Barnes County Commission
October 6, 2026
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 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.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Corrections

Jeremy Wolff discussed raising boarding contract charges with other counties. The current contract rate is $100.00. per day. He is suggesting raising the charge to $115.00 per day. The booking rate is $30.00. Shawn Olauson made a motion to increase boarding contract rate to $115.00 per day and the booking rate to $50.00; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. The current charge to the police department is $85.00. Vicky Lovell made a motion to increase the police department charge to $90.00. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

Auditor's Office

Vicky Lovell moved to approve September 15, 2026, and September 28, 2026 minutes as presented. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting "aye". Mike Schwehr made a motion for Alicia Harstad and Sue Milender to be the State Fair delegates; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Tax Equalization

Stacie Hansen presented an omitted assessment on parcel 51-0100160, Craig McGraw. The assessor decreased the value on the incorrect parcel. The house value of $48,300 should be added back onto this parcel. Shawn Olauson made a motion to approve the value change; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting yes.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson reported the Airport is sealing driveways. An update on the Veteran Service Office van rides, mileage, client visits were given. Mike Schwehr reported that City County Health is preparing for the respiratory and flu season. Vicky Lovell reported Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is increasing the fair market rent value. The library has an opening for an assistant director. The current assistant director has submitted her resignation. They will be installing security cameras. The Pomeroy Foundation has awarded a grant for a plaque at the library. Bill mentioned change orders coming up that have not been submitted to the commission. They should be on the next commission meeting agenda,

Bills Approved For September 2026

General Fund: Advanced Business Methods Inc $103.99, Aflac $3,259.42, Aflac Group Insurance $48.45, Andrew S Marquart $630.00, Barnes Co Weed Board $70.20, Barnes County Auditor $742.83, Barnes County Ambulance $240.00, Barnes Rural Water $1,186.39, Bek Communications Cooperative $983.32, Big Language Solutions $4.56, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. $59.82, Bob Barker Company $410.80, Carlblom, William $102.44, Cass County Electric $1,112.34, Cass County Government $10,146.01, Central Avenue Pharmacy $109.01, Charm-Tex Inc $527.00, Cody Perdue $50.00, Cole Papers Inc. $920.54, Colonial Life Insurance $568.57, Companion Life Insurance Co $3,845.48, Counties Providing Technology $2,896.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $1,560.75, Dacotah Bank Sd $12,712.62, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. $112.79, Drake,Madison $78.00, Electro Watchman, Inc. $419.40, Everson,Jordyn $76.00, Fat Man Trash Llc $1,008.00, Galls Incorporated $62.49, Handy Hardware & Rental $790.59, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. $61.00, Information Technology Department $5,811.92, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 $204.92, Keith's Ac, Refrigeration, & Heati $66.76, Knight, Matthew $78.00, Kotaco $774.15, Leaf $190.00, Leevers Foods $22.72, Litchville Bulletin $662.92, Lovell, Victoria $156.40, Marco Inc - St Louis $665.41, Marco Technologies,Llc $3,409.75, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl $268.44, Montana-Dakota Utilities $1,794.94, Morten, Nathan $78.00, Nd Association Of Counties $100.00, O'reilly Auto Parts $65.27, Olauson, Shawn $194.40, On Demand Graphics & Signs $400.00, Opatz,Jaiden $78.00, Otis Elevator Company $787.50, Paulson, Pete $132.08, Penguin Management Inc $3,402.00, Peterson Mechanical Inc $5,448.21, Petro Serve Usa $4,285.14, Pharmchem Inc $702.90, Polymar Products Inc $28,000.00, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc $116.65, Quadient Finance Usa Inc $39.00, Quadient Leasing Usa Inc $709.08, Quality Alignment & Brake Center $60.80, Record Keepers, Llc $87.50, Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. $1,721.61, Sadek.Kathy $130.20, Sadek,Alex $130.20, Sanford Health Occupational Medici $171.00, Smith Lumber Company $403.07, Stoudt Miller Inc $594.58, Stutsman County Correctional Cente $10,500.00, Summit Foods Service Llc $18,016.74, The Medicine Shoppe $7.10, Thiel, Jason $801.54, Thomson Reuters-West $402.13, Thrifty White Pharmacy $107.00, Valley Auto Parts $100.38, Valley City Public Works $8,630.29, Valley City Times-Record $1,031.45, Valley Lumber Company $64.93, Valley Officeworks $200.76, Valley Plains Equipment $88.11, Verizon Wireless $287.67, Workforce Safety & Insurance $250.00, 00105006895 $50.00, Total For Fund $147,380.43, **City County Health:** City County Health District $896.85, Total For Fund $896.85, **Veterans Service Office:** Aflac $215.03, Bek Communications Cooperative $35.53, Companion Life Insurance Co $141.70, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $42.00, Petro Serve Usa $315.55, Verizon Wireless $112.98, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd $550.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc $312.06, Total For Fund $1,724.85, **County Road And Bridge:** Aflac $778.13, Aflac Group Insurance $40.85, Blair's Auto Body Llc $1,913.49, Chs Inc $42,283.38, Colonial Life Insurance $78.61, Companion Life Insurance Co $1,096.26, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct $678.00, Dacotah Bank Sd $26.86, Dallmann Services

Company $42,374.07, Fastenal $325.44, General Equipment & Supplies $3,391.96, Handy Hardware & Rental $16.14, Kotaco $2,259.53, Manson, Heather $16.35, Miller, Matt $57.74, Montana-Dakota Utilities $72.22, Nd Dept Of Transportation $11,356.48, Newman Outdoor Advertising-Fargo $73.53, North Central International,Llc $717.13, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow $207.62, Petro Serve Usa $44.28, Powerplan Oib $1,491.48, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care $640.00, Sanford Health Occupational Medici $219.00, Schaefer Vermeer Equipment Llp $1,650.00, Smith Lumber Company $57.56, Suhr, Dustin $164.99, United Accounts, Inc. - Fargo $325.00, Valley Auto Parts $1,619.90, Valley City Public Works $853.62, Valley Lumber Company $18.00, Verizon Wireless $99.45, Wd Larson Companies Ltd Inc $83.12, Total For Fund $115,030.19, **Weed Control:** Aflac $170.08, Agterra Technologies Inc $70.00, Barnes Co Highway Dept $748.25, Companion Life Insurance Co $99.92, Handy Hardware & Rental $64.96, Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc $67.50, Valley Auto Parts $119.56, Valley City Public Works $82.35, Verizon Wireless $200.05, Total For Fund $1,622.67, **County Agent:** Aflac $33.50, Companion Life Insurance Co $49.96, Dacotah Bank Sd $125.00, Harstad, Alicia $142.72, Total For Fund $351.18, **B.C. Economic Dev Fund:** Vc-Bc Development Corporation $4,000.00, Total For Fund $4,000.00, **County Bridge:** Nd Dept Of Transportation $5,202.43, Total For Fund $5,202.43, **Community Service:** Verizon Wireless $39.04, Total For Fund $39.04, **Grants And Projects:** Chad Clement $62.12, Dean & Brenda Klein $144.54, Kelly Utt $74.21, Knox, Laura $1,620.00, Leevers Foods $138.04, Lori Bjerke $119.79, Mark Ertelt $236.22, Melvin Wendel Revocable Living Tru $130.11, Real Jenison Property Llc $34.08, Swenson, Allison $210.00, Valley Officeworks $43.48, Total For Fund $2,812.59, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. $843.39, Total For Fund $843.39, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist $889.75, Total For Fund $889.75, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport $591.19, Total For Fund $591.19, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer $403.28, Total For Fund $403.28, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services $448.76, Total For Fund $448.76, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance $608.06, Total For Fund $608.06, **Water Resources:** Companion Life Insurance Co $49.96, Houston Engineering, Inc. $421.75, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. $1,509.16, Total For Fund $1,980.87, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society $168.65, Total For Fund $168.65, **Library:** Valley City Public Library $360.05, Total For Fund $360.05, **Recorders Preservation Fund:** Nelson, Jodie $945.00, Pfaff, Jody $945.00, Total For Fund $1,890.00, **Cities:** Dazey $610.73, Fingal $992.23, Kathryn $35.70, Litchville $510.77, Pillsbury $140.47, Sanborn $514.50, Valley City $6,415.07, Total For Fund $9,219.47, **Townships:** Alta $845.34, Anderson $483.69, Ashtabula $401.12, Baldwin $296.79, Binghampton $476.65, Brimer $767.13, Cuba $531.51, Dazey $294.39, Eckelson $378.90, Edna $483.11, Ellsbury $357.31, Getchell $523.78, Grand $433.69, Green $563.60, Greenland $365.40, Hemen $311.91, Hobart $547.53, Laketown $264.83, Mansfield $290.87, Marsh $969.69, Meadow $1,281.42, Minnie $395.14, Nelson $465.27, Noltimier $521.92, Norma $442.12, Oakhill $363.79, Oriska $582.31, Pierce $699.40, Potter $267.35, Raritan $382.90, Rogers $261.59, Rosebud $1,650.02, Sibley $333.62, Skandia $385.76, Spring $397.65, Springvale $403.99, Stewart $342.92, Svea $365.59, Thordenskjold $443.32, Uxbridge $517.48, Valley $1,540.06, Weimer $307.87, $21,938.73, **Park Districts:** Fingal $14.63, Litchville $19.41, Sanborn $20.09, Valley City $2,832.31, Total For Fund $2,886.44, **School Districts:** Barnes County North $3,048.83, Hope-Page $114.32, Litchville-Marion $8,072.22, Maple Valley $1,487.02, Montpelier $1,751.75, Valley City $8,026.18, $22,500.32, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey $166.52, Edna $56.91, Enderlin $8.64, Fingal $118.65, Hope $134.11, Kathryn $17.17, Nome $69.75, Page $41.20, Sanborn $653.78, Tower City $139.39, Valley City Rural Fire Protection $56.02, Wimbledon $348.72, Total For Fund $1,810.86, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. $2,621.50, Total For Fund $2,621.50, **Covid St & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:** Roers Construction Joint Venture L $227,835.08, Total For Fund $227,835.08, Total Warrants $576,056.63

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 8:38 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor