

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 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.

Shawn Olauson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll-call vote with all members voting "aye".

Public Comments

No requests received.

Extension Office

Andon Bulow spoke on the advantages of the Barnes County 4-H Program. A proclamation was presented to declare September 3, 2026, through September 8, 2026, Barnes County 4-H week. Mike Schwehr made a motion to declare September 3, 2026, through September 8, 2026, Barnes County 4-H Week; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes.

Economic Development

Jennifer Feist, Director of Development, presented a summary of the Single-Family Home Buyer Assistance Program for the 2027 budget year.

Highway Department

The Cost and Maintenance Agreement for the Viking Drive Bridge Replacement was presented by Jamie Smith. Pete Paulson made a motion to approve the cost and maintenance agreement; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

Auditor's Office

Shawn Olauson moved to approve August 18, 2026, minutes as presented. Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. There will be a hearing on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 6:00 PM regarding the annexation of the Nome Rural Fire Department into the Kathryn Rural Fire Protection District. A check in the amount of \$14,326.04 was received from North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund for the water damage in June caused by the broken water pipe in the women's bathroom on third floor of the courthouse.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson gave an update on the Veteran Service Office and Barnes County Municipal Airport. Mike Schwehr reported City County Health District has hired a Home Health Coordinator. They are looking into what type of business to fill the vacant offices upstairs of their building with. They are gearing up for the flu season. Vicky Lovell reported the South Central Dakota Regional Council received some money from United States Department of Commerce. They received an Environmental Assessment Grant for cleaning up contaminated projects. The library is selling raffle tickets for a quilt as a fund raiser. A fire alarm was installed. They are working on a grant to purchase computers. A grant was awarded for two library employees to attend the national conference in Montgomery, Alabama. The new smoking shelter is complete at the Skyline Villa. They put up raised garden beds for the residents. They landscaped an area for better water drainage. There is also a dog park in back for service animals.

Bills Approved For August 2026

General Fund: Aed Everywhere \$145.78, Aflac \$3,259.42, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.45, Amazon Capital Services \$1,315.44, Andrew S Marquart \$386.20, Bakkegard & Schell \$319.95, Barnes County Auditor \$742.83, Barnes Rural Water \$778.64, Beckman Septic Llc \$400.00, Bek Communications Cooperative \$987.16, Big Language Solutions \$17.10, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$377.45, Bridges Car Wash \$60.00, Carlblom, Taylor \$114.00, Carlblom, William \$116.12, Cass County Electric \$583.13, Cass County Government \$4,782.90, Central Avenue Pharmacy \$21.79, Charm-Tex Inc \$290.40, Clay County Sheriff \$52.40, Code 4 Services Inc \$5,435.62, Cole Papers Inc. \$1,564.12, Colonial Life Insurance \$568.57, Companion Life Insurance Co \$4,022.18, Computer Information Systems Inc \$32,931.85, Counties Providing Technology \$2,896.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$1,560.75, Dacotah Bank Sd \$10,766.70, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$119.01, Everson, Jordyn \$13.60, Fat Man Trash Llc \$1,968.00, Galls Incorporated \$60.18, Grenz, Carol \$271.00, Handy Hardware & Rental \$1,516.19, Hansen, Stacie \$163.94, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$71.00, Hr Specialist: Employment Law \$284.00, Information Technology Department \$5,819.77, Iron Stallion \$13,010.08, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$246.17, Johnson, Chaise \$75.00, Keith's Ac, Refrigeration, & Heati \$5,393.64, Kotaco \$1,001.66, Leaf \$190.00, Liebold, Felix \$50.00, Litchville Bulletin \$603.41, Lovell, Victoria \$220.24, Marco Inc - St Louis \$665.41, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl \$209.47, Mid-States Wireless, Inc. \$2,370.35, Midwest Pest Control \$474.00, Mindt, Julie \$251.20, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$1,727.03, Motorola Solutions Inc \$5,842.20, Nd Assoc Of Co Superintendents \$50.00, Nd Attorney General \$2,840.00, Nd County Auditors Association \$100.00, Nd Emergency Management Associatio \$150.00, North Dakota Association Assessing \$150.00, O'reilly Auto Parts \$33.26, Olauson, Shawn \$186.80, Otis Elevator Company \$7,631.37, Paulson, Pete \$179.56, Petro Serve Usa \$4,775.70, Pfaff, Jody \$229.84, Pharmchem Inc \$2,013.99, Quadient Finance Usa Inc \$3,000.00, Record Keepers, Llc \$35.00, Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. \$1,220.00, Rj's Plumbing & Heating \$788.58, Roers Construction Jv Llc \$2,213.16, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$114.00, Schwehr, Michael \$111.19, Smith Lumber Company \$168.96, State Land Department \$3,459.96, Stavens, Connie \$50.00, Stavens, Marlow \$50.00, Strata Corporation \$815.55, Stutsman County \$5.00, Stutsman County Correctional Cente \$8,140.18, Summit Foods Service Llc \$18,423.09, Thiel, Jason \$127.98, Thomson Reuters-West \$402.13, Thrifty White Pharmacy #59 \$551.65, Valley Barber Service \$826.00, Valley City Public Works \$9,041.80, Valley City Times-

Record \$4,184.89, Valley Officeworks \$1,637.51, Vc-Bc Development Corporation \$20.00, Verizon Wireless \$1,117.01, World Insurance Associates Llc \$19.00, Total For Fund \$192,024.66, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$1,358.07, Total For Fund \$1,358.07, **Veterans Service Office:** Aflac \$215.03, Bek Communications Cooperative \$35.53, Companion Life Insurance Co \$141.70, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$42.00, Nd Association County And Tribal V \$120.00, Petro Serve Usa \$254.09, Stoudt Miller Inc \$65.59, Verizon Wireless \$112.98, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$550.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc \$521.16, Total For Fund \$2,058.08, **County Road And Bridge:** Aflac \$778.13, Aflac Group Insurance \$40.85, Ashtabula Township \$432.00, Baldwin Township \$3,888.00, Blair's Auto Body Llc \$177.90, Butler Machinery Co. \$839.78, Chs Inc \$68,520.78, Cole Papers Inc. \$79.68, Colonial Life Insurance \$78.61, Companion Life Insurance Co \$1,226.12, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$678.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$49.60, Dallas Sailer Enterprises, Inc \$1,023.27, Getchell Township \$432.00, Grand Prairie Township \$3,456.60, Handy Hardware & Rental \$75.54, Hubert Oye & Sons, Inc. \$26,864.00, Inland Truck Parts & Service \$47.85, Klj Engineering Llc \$20,240.93, Kotaco \$2,613.11, Mid-States Wireless, Inc. \$22,230.74, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$80.98, Noltimier Township \$864.00, North Central International, Llc \$42.22, Ottetail Power Company - Jamestown \$238.42, Petro Serve Usa \$268.66, Powerplan Oib \$1,456.70, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Rinker Materials \$1,735.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$118.00, Smith Lumber Company \$63.11, Tangen, Tim N \$189.99, Tarp Pro Inc, \$1,024.58, The Window Man \$93.00, United Accounts, Inc. - Fargo \$325.00, Valley Auto Parts \$2,309.88, Valley City Public Works \$795.09, Verizon Wireless \$99.45, Wd Larson Companies Ltd Inc \$4,579.08, Western Dakota Energy Association \$500.00, World Insurance Associates Llc \$513.00, Zep Sales & Service \$489.29, Total For Fund \$170,198.94, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$170.08, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$1,355.87, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$227.01, Companion Life Insurance Co \$99.92, Handy Hardware & Rental \$143.95, Midwest Pest Control \$125.00, Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc \$16,138.00, Stoudt Miller Inc \$359.70, Valley Auto Parts \$21.59, Valley City Public Works \$121.46, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Windish, Jamen \$50.00, Total For Fund \$19,012.63, **County Agent:** Aflac \$33.50, Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Dacotah Bank Sd \$50.00, Harstad, Alicia \$985.33, Leever's Foods \$30.40, Milender, Sue \$60.56, Ndsu Extension Service \$27,104.05, Valley Officeworks \$67.29, Total For Fund \$28,381.09, **B.C. Economic Dev Fund:** Vc-Bc Development Corporation \$15,000.00, Total For Fund \$15,000.00, **County Agent Revolving:** Dacotah Bank Sd \$1.42, Total For Fund \$1.42, **Grants And Projects:** Anderson, Tara \$150.00, Arnold, Holly \$316.16, Bibi, Damaris \$150.00, Birkland, Janice \$491.20, Hazangwi, Kelvin \$654.16, Jenkins, Alia \$235.12, Klj Engineering Llc \$272.88, Lorinser, Kristi \$150.00, Lorinser, Macy Lynn \$464.23, Nexus Planning & Consulting Llc \$11,250.00, Swenson, Allison \$150.00, Total For Fund \$14,283.75, **Township Tap Funding Projects:** Klj Engineering Llc \$4,899.27, Total For Fund \$4,899.27, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$995.92, Total For Fund \$995.92, **Stewart Drain:** Larson Helicopters \$1,146.10, Total For Fund \$1,146.10, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$982.25, Total For Fund \$982.25, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$880.35, Total For Fund \$880.35, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$316.81, Total For Fund \$316.81, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$83,855.44, Total For Fund \$83,855.44, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$884.06, Total For Fund \$884.06, **Water Resources:** Companion Life Insurance Co \$49.96, Fehr, Bret \$74.48, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$482.00, Larson Helicopters \$3,127.80, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$2,779.22, Total For Fund \$6,513.46, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$255.57, Total For Fund \$255.57, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$528.75, Total For Fund \$528.75, **Recorders Preservation Fund:** Nelson, Jodie \$980.00, Pfaff, Jody \$980.00, Total For Fund \$1,960.00, **Cities:** Dazey \$83.60, Fingal \$538.18, Litchville \$836.90, Nome \$96.22, Pillsbury \$391.26, Rogers \$3.05, Sanborn \$865.40, Sibley \$58.18, Valley City \$18,263.39, Wimbledon \$126.14, Total For Fund \$21,262.32, **Townships:** Alta \$3,353.79, Anderson \$2,183.76, Ashtabula \$1,839.24, Baldwin \$2,491.17, Binghampton \$3,472.80, Brimer \$3,474.81, Cuba \$3,304.82, Dazey \$2,635.95, Eckelson \$1,908.11, Edna \$3,111.28, Ellsbury \$3,810.38, Getchell \$2,931.76, Grand \$3,315.81, Green \$3,703.35, Greenland \$2,483.49, Hemen \$3,424.96, Hobart \$2,973.14, Laketown \$2,938.50, Mansfield \$1,970.69, Marsh \$2,441.01, Meadow \$2,440.04, Minnie \$4,135.65, Nelson \$3,167.69, Noltimier \$3,222.08, Norma \$4,175.09, Oakhill \$2,261.32, Oriska \$3,027.73, Pierce \$3,170.05, Potter \$2,536.45, Raritan \$3,842.96, Rogers \$3,229.57, Rosebud \$2,537.10, Sibley \$2,315.85, Skandia \$3,311.99, Spring \$3,524.04, Springvale \$3,403.05, Stewart \$3,123.78, Svea \$3,145.55, Thordenskjold \$4,373.88, Uxbridge \$3,107.50, Valley \$3,790.24, Weimer \$2,943.06, \$128,553.49, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$1.27, Litchville \$31.37, Sanborn \$31.87, Sibley \$1.45, Valley City \$3,927.24, Total For Fund \$3,993.20, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$3,634.48, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$4,677.72, Hope-Page \$2,763.50, Litchville-Marion \$2,050.71, Maple Valley \$3,239.24, Valley City \$16,306.26, \$32,671.91, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$212.58, Edna \$54.63, Enderlin \$8.30, Fingal \$106.55, Hope \$279.45, Kathryn \$14.86, Nome \$303.58, Page \$157.97, Sanborn \$528.94, Tower City \$62.71, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$151.82, Wimbledon \$422.77, Total For Fund \$2,304.16, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. \$8,967.75, Thordenskjold Drain \$1,205.79, Total For Fund \$10,173.54, **Covid St & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:** Roers Construction Joint Venture L \$201,754.60, Total For Fund \$201,754.60, Total Warrants \$946,249.84

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 9:21 AM.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor