

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlbom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlbom called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m., roll-call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

#### **Highway Dept – Bids / Projects**

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent. Bids were opened and discussed. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to accept the bid from Lance Peterson for the 99 Dodge at \$4,100.00; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to accept the bid from Lance Peterson for the Chevy at \$2,001.00; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to accept the bid from Gary Duffy of \$5,800.00 for the Eckelson Shop; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

#### **VC-BC Development Corporation**

Jennifer Feist, Valley City – Barnes County Development Corporation Director of Development presented the annual Agreement for Commission approval. Shawn Olauson moved to approve the Agreement; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Vicky Lovell voting “no”.

#### **US Fish & Wildlife – Potential FWS Acquisition**

Kurt Tompkins, District Manager, US Fish & Wildlife Service, requested a motion in support of the US Fish & Wildlife Service pursuing the potential purchase of a quarter section of land in Noltmier Township: NE ¼ 32-141-57. Cindy Schwehr moved to support the potential acquisition; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

#### **Auditor – Minutes / Ceiling Tile Replacement / Local Permit Application**

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the November 15, 2022 minutes; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bill Carlbom moved to replace the ceiling tile in the Commission Room, Auditor’s Front Office, and Auditor’s Back Office; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Application for a Local Permit from Barnes County North Sophomore Class; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

#### **Planning & Zoning – Variances**

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an application for a Variance – Height (49’ tall building”) and Setback – 30’ – from Lance J Peltier (Sibley Trail Township, SE ¼ 34-143-58). Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the application contingent upon soil being stable and adequate; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

#### **Vicki Grafing - Library**

Vicky Grafing, Barnes County resident, presented information on the book titled “Let’s Talk About It” that is available at the Valley City – Barnes County Library.

#### **Corrections – Strobe Light**

Jeremy Wolff, Chief Correctional Officer requested approval to purchase and install a strobe light for the Sally Port; this was discussed and tabled until the next commission meeting.

#### **Commission Discussion**

Commission discussion included Portfolio updates. Ambulance Funding was discussed and tabled until the next commission meeting. City-County Health Department Parking Lot condition was discussed. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to use \$100,000 of Covid funding toward the CCHD Parking Lot, should the project come to fruition; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. The former VSO Office Space was discussed. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to add the space to the NDSU Extension Office and upgrade the carpet in the Extension Office upon checking with all three carpet providers in Valley City and using the one that can install carpet the soonest; Bill Carlbom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

#### **Department Head Meeting**

Department Heads provided updates on departmental happenings.

#### **Bills Approved for November 2022**

**General Fund:** Aflac \$2,988.95, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.51, Anderson, Wesley \$266.17, Andrew S Marquart \$243.00, Bakkegard & Schell \$274.60, Balco Uniform Co. Inc \$634.00, Barnes County \$194.99, Barnes Rural Water \$985.06, Beckman Septic Llc \$1,775.00, Bek Communications Cooperative \$493.02, Btn Constuction \$6,260.00, Buffalo Bridges Hsz \$12.30, Buhr, James \$265.00, Burk, Christopher \$50.00, Calhoon, Teagan \$25.00, Carlbom, William \$233.13, Cass County Electric \$713.40, Central Business Systems \$3,610.68, Century Link Co

\$2,083.76, Centurylink Az \$876.67, Cintas Corporation \$292.63, City County Health District \$4,825.00, Cole Papers Inc. \$632.77, Colonial Life Insurance \$166.17, Cordico Inc \$639.51, Counties Providing Technology \$2,615.00, Dacotah Bank \$704.64, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$2,234.17, Dacotah Bank Sd \$5,949.33, Dacotah Paper Co. \$117.90, Dakota Central Telecommunications \$21.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$324.47, Didier, Beth M \$31.48, Ds Solutions Inc \$491.40, Edin, Bradley \$265.90, Election Systems & Software \$3,202.10, Elstrom, Amy \$25.00, Elstrom, Donna \$50.00, Elstrom, Robert \$25.00, Ertelt, John \$267.34, Ertelt, Serena \$267.34, Fargo Glass & Paint Company \$4,765.00, Farm & Home Publishers \$660.00, Galls Incorporated \$513.98, Handy Hardware & Rental \$683.02, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$48.00, Hoganson, Jeffery \$55.00, Information Technology Department \$6,067.74, Inter-Community Telephone \$150.00, Jacobson, Ian \$25.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$121.71, Jenrich, Jessica \$146.88, Keller, Constance \$255.00, Klein, Mark & Carol \$248.59, Koeplin, Bobby \$65.00, Kohler, Debbie \$265.00, Kohn Electric \$682.11, Leaf \$2,760.33, Leever's Foods \$155.02, Legge, Jean \$242.50, Leier, Mary Ann \$242.50, Line-Rite \$627.00, Litchville Bulletin \$160.73, Lovell, Victoria \$441.25, Marco Inc - St Louis \$1,542.31, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl \$215.80, Mercy Hospital - Valley City \$6,355.53, Messerli & Kramer \$94.34, Mid-States Wireless, Inc. \$20.00, Midwest Pest Control \$115.00, Mmt Irrigation \$150.00, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$5,579.70, Morehouse Enterprises Llc \$4,513.64, Mueller, Jennifer \$40.00, Nd Association Of Counties \$4,737.10, Nd Attorney General \$1,760.00, Ndaco \$1,290.46, Ndadcp \$50.00, Negan's Investigative Services Llc \$3,700.00, Nelson, Carol \$265.00, Neuberger, Holly \$61.25, North Dakota Newspaper Association \$165.36, Northern Safety Technology Inc \$584.64, O'reilly Auto Parts \$43.75, Olauson, Shawn \$286.25, On Demand Graphics & Signs \$526.37, Otis Elevator Company \$125.00, Paulson, Pete \$61.25, Pharmchem Inc \$633.55, Pine Country Nursery \$691.20, Professional Development Academy N \$997.50, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc \$331.88, Quadiant Finance Usa Inc \$6,020.00, Quality Inn (Nd400) \$88.20, Record Keepers, Llc \$127.50, Runge, Jason \$25.00, Sanford Clinic Fargo Region \$641.00, Sanford Health Ems Education \$131.50, Schwehr, Cindy L \$70.00, Seachange Printing & Marketing Svs \$338.60, Servicemaster Of Valley City \$1,650.00, Sherburne County Sheriff \$71.00, Sherlock, Justin \$333.79, Smith Lumber Company \$11.79, State Board Of Law Examiners \$750.00, State Disbursement Unit - North Da \$602.00, Streicher's \$444.79, Sunset Law Enforcement Llc \$943.30, Superior Vision Services Inc \$719.50, Synchrony Bank/Amazon \$346.10, Thomsen, Ina Ann \$202.50, Thomson Reuters -West \$363.42, Thrifty White Pharmacy #59 \$143.93, Titan Data Safe Llc \$6,529.40, Valley Auto Parts \$23.78, Valley Barber Service \$116.00, Valley City Public Works \$4,229.44, Valley City Times-Record \$3,960.90, Valley Officeworks \$963.21, Vault1440 Llc \$5,288.16, Verizon Wireless \$944.75, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$1,890.00, Walls, Elaine \$265.00, Watkins, Jeanie \$40.00, Wells Fargo Bank \$575.82, Wobbema, Jeanne \$202.50, Wolff, Jeremy \$157.95, Total For Fund \$138,710.46, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$33,043.39, Total For Fund \$33,043.39, **Veterans Service Office:** Hunt, Angela \$516.25, Jacobson, Tammy J. \$73.75, Nd Association Of Counties \$300.00, Petro Serve Usa \$330.81, Superior Vision Services Inc \$28.90, Valley Officeworks \$111.45, Verizon Wireless \$113.72, Total For Fund \$1,474.88, **County Road And Bridge:** A P Equipment Inc \$72.75, Aflac \$621.91, Aflac Group Insurance \$78.85, Best Western Ramkota Hotel - Rapid \$364.00, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$247.38, Butler Machinery Co. \$824.00, Centurylink Az \$59.17, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$40,607.63, Colonial Life Insurance \$94.34, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$783.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$52.32, Escosupply \$17,455.60, First Collections Inc \$123.13, Forklifts Of Minnesota, Inc \$41.56, Handy Hardware & Rental \$18.99, Inland Truck Parts & Service \$1,423.78, Johnson, Kerry \$45.50, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$62.89, Nd Association Of Counties \$545.00, Nd Association Of County Engineers \$300.00, Nelson International, Inc. \$871.08, Northwest Tire Inc. \$24.50, Ottetail Power Company - Jamestown \$125.48, Powerplan Oib \$119.09, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc \$56,835.00, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Schaefer Vermeer Equipment Llp \$723.84, Smith, Jamie L. \$45.50, State Disbursement Unit - North Da \$1,097.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$74.90, The Window Man \$89.00, Truenorth Steel \$2,390.88, Valley Auto Parts \$931.69, Valley City Public Works \$1,061.91, Valley Plains Equipment \$32.15, Verizon Wireless \$99.12, Vining Oil & Gas Llc \$5,280.14, Total For Fund \$134,263.08, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$149.93, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$1,585.12, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Windish, Jamen \$50.00, Total For Fund \$1,985.10, **County Agent:** Central Business Systems \$431.81, Hochhalter, Debra \$34.62, Milender, Sue \$1,135.71, Ndae4-Hyw \$100.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Valley Officeworks \$179.83, Total For Fund \$1,893.47, **Farm To Market 15 Mill:** Braun Intertec Corporation \$7,571.28, Flint Hills Resources,Lp \$23,725.42, Klj Engineering Llc \$47,244.72, Nd Dept Of Transportation \$263.26, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$204.66, Ottetail Power Company - Jamestown \$58.63, Tom Gilbertson & Sons \$12,600.00, Valley Auto Parts \$53.00, Total For Fund \$91,720.97, **County Bridge:** Nd Dept Of Transportation \$4,216.12, Total For Fund \$4,216.12, **County Agent Revolving:** Dacotah Bank Sd \$785.72, Total For Fund \$785.72, **Grants And Projects:** Aman, Betty \$255.00, Leever's Foods \$8.76, Perlman, Corey \$1,435.00, Peterson, Travis \$1,920.00, Stein, Michelle \$625.00, Swenson, Allison \$998.55, Zent, Julie \$773.89, Total For Fund \$6,016.20, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$1,380.41, Total For Fund \$1,380.41, **Flood Emergency 2011:** Reid, Ken \$18.75, Total For Fund \$18.75, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$1,512.84, Total For Fund \$1,512.84, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$3,614.47, Total For Fund \$3,614.47, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$7,737.60, Total For Fund \$7,737.60, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$1,892.90, Total For Fund \$1,892.90, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$946.40, Total For Fund \$946.40, **Water Resources:** Aflac \$36.75, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$50.00, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$44,359.25, Minnesota Valley Testing Laborator \$1,605.54, Nd Water Users Association \$700.00, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$753.00, Total For Fund \$47,504.54, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$710.01, Total For Fund \$710.01, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$1,112.24, Total For Fund \$1,112.24, **Recorders Preservation Fu:** Nd Association Of Counties \$360.00, Nelson, Jodie \$1,540.00, Pfaff, Jody \$1,715.00, Valley Officeworks \$70.50, Total For Fund \$3,685.50, **Cities:** Dazey \$613.78, Fingal \$1,687.90, Kathryn \$129.86, Litchville \$800.37,

Nome \$585.19, Rogers \$51.55, Sanborn \$1,277.10, Sibley \$313.24, Valley City \$62,529.47, Wimbledon \$779.50, Total For Fund \$68,767.96, **Townships:** Alta \$2,722.53, Anderson \$1,698.21, Ashtabula \$1,375.16, Baldwin \$1,146.97, Binghampton \$2,151.85, Brimer \$1,837.78, Cuba \$1,624.85, Dazey \$1,206.51, Eckelson \$1,006.97, Edna \$1,521.86, Ellsbury \$1,475.90, Getchell \$1,384.50, Grand \$1,541.22, Green \$1,806.29, Greenland \$2,116.43, Hemen \$1,871.81, Hobart \$2,264.81, Laketown \$1,319.83, Mansfield \$957.10, Marsh \$1,588.11, Meadow \$1,267.13, Minnie \$1,477.45, Nelson \$3,070.14, Noltimier \$1,836.12, Norma \$2,010.38, Oakhill \$1,050.25, Oriska \$1,748.36, Pierce \$1,465.49, Potter \$1,364.23, Raritan \$1,883.91, Rogers \$1,378.66, Rosebud \$1,634.47, Sibley \$1,288.77, Skandia \$1,954.64, Spring \$1,803.42, Springvale \$2,129.58, Stewart \$1,802.74, Svea \$1,689.86, Thordenskjold \$1,918.38, Uxbridge \$1,978.04, Valley \$3,039.06, Weimer \$1,341.24, \$71,751.01, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$69.49, Kathryn \$3.92, Litchville \$41.40, Nome \$34.63, Sanborn \$38.95, Sibley \$5.79, Valley City \$18,412.75, Total For Fund \$18,606.93, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$8,608.81, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$1,577.81, Litchville-Marion \$6,193.42, Maple Valley \$8,226.63, Valley City \$63,393.72, \$88,000.39, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$223.35, Edna \$48.66, Enderlin \$11.06, Fingal \$215.45, Hope \$109.13, Kathryn \$304.85, Nome \$156.31, Page \$35.23, Sanborn \$903.88, Tower City \$171.89, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$512.64, Wimbledon \$441.98, Total For Fund \$3,134.43, **Capital Projects:** Klein Mccarthy Architects \$630.45, Moody's Investors Service \$500.00, Total For Fund \$1,130.45, **Covid St & Local Fiscal R:** Stoudt Miller Inc \$39,425.00, Total For Fund \$39,425.00, Total Warrants \$775,041.22

With no further business, Shawn Olason made a motion, seconded by Vicky Lovell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Bill Carblom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt  
Barnes County Deputy Auditor