bids for a runway rehab and paving in front of the tarmac. He attended the pipeline meeting in Jamestown. This is currently scheduled to come through Barnes County in 2028. Shawn Olauson attended the Buffalo Bridges Zoning Board meeting. The board voted to have bi-monthly meetings. The state is looking at cases where children are falling in between gaps. Mike Schwehr attended the City County Health District meeting. They are looking at a MOU with the highway department for use of their trailer. The highway department would like to use it as an emergency trailer and equip the trailer with emergency lighting. Tonya came to the CCHD meeting to advise them on some legal matters. Katie is still on leave. Vicky Lovell reported HUD is refurbishing three homes. The library received \$10,000 from Carnegie Corporation. Bill Carlblom attended the pipeline meeting in Jamestown. The pipeline starts with a 40" pipe and drops down to a 32" pipe. Winter Show is this week.

Bills Approved For February 2026

General Fund: A P Equipment Inc \$850.00, Advanced Business Methods Inc \$706.72, Aflac \$3,228.16, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.51, Amazon Capital Services \$3,825.19, Amg Radiology Aberdeen \$88.00, Axon Enterprise Inc \$9,095.10, Balco Uniform Co. Inc \$877.20, Barnes Co Treasurer \$177.32, Barnes Co Water Resource \$313.74, Barnes Co Weed Board \$127.73, Barnes County Auditor \$659.06, Barnes Rural Water \$436.97, Baycom Inc \$12,236.00, Bek Communications Cooperative \$992.33, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$833.31, Bitz, Joshua \$179.90, Black Rain Ordnance Inc \$2,935.00, Bong's Bootery \$89.90, Bridges Car Wash \$300.00, Carlblom, Taylor \$50.00, Carlblom, William \$127.58, Cass County Electric \$447.85, Cass County Government \$2,750.08, Clay County Sheriff \$106.55, Cole Papers Inc. \$656.46, Colonial Life Insurance \$19.50, Companion Life Insurance Co \$3,981.72, Counties Providing Technology \$2,896.00, Cox, Wanda \$1,399.81, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$1,410.75, Dacotah Bank Sd \$25,356.41, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$86.44, Electro Watchman, Inc. \$419.40, Everson, Jordyn

\$30.09, Forum Communications Printing \$5,671.67, Galls Incorporated \$382.50, Handy Hardware & Rental \$875.97, Hansen, Stacie \$50.00, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$63.55, Information Technology Department \$5,809.12, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$246.17, Knight, Matthew \$25.00, Koller, George \$620.00, Kotaco \$287.65, Litchville Bulletin \$639.89, Lovell, Victoria \$108.80, Marco \$304.35, Marco Inc - St Louis \$1,491.65, Mercy Hospital - Chicago \$118.00, Mid-States Wireless, Inc. \$840.00, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$9,183.50, Morehouse Enterprises Llc \$1,669.95, Nd Association Of Counties \$600.00, Nd Attorney General \$1,780.00, Nd County Recorders Association \$500.00, Nd Dept Of Human Services \$3,923.08, Nd Emergency Management Assn \$50.00, Nd Sheriffs & Deputies Assn \$625.00, Nd State Radio Communications \$1,426.00, Ndccaa \$100.00, Neitzke, Melissa \$45.00, Nucara Pharmacy \$156.20, Olauson, Shawn \$316.70, Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel \$523.80, Petro Serve Usa \$2,190.36, Pfaff, Jody \$205.90, Pharmchem Inc \$948.17, Ramada By Windham Bismarck \$198.00, Record Keepers, Llc \$70.00, Reed, Bradley & Sheila \$1,224.48, Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. \$1,030.00, Roorda, Elizabeth \$50.00, Sanford Health Sd \$3,363.13, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$227.00, Schwehr, Michael \$173.55, Smith Lumber Company \$29.82, Stoudt Miller Inc \$920.52, Streicher's \$73.97, Stutsman County \$15,000.00, Summit Foods Service Llc \$16,572.00, The Medicine Shoppe \$46.01, Thiel, Jason \$80.67, Thomson Reuters -West \$390.42, Tyler Technologies Inc \$6,702.10, Valley Auto Parts \$199.99, Valley City Public Works \$5,336.23, Valley City Times-Record \$469.35, Valley Lumber Company \$80.67, Valley Officeworks \$435.71, Verizon Wireless \$207.65, Wolff, Jeremy \$150.00, Total For Fund \$172,323.03, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$89,139.98, Total For Fund \$89,139.98, **Veterans Service Office:** Aflac \$215.03, Bek Communications Cooperative \$35.53, Companion Life Insurance Co \$141.70, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$42.00, Leaf \$190.00, Ndactvso \$340.00, Petro Serve Usa \$271.93, Stoudt Miller Inc \$66.24, Verizon Wireless \$112.98, Wells Fargo Bank Nc \$254.86, Total For Fund \$1,570.27, **County Road And Bridge:** Advance Garage Door Inc \$461.00, Aflac \$1,086.48, Aflac Group Insurance \$40.85, Bayshore City Side \$80.02, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$315.00, Butler Machinery Co. \$21,079.48, Chs Inc \$20,382.64, City Of Valley City \$1,320.00, Companion Life Insurance Co \$1,049.26, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$678.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$547.00, Fargo Freightliner \$25.79, Fei Inc \$311.34, Handy Hardware & Rental \$101.73, Jemco-Maxair \$933.98, Klj Engineering Llc \$9,600.66, Kotaco \$448.75, Locators & Supplies, Inc \$107.81, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$362.22, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$453.00, O'reilly Auto Parts \$65.97, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestown \$254.62, Petro Serve Usa \$140.33, Powerplan Oib \$5,034.90, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$181.00, Schaefer Vermeer Equipment Llp \$582.58, Suhr, Dustin \$82.26, Valley Auto Parts \$2,419.66, Valley City Public Works \$4,407.42, Valley City Times-Record \$402.90, Valley Officeworks \$13.60, Verizon Wireless \$105.82, Walk-N-Roll Inc \$2,992.71, Total For Fund \$75,247.50, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$170.08, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$96.50, Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center \$654.00, Companion Life Insurance Co \$99.92, Handy Hardware & Rental \$392.16, Mountain West Pest \$1,700.00, Valley City Times-Record \$119.00, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Windish, Jamen \$202.25, Total For Fund \$3,533.96, **County Agent:** Aflac \$33.50, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Dacotah Bank Sd \$429.72, Harstad, Alicia \$229.46, Leever's Foods \$19.99, Milender, Sue \$95.53, Ndsu Dept 3110 \$166.53, Tichy, Amy J \$236.00, Valley Officeworks \$34.48, Total For Fund \$1,295.17, **B.C. Emergency Hcpra:** Dacotah Bank Sd \$1,030.52, Total For Fund \$1,030.52, **B.C. Economic Dev Fund:** Vc-Bc Development Corporation \$142,000.00, Total For Fund \$142,000.00, **County Bridge:** Anderson, Jerome A \$600.00, Finger, Blake \$900.00, Klj Engineering Llc \$300.56, Schander, Mary J \$300.00, Wurzer, Todd \$900.00, Total For Fund \$3,000.56, **Community Service:** Postmaster \$88.00, Total For Fund \$88.00, **Grants And Projects:** Dacotah Bank Sd \$551.80, Dathe, Kadance \$160.00, Keller, Constance \$210.00, Klj Engineering Llc \$768.16, Leever's Foods \$47.23, Lorinser, Kristi \$410.00, Nexus Planning & Consulting Llc \$11,250.00, Swenson, Allison \$997.33, Tichy, Amy J \$185.47, Total For Fund \$14,579.99, **Township Tap Funding Projects:** Jensen Brothers Construction Inc \$50,518.06, Klj Engineering Llc \$12,386.96, Knife River Materials \$203,815.51, Total For Fund \$266,720.53, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$33,878.19, Total For Fund \$33,878.19, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$23,655.42, Total For Fund \$23,655.42, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$52,799.54, Total For Fund \$52,799.54, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$23,156.84, Total For Fund \$23,156.84, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$44,685.91, Total For Fund \$44,685.91, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$24,889.57, Total For Fund \$24,889.57, **Water Resources:** Anderson, Bruce \$7.25, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Hieb, Jerry \$12.33, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$5,756.50, Industrial Builders Inc \$14,191.00, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$5,229.24, Valley City Times-Record \$22.10, Total For Fund \$25,268.38, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$16,813.59, Total For Fund \$16,813.59, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$35,031.45, Total For Fund \$35,031.45, **Cities:** Dazey \$4,557.96, Fingal \$11,050.07, Kathryn \$2,272.51, Leal \$1,671.10, Litchville \$9,142.10, Nome \$3,763.71, Oriska \$2,436.62, Pillsbury \$1,022.60, Rogers \$5,346.36, Sanborn \$7,134.76, Sibley \$7,796.70, Tower City \$2,114.14, Valley City \$996,058.97, Wimbledon \$12,872.49, Total For Fund \$1,067,240.09, **Townships:** Alta \$15,153.46, Anderson \$10,901.88, Ashtabula \$18,719.63, Baldwin \$5,386.94, Binghampton \$16,912.42, Brimer \$16,336.41, Cuba \$21,509.68, Dazey \$11,939.32, Eckelson \$14,351.94, Edna \$20,427.38, Ellsbury \$10,490.74, Getchell \$11,971.76, Grand \$7,957.57, Green \$8,473.49, Greenland \$16,361.57, Hemen \$10,326.55, Hobart \$14,556.94, Laketown \$16,642.49, Mansfield \$14,545.06, Marsh \$30,960.88, Meadow \$13,191.21, Minnie \$15,059.69, Nelson \$11,682.24, Noltimier \$8,195.78, Norma \$6,968.44, Oakhill \$5,605.11, Oriska \$15,176.83, Pierce \$10,726.52, Potter \$14,381.20, Raritan \$9,814.58, Rogers \$7,799.51, Rosebud \$7,925.59, Sibley \$12,537.57, Skandia \$6,522.37, Spring \$7,552.61, Springvale \$10,981.13, Stewart \$13,076.94, Svea \$10,412.72, Thordenskjold \$13,072.18, Uxbridge \$14,672.36, Valley \$21,289.13, Weimer \$15,583.25, \$546,153.07, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$152.82, Litchville \$296.21, Sanborn \$262.75, Sibley \$194.73, Tower City \$413.43, Valley City \$237,161.89, Total For Fund \$238,481.83, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$501,509.50, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$52,398.67, Griggs County Centra \$8,504.14, Hope-Page \$61,021.81, Litchville-Marion \$261,166.61, Maple Valley \$281,615.92, Montpelier \$15,167.35, Valley City \$1,041,772.19, \$2,223,156.19, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$7,549.78, Edna \$3,336.81, Enderlin \$262.76, Fingal \$3,572.38, Hope \$3,164.37, Kathryn \$3,511.35, Nome \$2,413.11, Page \$1,713.81, Sanborn \$20,906.48, Tower City \$9,835.32, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$13,974.42, Wimbledon \$9,847.00, Total For Fund \$80,087.59,

Thordenskjold Drain: Houston Engineering, Inc. \$656.75, Stewart Drain li \$6,678.46, Thordenskjold Drain \$11,516.04, Total For Fund \$18,851.25, **Upper Maple River Dam Assessment:** Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource \$1,056.36, Total For Fund \$1,056.36, **Covid St & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:** Roers Construction Joint Venture L \$27,848.39, Total For Fund \$27,848.39, Total Warrants \$5,253,583.17

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 9:32 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor