

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 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.

Mike Schwehr made a motion to approve the agenda; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Sheriff's Office

New tracks for the side-by-side used by the Sheriff's Office are needed. The total cost for tracks from Bayshore is \$7,099.00. A grant of \$5,000.00 was received. Gaming funds from the Valley City Eagles were also received leaving the county share approximately \$11.00. Vicky Lovell made a motion to approve the track purchase; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

Auditor's Office

Pete Paulson moved to approve the April 7, 2026 minutes as presented. Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting "aye". The bi-annual HR Conference will be coming up in Bismarck on April 22nd through April 23rd that we will be attending. Our office will remain staffed and open for business. County Government week was discussed, and County Government Day will be held on April 21st with Walking Taco's and Ice Cream Floats being served as in the past years. Serving hours will be 11:00 to 1:00. Ballot applications will go out this month.

Highway Department

The workers spent Saturday working on snow removal on the highways. They did a great job. They spent considerable time in the ditch due to visibility. With heavy snow, it's hard to see the side of the road. Some minor damage occurred such as towing expenses. Engineering selection took place for the BRJ-0002(053) Brown/Finger project. Two bids were received. One from WSB and one from KLJ. Interviews took place on a point system. WSB scored 264 points and DKL scored 287 points. Jamie recommended accepting KLJ being the higher-ranking point score. Shawn Olauson made a motion to approve awarding the project to KLJ; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote. We were also invited to participate in Summer Nights on Central in August. Shawn Olauson made a motion to participate in Summer Nights; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with all commissioners voting yes.

Dispatch

Public Safety Telecommunications week is next week. Transitioning to the new siren system started on New Years Eve. The state came out to help with radio testing. It was proved we had enough coverage without building a second tower. They are, however, still going to build the second tower to cover any gaps. Transitions started in March. State radio came to start programming the back room to prepare for programming for law enforcement and realized the incorrect radios were quoted and ordered. Mid-States will correct their mistake and refund the cost of \$19,126.80. We do need to purchase the correct radios. The cost difference is \$10,315.20. The radios need to have encryption for law enforcement traffic. The radios that had been purchased did not have this. Bill Carlblom made the motion to approve the additional cost to get the correct radios; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. Gaming funds from VC Eagles Aerie will be applied for to see if we can get some help covering the additional cost. A Safe Street grant in the amount of \$289,534.00 from the Federal DOT was applied for and awarded to Barnes County. This will aid in developing a comprehensive road safety action plan and conduct a demonstration project.

Executive Session

9:07 AM Pete Paulson moved to go into Executive Session: Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9:18 AM Vicky Lovell moved to close the Executive Session; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Schwehr made a motion to address the wiring issue for security in the courthouse; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Commission Discussion

Pete attended the Upper Sheyenne River meeting and the Township Officers meeting. Fire hall review of June storm, what went well, where improvements can be made. Pete attended the open house at Columbia Grain for opening of Pulse Plant. He attended a value added ag meeting at Rosebud. Columbia Grain added 15 employees. Airport meeting renewed Eden Hunt contract. Bids on the rehab of apron bids will be opened this week. They are taking haying bids. VA Van is being fixed at Blair's Bodyshop. Mike mentioned Katie Beyer resigned and the position will be posted. CCHD has contracted for a second physical therapy entity to increase home health. The MOU for trailer will be revised so that CCHD will cover the insurance. Heather Owens is the new nurse for home health and office

nursing. Financials are stable but will still need to watch cash flow through the year. Vicky attended South Central Dakota Regional Council, CBDG grants will be opening soon. The library board is deciding what the Carnegie Corporation funds will go towards. Some thoughts were attending Summer Nights on Central celebrating 250 years of the United States, replacing a water fountain, adding a changing table in the men's restroom, working on the storage shed, and putting in a projector. Housing Authority put new doors on first floor. Vicky attended the BCN meeting on adding 20 mills for their funding shortage. Bill met with Jamie and went over bridge and culvert projects. Bill met with Jamie, Brian Tykwinski, and Jennifer Feist regarding squaring off county property line behind the Highway Department. The city wants to put a substation in the general vicinity for running Columbia Grain. Kudos to the Highway Department for spending Saturday moving the snow. Hazard Mitigation meeting will be on Wednesday night.

Bills Approved For March 2026

General Fund: Acom Systems \$4,600.00, Advanced Business Methods Inc \$141.50, Aflac \$3,290.68, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.45, Amazon Capital Services \$907.28, Ashley L.Lies, Attorney At Law \$20.00, Balco Uniform Co. Inc \$2,049.40, Barnes County Auditor \$355.00, Barnes Rural Water \$393.99, Bek Communications Cooperative \$984.04, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$150.63, Bong's Bootery \$179.90, Carlblom, William \$99.30, Cass County Electric \$363.82, Cass County Government \$3,826.34, Catt Designs \$160.00, Charm-Tex Inc \$1,358.80, City County Health District \$249.50, City Of Valley City \$626.00, Clay County Sheriff \$52.15, Code 4 Services Inc \$50.91, Cole Papers Inc. \$578.95, Colonial Life Insurance \$980.87, Companion Life Insurance Co \$4,150.44, Counties Providing Technology \$2,896.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$1,560.75, Dacotah Bank Sd \$28,346.87, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$86.43, Everson, Jordyn \$35.31, Galls Incorporated \$515.98, Grenz, Carol \$233.20, Guardian Rfid \$3,995.00, Handy Hardware & Rental \$649.03, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$75.45, Hr Collaborative \$600.00, Hr Specialist: Employment Law \$199.00, Information Technology Department \$5,830.42, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$246.17, Kotaco \$785.66, La Quinta Inn & Suites Inn Bismarc \$440.00, Litchville Bulletin \$370.26, Lovell, Victoria \$181.20, Marco Inc - St Louis \$459.58, Marshall, Lori \$36.00, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl \$259.30, Miller, Sarah \$305.69, Mindt, Julie \$133.08, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$7,235.16, Morehouse Enterprises Llc \$2,289.96, Nd Attorney General \$1,424.00, Nd Department Of Environmental Qua \$525.00, Nd Dept Of Human Services \$819.34, Nucara Pharmacy \$294.89, O'reilly Auto Parts \$20.73, Olauson, Shawn \$256.60, Pace Systems Inc \$1,680.00, Paulson, Pete \$305.70, Penguin Management Inc \$3,402.00, Petro Serve Usa \$2,620.77, Pharmchem Inc \$323.55, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc \$58,957.40, Quadient Finance Usa Inc \$3,000.00, Quadient Leasing Usa Inc \$709.08, Ramada By Windham Bismarck \$330.00, Record Keepers, Llc \$70.00, Rj's Plumbing & Heating \$3,100.70, Sanford Health Sd \$3,376.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$285.00, Schwehr, Michael \$65.23, Scram Systems \$16.60, Selchert, Barbara \$36.00, Stoudt Miller Inc \$762.20, Stutsman County Correctional Cente \$14,960.97, Summit Foods Service Llc \$21,966.81, The Medicine Shoppe \$73.56, Thiel, Jason \$61.75, Thomson Reuters -West \$402.13, Valley Barber Service \$327.00, Valley City Public Works \$3,978.85, Valley City Times-Record \$921.40, Valley Lumber Company \$8.09, Valley Officeworks \$741.42, Verizon Wireless \$1,277.13, World Insurance Associates Llc \$37,684.00, Total For Fund \$248,167.35, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$158,926.73, Total For Fund \$158,926.73, **Veterans Service Office:** Aflac \$215.03, Bek Communications Cooperative \$35.63, Companion Life Insurance Co \$141.70, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$42.00, Leaf \$380.00, Leever's Foods \$25.94, Petro Serve Usa \$356.40, Record Keepers, Llc \$7.88, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$112.00, Stoudt Miller Inc \$394.65, Tyler Technologies Inc \$475.94, Verizon Wireless \$112.98, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$1,100.00, Wells Fargo Bank \$305.83, World Insurance Associates Llc \$1,306.00, Total For Fund \$5,011.98, **County Road And Bridge:** A P Equipment Inc \$313.98, Advance Garage Door Inc \$415.00, Advanced Business Methods Inc \$487.87, Aflac \$1,086.48, Aflac Group Insurance \$40.85, Bayshore City Side \$163.65, Berts Truck Equipment \$3,277.00, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$27.92, Butler Machinery Co. \$803.27, Chs Inc \$709.50, City Of Valley City \$53.50, Colonial Life Insurance \$350.63, Companion Life Insurance Co \$1,049.26, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$678.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$1,352.76, Fargo Freightliner \$745.48, Handy Hardware & Rental \$617.97, Inland Truck Parts & Service \$129.10, Keith's Ac, Refrigeration, & Heati \$20.58, Klj Engineering Llc \$29,959.55, Leever's Foods \$46.48, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$313.18, Nd Dept Of Transportation \$13,401.33, Northwest Tire Inc. \$558.00, O'reilly Auto Parts \$618.53, Ottetail Power Company - Jamestow \$236.40, Petro Serve Usa \$564.90, Powerplan Oib \$658.69, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Risser, Richard \$101.92, Steven Tangen \$500.00, The Window Man \$96.00, Valley Auto Parts \$2,403.75, Valley City Public Works \$4,945.02, Valley City Times-Record \$320.42, Valley Officeworks \$13.65, Verizon Wireless \$99.45, World Insurance Associates Llc \$33,807.00, Total For Fund \$101,607.07, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$170.08, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$245.09, Companion Life Insurance Co \$99.92, Dacotah Bank Sd \$966.00, F\S Manufacturing Inc \$237.66, Smith Lumber Company \$356.64, Valley Auto Parts \$29.70, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Warne Chemical & Equipment \$1,618.18, Windish, Jamen \$50.00, World Insurance Associates Llc \$4,192.00, Total For Fund \$8,165.32, **County Agent:** Aflac \$33.50, Amazon Capital Services \$44.97, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Dacotah Bank Sd \$33.85, Harstad, Alicia \$61.19, World Insurance Associates Llc \$790.00, Total For Fund \$1,013.47, **Insurance Reserve Fund:** World Insurance Associates Llc \$73,161.00, Total For Fund \$73,161.00, **County Bridge:** Nd Dept Of Transportation \$381.40, Total For Fund \$381.40, **Bridge Sinking:** Starion Bond Services \$106,417.50, Total For Fund \$106,417.50, **Community Service:** Verizon Wireless \$78.08, Total For Fund \$78.08, **Grants And Projects:** Camisa, Patricia \$85.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$498.75, Keller, Constance \$420.00, Knox, Laura \$1,710.00, Koch, Brenda \$214.02, Leever's Foods \$59.34, Lorinser, Kristi \$115.00, Lorinser, Macy Lynn \$820.00, Rides Horse, Tonia \$170.00, Swenson, Allison \$760.00, Zent, Julie \$1,033.91, Total For Fund \$5,886.02, **Township Tap Funding Projects:** Klj Engineering Llc \$1,182.12, Total For Fund \$1,182.12, **Criminal Forfeiture Account:** Nd Bci \$335.00, Nd Highway Patrol \$1,005.00, Valley City Police Department \$1,407.00, Total For Fund \$2,747.00, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$59,997.83, Total For Fund \$59,997.83, **Stewart Drain:** Dacotah Bank Sd \$19,525.08, Total For Fund \$19,525.08, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$41,637.88, Total For Fund \$41,637.88, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$93,887.30, Total For Fund \$93,887.30, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$41,069.89, Total For

Fund \$41,069.89, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$79,668.39, Total For Fund \$79,668.39, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$92,559.66, Total For Fund \$92,559.66, **Water Resources:** Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$40,560.72, Industrial Builders Inc \$92,929.00, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$5,955.26, Schlagel, Perry \$43.50, Starion Bond Services \$1,092,640.00, Total For Fund \$1,232,178.44, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$29,975.32, Total For Fund \$29,975.32, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$66,719.94, Total For Fund \$66,719.94, **Cities:** Dazey \$10,928.15, Fingal \$7,805.73, Kathryn \$8,545.83, Leal \$3,304.11, Litchville \$21,869.58, Nome \$2,268.67, Oriska \$3,369.83, Pillsbury \$7,238.50, Rogers \$69,994.10, Sanborn \$18,071.85, Sibley \$7,916.45, Tower City \$891.66, Valley City \$1,131,657.20, Wimbledon \$27,592.34, Total For Fund \$1,321,454.00, **Townships:** Alta \$28,522.06, Anderson \$14,558.02, Ashtabula \$27,687.88, Baldwin \$28,468.48, Binghampton \$22,585.71, Brimer \$13,442.63, Cuba \$34,145.21, Dazey \$15,851.18, Eckelson \$31,437.80, Edna \$16,894.22, Ellsbury \$25,187.17, Getchell \$15,636.23, Grand \$30,205.68, Green \$9,349.34, Greenland \$17,478.87, Hemen \$14,271.42, Hobart \$36,906.17, Laketown \$14,680.85, Mansfield \$18,729.89, Marsh \$31,754.56, Meadow \$19,642.08, Minnie \$18,160.59, Nelson \$12,388.17, Noltimier \$16,616.48, Norma \$18,724.04, Oakhill \$7,570.26, Oriska \$26,956.93, Pierce \$19,068.22, Potter \$27,374.53, Raritan \$10,796.98, Rogers \$12,956.90, Rosebud \$10,950.72, Sibley \$13,131.68, Skandia \$6,179.23, Spring \$11,931.45, Springvale \$15,038.08, Stewart \$27,594.25, Svea \$14,058.50, Thordenskjold \$16,038.72, Uxbridge \$19,998.26, Valley \$27,495.07, Weimer \$21,959.00, \$822,423.51, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$97.76, Litchville \$847.15, Sanborn \$665.52, Sibley \$197.72, Tower City \$174.37, Valley City \$338,429.30, Total For Fund \$340,411.82, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$803,440.37, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$75,685.54, Griggs County Centra \$2,775.87, Hope-Page \$158,010.14, Litchville-Marion \$444,780.95, Maple Valley \$536,735.87, Montpelier \$23,231.16, Valley City \$1,907,994.14, \$3,952,654.04, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$10,339.51, Edna \$3,484.89, Enderlin \$490.04, Fingal \$5,876.06, Hope \$14,476.68, Kathryn \$5,606.65, Nome \$3,116.42, Page \$2,415.42, Sanborn \$35,145.22, Tower City \$20,141.77, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$28,503.12, Wimbledon \$19,254.70, Total For Fund \$148,850.48, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. \$798.75, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$306.00, Stewart Drain li \$11,873.83, Thordenskjold Drain \$20,073.59, Total For Fund \$33,052.17, **Upper Maple River Dam Assessment:** Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource \$428.18, Total For Fund \$428.18, **Covid St & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:** Barnes Co Water Resource \$265,694.61, Martin Mechanical Design Inc \$25,047.35, Roers Construction Joint Venture L \$180,431.99, Total For Fund \$471,173.95, Total Warrants \$9,560,412.92

With no further business, Shawn Olason 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 9:21 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor