

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 5, 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.

Public Comments

No requests received.

City County Health District

Meghan Velure was introduced as the new director of City County Health District. Meghan was the acting director in the absence of Katie Beyer who resigned.

Sheriff's Office

SIRN radio antennas that we currently have do not communicate back and forth with the new radios. New antennas are \$916.40. One radio needs to be updated at a cost of \$1,532.12. Pete Paulson made a motion to approve the new antenna and radio purchase for a total of \$2,448.52; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes.

Environmental Services

Change orders for the HVAC process were discussed. PCO #1, is a time extension from October 1, 2026, to February 12, 2027, zero cost. This deadline is for the completion and finishing of walls etc. The HVAC will already be up and running. PCC 001, \$6,732.00 abatement of moving additional mechanical items from tunnel from this building to the jail. PCCO 02, controls deduct for occupancy sensors and added lighting in the basement ended up being a net credit of \$9,240.00. PCCO 003, \$50,699.00 plus PCO 008, \$15,944.00 (steel) which totals \$66,643.00 of contingency funds, to reutilize and change the duct work to better use existing chases and existing openings, reducing the amount of structural cutting needed within the building. The steel number would be higher if this change isn't made. It also includes soffits coming out of the existing chases and an electrical item for the chiller. PCO 004 \$2,403.50 to adjust structural conduit that was in the way in the basement. PCO 009 is a credit of \$4,599.10 to do with the concrete finish of the enclosure of chiller, generator and transformer for ease of maintenance. The enclosure dollars may change depending on dimensions of the generator that is purchased. Contingency funds needed now are \$61,989.50 which would leave a contingency fund balance of \$238,011.00. Shawn Olauson made a motion to allow using the contingency funds needed for the current change orders; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes.

Nathan Berseth

Josh Kasowski and Nathan Berseth, representing Bank Forward, appeared to discuss financing opportunities regarding the HVAC System for the courthouse. They will look at options and get back to us.

Auditor's Office

Mike Schwehr moved to approve April 26, 2026, minutes as presented. Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. Barnes County Ministerial Association is seeking permission to hold the National Day of Prayer event on the Barnes County Courthouse lawn on May 7, 2026. Vicky Lovell made a motion to allow the Day of Prayer on the courthouse lawn; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. Wes Anderson's request to apply for a grant for a plaque designating the courthouse on the National Register of Historic Places was granted. The county will celebrate the 100th birthday of the Barnes County Courthouse with cake and ice cream during Community Days.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson stated the VSO will be advertising for a part-time van driver. 240 people came out for the Walking Taco Day during county government week. There have been campers camping at Faust Park and camping for a longer time than allowed. It is suggested to limit the camping days to two or three days. The Water Trail will supply a sign. Mike Schwehr reported CCHD is looking at hiring needs. Home Health has contracted a physical therapist and is becoming very busy. Vicky Lovell mentioned the SCDRC funding programs and updates on other areas in their district. The library had carpets cleaned. They will be using some Carnegie funds to give away 250 books as prizes for the 250 anniversary years of the U.S. and will also be a part of Summer Nights on Central this summer. HUD will need to do landscaping work at the villa to move the smoking area from the east side to the west side. The food pantry at the Senior Center is doing well. They are short on ride funding dollars and looking for donations to lower the cost. The hotel in Hastings is being renovated. Bill Carlblom would like to say thank you to Ag Country, Handy Hardware and Dakota Plains for their donations to the Walking Taco Day. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who helped. Heating system bugs are being worked out.

Bills Approved For April 2026

General Fund: Advanced Business Methods Inc \$796.97, Aflac \$3,259.42, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.45, Amann, Donna \$273.75, Amazon Capital Services \$1,246.71, Axon Enterprise Inc \$413.00, Balco Uniform Co. Inc \$1,128.24, Barnes County Auditor \$790.83, Barnes County Ambulance \$339.00, Barnes Rural Water \$349.05, Bek Communications Cooperative \$1,012.52, Berg, Freddie A & Barb P \$1,661.92, Berger Auto & Diesel Repair \$398.50, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$24.91, Bong's Bootery \$129.90, Bowen, Judy F \$1,008.95, Brenda Hanenberg \$25.00, Bridge City Dentistry \$512.00, Bridges Car Wash \$30.00, Butler Machinery Co. \$1,610.00, Carlblom, William \$121.05, Cass County Electric \$519.55, Cass County Government \$2,040.00, Charm-Tex Inc \$480.10, Clay County Sheriff \$52.15, Cody Perdue \$25.00, Cole Papers Inc. \$1,088.87, Colonial Life Insurance \$495.31, Companion Life

Insurance Co \$4,017.02, Counties Providing Technology \$2,896.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$1,560.75, Dacotah Bank Sd \$17,984.86, Dacotah Insurance \$50.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$90.11, Duffy, Tonya \$329.10, Eddy Funeral Home \$275.00, Electro Watchman, Inc. \$155.00, Everson, Jordyn \$57.93, Fat Man Trash Llc \$1,008.00, G & R Controls Inc \$918.80, Galls Incorporated \$634.94, Georgia Mageo \$25.00, Greene, James \$305.47, Hallday, Watkins, & Man P.C \$130,729.60, Handy Hardware & Rental \$173.76, Hatcher, Faron T \$267.71, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$61.00, Information Technology Department \$5,819.77, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$246.17, Johnson Controls Fire Protection L \$2,172.13, Klj Engineering Llc \$1,264.47, Leever's Foods \$58.88, Litchville Bulletin \$586.77, Lovell, Victoria \$171.80, Marco Inc - St Louis \$665.41, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl \$262.56, Mid-States Wireless, Inc. \$1,205.36, Midwest Pest Control \$200.00, Missoula Concrete Construction \$16,130.00, Modern Marketing \$383.70, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$6,104.92, Morehouse Enterprises Llc \$1,995.98, Nd Attorney General \$1,646.00, Nd Dept Of Human Services \$1,963.39, Nd State Radio Communications \$720.00, Nd State's Attorney Assn \$600.00, Nd Winter Show \$1,464.78, Neitzke, Melissa \$332.00, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$42.50, Nucara Pharmacy \$482.70, O'reilly Auto Parts \$18.97, Olauson, Shawn \$154.40, Petro Serve Usa \$3,479.98, Pharmchem Inc \$319.50, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc \$200.61, Quadient Finance Usa Inc \$3,020.00, Quality Alignment & Brake Center \$220.72, Record Keepers, Llc \$52.50, Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. \$1,080.00, Richardson, Jonathan & Brenda R \$1,183.44, Rj's Plumbing & Heating \$32.16, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$227.00, Schwehr, Michael \$52.18, Scram Systems \$19.92, Smith Lumber Company \$21.49, Stoudt Miller Inc \$670.75, Streicher's \$259.95, Stutsman County Correctional Cente \$5,600.00, Summit Foods Service Llc \$22,735.44, Tenneson, Jayme \$731.00, Thiel, Jason \$72.69, Thomson Reuters -West \$402.13, Valley Barber Service \$403.00, Valley City Public Works \$4,379.50, Valley City Times-Record \$1,494.05, Valley Officeworks \$778.22, Verizon Wireless \$3,925.19, Waters, Ethan \$131.54, Wolff, Jeremy \$345.75, Total For Fund \$277,952.57, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$11,449.42, Total For Fund \$11,449.42, **Veterans Service Office:** Aflac \$215.03, Bek Communications Cooperative \$35.53, Companion Life Insurance Co \$141.70, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$42.00, Leaf \$228.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$57.00, Stoudt Miller Inc \$128.60, Verizon Wireless \$112.98, Wells Fargo Bank Nc \$528.45, Total For Fund \$1,489.29, **County Road And Bridge:** A P Equipment Inc \$396.45, Advance Garage Door Inc \$30.00, Aflac \$1,086.48, Aflac Group Insurance \$40.85, Bayshore City Side \$191.43, Butler Machinery Co. \$557.24, Chs Inc \$2,483.25, Colonial Life Insurance \$157.49, Companion Life Insurance Co \$1,049.26, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$678.00, Fargo Freightliner \$85.99, Gille Auto \$2,000.00, Grotberg Electric, Inc. \$58.75, Handy Hardware & Rental \$299.20, Hercules Tow Ropes \$316.39, Inland Truck Parts & Service \$33.00, Keith's Ac, Refrigeration, & Heati \$780.94, Klj Engineering Llc \$21,878.56, Kotaco \$2,760.27, Little Falls Machine, Inc. \$1,067.86, Mac's \$44.73, Mayo Construction \$378,540.34, Metcalf, Jason \$63.75, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$370.86, Nd Sewage Pump Lift Station Servc \$455.00, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$230.00, O'reilly Auto Parts \$23.98, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow \$247.69, Petro Serve Usa \$43.93, Powerplan Oib \$1,042.40, Pump & Meter Service Inc \$422.00, Quality Alignment & Brake Center \$88.75, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Rj's Plumbing & Heating \$35.42, Smith Lumber Company \$687.05, Suhr, Dustin \$245.07, United Accounts, Inc. - Fargo \$325.00, Valley Auto Parts \$1,616.74, Valley City Public Works \$3,691.83, Valley City Times-Record \$98.60, Verizon Wireless \$99.45, Total For Fund \$424,964.00, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$170.08, Agterra Technologies Inc \$3,000.00, Aligned Ag Inc \$7,560.60, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$234.89, Companion Life Insurance Co \$99.92, Handy Hardware & Rental \$297.31, Midwest Pest Control \$125.00, Smith Lumber Company \$196.20, Valley City Times-Record \$255.00, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Visto's Trailer Sales \$9,505.00, Windish, Jamen \$100.00, Total For Fund \$21,744.05, **County Agent:** Advanced Business Methods Inc \$560.26, Aflac \$33.50, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Dacotah Bank Sd \$441.00, Milender, Sue \$208.76, Ndeafcs \$65.00, Ndsu Extension Service \$23,201.23, Tichy, Amy J \$100.00, Valley City Times-Record \$136.00, Valley Officeworks \$25.06, Total For Fund \$24,820.77, **B.C. Economic Dev Fund:** Vc-Bc Development Corporation \$22,040.00, Total For Fund \$22,040.00, **Insurance Reserve Fund:** World Insurance Associates Llc \$1,582.00, Total For Fund \$1,582.00, **Community Service:** Nd Community Corrections Associati \$79.00, Valley Officeworks \$8.99, Verizon Wireless \$39.02, Total For Fund \$127.01, **Grants And Projects:** Dacotah Bank Sd \$205.14, Knox, Laura \$1,770.00, Lamoure County Extension \$114.12, Leever's Foods \$49.47, Swenson, Allison \$845.00, Tichy, Amy J \$37.55, Total For Fund \$3,021.28, **Township Tap Funding Projects:** Klj Engineering Llc \$2,553.11, Total For Fund \$2,553.11, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$5,243.49, Total For Fund \$5,243.49, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$4,019.41, Total For Fund \$4,019.41, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$8,535.44, Total For Fund \$8,535.44, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$3,532.85, Total For Fund \$3,532.85, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$6,526.24, Total For Fund \$6,526.24, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$7,048.52, Total For Fund \$7,048.52, **Water Resources:** Anderson, Bruce \$21.75, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Hieb, Jerry \$49.30, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$48,730.16, Maple River Water Resource Distric \$507.00, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$10,560.63, Schlagel, Gary \$130.50, Total For Fund \$60,049.30, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$2,311.93, Total For Fund \$2,311.93, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$5,098.78, Total For Fund \$5,098.78, **Cities:** Dazey \$2,538.87, Fingal \$3,865.09, Kathryn \$509.13, Leal \$3.38, Litchville \$2,745.46, Nome \$128.83, Oriska \$165.85, Pillsbury \$296.53, Rogers \$47.21, Sanborn \$3,185.82, Sibley \$1,127.05, Tower City \$39.62, Valley City \$153,728.75, Wimbledon \$1,965.32, Total For Fund \$170,346.91, **Townships:** Alta \$4,556.92, Anderson \$1,603.90, Ashtabula \$2,039.40, Baldwin \$5,203.18, Binghampton \$2,369.41, Brimer \$938.53, Cuba \$707.86, Dazey \$558.71, Eckelson \$1,837.96, Edna \$569.15, Ellsbury \$432.34, Getchell \$1,032.44, Grand \$16,268.10, Green \$747.30, Greenland \$1,524.26, Hemen \$786.38, Hobart \$1,276.81, Laketown \$333.36, Mansfield \$2,515.74, Marsh \$2,271.80, Meadow \$1,156.93, Minnie \$1,495.11, Nelson \$1,433.54, Noltmier \$3,096.52, Norma \$310.79, Oakhill \$448.07, Oriska \$1,987.48, Pierce \$434.61, Potter \$501.55, Raritan \$2,695.95, Rogers \$767.39, Rosebud \$775.35, Sibley \$1,142.28, Skandia \$377.45, Spring \$536.65, Springvale \$1,258.71, Stewart \$681.17, Svea \$422.72, Thordenskjold \$424.49, Uxbridge \$1,199.71, Valley \$2,443.88, Weimer \$714.24, \$71,878.14, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$59.98, Litchville \$106.63, Nome \$.03, Sanborn \$128.26, Sibley \$28.15, Valley City \$47,267.58, Total For Fund \$47,590.63, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$68,988.80, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$25,875.96,

Griggs County Centra \$639.19, Hope-Page \$14,646.37, Litchville-Marion \$27,097.68, Maple Valley \$66,113.77, Montpelier \$491.48, Valley City \$206,148.95, \$410,002.20, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$565.77, Edna \$131.95, Enderlin \$758.03, Fingal \$401.81, Hope \$1,462.67, Kathryn \$214.80, Nome \$190.00, Page \$194.83, Sanborn \$2,519.65, Tower City \$1,047.55, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$2,243.09, Wimbledon \$700.13, Total For Fund \$10,430.28, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Stewart Drain li \$1,313.25, Thordenskjold Drain \$182.65, Total For Fund \$1,495.90, **Capital Projects:** Bank Of North Dakota \$599,583.20, Total For Fund \$599,583.20, Total Warrants \$2,205,436.72

With no further business, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by Pete Paulson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, with all members voting "aye" and the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor