

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, with Mike Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Bill Carlblom was absent. Vice-Chair Shawn Olauson 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.

VC-BC Development Corporation

Jennifer Feist presented information on a Childcare Grant Program along with a request of funding of \$45,000.00 Economic Development Funds. Vicky Lovell made a motion to approve the requested funds for the Childcare Program; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present members voting yes.

Emergency Management

Jessica Jenrich appeared to discuss storage options for Emergency Management inventory. Currently items are stored at the Highway Department in cold storage, and they need room for the Weed Board equipment. There is a storage shed up in the airport area where the Sheriff's Office rents that could be utilized.

Tax Equalization

The abatement application for Kevin Eggermont was discussed. Hobart Township recommended the Board of County Commissioners reduce the value of \$688,100 to \$662,865. Vicky Lovell made a motion to approve the townships recommended reduction to \$662,865.00; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried with roll call vote with Vicky, Mike, and Pete voting yes. Shawn voted no.

Auditor's Office

Vicky Lovell moved to approve February 18, 2025; minutes as presented. Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all present members voting aye. A proclamation from Scott Wheeler honoring Lawrence Welk was presented and discussed setting July 2, 2025, as Lawrence Welk Day. The consensus was this should be left up to the state.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson gave an update on the VSO Office. There were 2,721 miles put on the van, 49 rides, 222 calls, 93 walk in clients and seven appointments. Vicky Lovell attended the SCRDC meeting. HUD is working on improvements to two more houses and a couple of rooms at Skyline Villa. Mike Schwehr attended the VSO breakfast for the veterans at the VSO Office. CCHD is working on measles ramification and getting information to schools and daycares. They are getting bids for the upstairs remodeling project that will be funded by grant dollars. The holiday pay and Juneteenth holiday will be brought up and discussed. Shawn Olauson attended the Capitol Connection informational session in Bismarck where legislators and senators presented information on bills being discussed. A 3% cap is currently being discussed in one of the bills.

Bills Approved For February 2025

General Fund: Advanced Business Methods Inc \$832.49, Aflac \$2,947.50, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.45, Amazon Capital Services \$630.65, Andrew S Marquart \$729.00, Balco Uniform Co. Inc \$70.06, Barnes Co Treasurer \$470.27, Barnes County Auditor \$774.65, Barnes Rural Water \$383.35, Bek Communications Cooperative \$1,099.89, Berntson, Anna \$100.00, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$96.65, Bob Barker Company \$222.16, Butler Machinery Co. \$120.00, Carlblom, William \$97.60, Cass County Electric \$402.10, Charm-Tex Inc \$1,266.64, City County Health District \$10,037.50, Cole Papers Inc. \$1,018.58, Colonial Life Insurance \$126.47, Counties Providing Technology \$2,817.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$1,416.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$10,923.73, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$86.32, Dugan, Ryan \$78.52, Electro Watchman, Inc. \$419.40, Erickson, Anthony \$25.00, Everson, Jordyn \$18.34, Galls Incorporated \$139.99, Gille Auto \$540.00, Guardian Rfid \$8,538.10, Handy Hardware & Rental \$304.94, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$138.60, Information Technology Department \$5,989.09, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$96.34, Jamestown Regional Medical Center \$513.00, Johnson Controls \$874.65, Knight, Matthew \$25.00, Litchville Bulletin \$197.12, Lovell, Victoria \$148.00, Marco Inc - St Louis \$2,091.16, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$6,195.06, Nd Apco \$180.00, Nd Attorney General \$4,740.00, Nd Dept Of Human Services \$1,592.81, Nd Highway Patrol \$1,000.00, Nd League Of Cities \$180.00, Nd Sheriffs & Deputies Assn \$500.00, Nd State Radio Communications \$720.00, Ndccaa \$100.00, Netwrix Corporation \$4,304.46, Nucara Pharmacy \$749.65, O'Reilly Auto Parts \$75.98, Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel \$1,047.60, Petro Serve Usa \$130.88, Pharmchem Inc \$255.60, Puklich Chevrolet Buick GMC \$2,692.76, Ray Nelson Construction \$14,083.28, Record Keepers, LLC \$105.00, RJ's Plumbing & Heating \$368.78, Sanford Health Sd \$2,752.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$112.00, Schwehr, Michael \$110.50, Scram Systems \$122.84, Smith Lumber Company \$18.97, Stein's, Inc. \$163.81, Stoudt Miller Inc \$6,128.52, Streicher's \$888.88, Stutsman County \$15,000.00, Stutsman County Correctional Cente \$100.00, Summit Foods Service LLC \$16,595.40, Superior Vision Services Inc \$632.50, Tarrant County Constable Precinct \$75.00, The Village Family Service Center \$2,730.00, Thiel, Jason \$84.16, Thomson Reuters -West \$379.05, Trittech Software System \$9,844.92, Valley Auto Parts \$257.42, Valley Barber Service \$369.00, Valley City Public Works \$2,720.08, Valley City Times-Record \$1,514.60, Valley Officeworks \$2,582.76, Verizon Wireless \$219.63, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$2,110.00, Total For Fund \$161,388.21, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$76,042.81, Total For Fund \$76,042.81, **Veterans**

Service Office: Aflac \$149.59, Bek Communications Cooperative \$35.53, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$42.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$565.26, Ndactvso \$340.00, Petro Serve Usa \$379.77, Record Keepers, LLC \$7.88, Stoudt Miller Inc \$131.68, Superior Vision Services Inc \$17.10, Verizon Wireless \$112.94, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$550.00, Wells Fargo Bank Nc \$269.53, Total For Fund \$2,601.28, **County Road And Bridge:** A P Equipment Inc \$299.24, Advance Garage Door Inc \$262.50, Advanced Business Methods Inc \$5,311.29, Aflac \$741.70, Aflac Group Insurance \$40.85, Bayshore City Side \$107.29, Blair's Auto Body LLC \$2,638.17, Butler Machinery Co. \$1,381.58, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$1,341.03, Colonial Life Insurance \$59.04, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$636.00, Handy Hardware & Rental \$578.57, Holiday Inn - Fargo \$198.00, Inland Truck Parts & Service \$443.92, Jacobson, Andy \$135.84, Jemco, Inc. \$847.53, Keith's Ac, Refrigeration, & Heati \$125.00, KLJ Engineering LLC \$3,070.11, Leever's Foods \$55.78, Little Falls Machine, Inc. \$1,078.11, Menards \$274.90, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$502.75, Nd Dept Of Transportation \$11,018.66, Nelson International, Inc. \$218.06, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$427.87, One Call Concepts, Inc \$21.00, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestown \$209.99, Petro Serve Usa \$238.60, Quality Alignment & Brake Center \$104.00, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Risser, Richard \$153.46, Sign Solutions Usa LLC \$460.21, Smith, Todd \$151.72, Star Enterprises, Inc \$2,242.63, Superior Vision Services Inc \$97.90, The Valley Glass Shop LLC \$70.00, Valley Auto Parts \$2,987.59, Valley City Public Works \$3,941.05, Valley City Times-Record \$148.80, Verizon Wireless \$99.43, Total For Fund \$43,360.17, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$149.93, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$98.18, Berts Truck Equipment \$15,373.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$718.58, Handy Hardware & Rental \$137.86, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Valley Officeworks \$18.36, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Windish, Jamen \$222.00, Total For Fund \$16,929.46, **County Agent:** Aflac \$33.50, Amazon Capital Services \$211.24, Dacotah Bank Sd \$684.40, Harstad, Alicia \$125.00, Leever's Foods \$8.59, Milender, Sue \$160.25, NDSU Dept 3110 \$80.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Tichy, Amy J \$50.00, Valley Officeworks \$45.97, Total For Fund \$1,410.45, **B.C. Economic Dev Fund:** Vc-Bc Development Corporation \$117,000.00, Total For Fund \$117,000.00, **Grants And Projects:** First Lutheran Church \$60.00, Keller, Constance \$900.00, Koch, Brenda \$300.00, Leever's Foods \$39.39, Lorinser, Kristi \$900.00, Lorinser, Macy Lynn \$255.00, Swenson, Allison \$612.28, Zent, Julie \$888.73, Total For Fund \$3,728.46, **Township Tap Funding Proj :** KILJ Engineering LLC \$5,362.86, Total For Fund \$5,362.86, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$28,961.21, Total For Fund \$28,961.21, **Stewart Drain:** Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$235.00, Postmaster \$73.00, Total For Fund \$308.00, **Garrison Conservancy Dist.:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist. \$19,614.99, Total For Fund \$19,614.99, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$45,358.03, Total For Fund \$45,358.03, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$19,033.80, Total For Fund \$19,033.80, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$38,021.36, Total For Fund \$38,021.36, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$52,007.01, Community Volunteer Ems Of Lamoure \$4,989.02, Total For Fund \$56,996.03, **Water Resources:** Anderson, Bruce \$88.20, Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center \$1,090.00, Didier, Cara \$183.58, Fehr, Bret \$182.24, Hieb, Jerry \$188.94, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$6,470.50, Industrial Builders Inc \$5,457.00, Nd Water Resource Districts Assn \$675.00, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$2,025.00, Postmaster \$73.00, Red River Joint Water Resource Dis \$104,900.00, Schlagel, Perry \$269.34, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water \$3,011.47, Valley City Times-Record \$61.20, Total For Fund \$124,686.97, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$14,257.35, Total For Fund \$14,257.35, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$39,127.81, Total For Fund \$39,127.81, **Recorders Preservation Fu:** Nelson, Jodie \$1,470.00, Pfaff, Jody \$1,470.00, Total For Fund \$2,940.00, **Cities:** Dazey \$3,579.67, Fingal \$8,517.54, Kathryn \$1,724.37, Leal \$967.27, Litchville \$6,673.99, Nome \$3,544.56, Oriska \$2,031.90, Pillsbury \$4,211.90, Rogers \$2,364.39, Sanborn \$5,656.45, Sibley \$4,657.18, Tower City \$2,103.09, Valley City \$879,296.68, Wimbledon \$13,415.56, Total For Fund \$938,744.55, **Townships:** Alta \$9,574.37, Anderson \$9,879.59, Ashtabula \$13,359.34, Baldwin \$4,274.83, Binghampton \$10,197.78, Brimer \$10,158.70, Cuba \$14,401.78, Dazey \$4,416.23, Eckelson \$12,930.41, Edna \$16,157.55, Ellsbury \$7,035.88, Getchell \$9,149.75, Grand \$7,763.45, Green \$6,211.41, Greenland \$13,513.18, Hemen \$9,325.68, Hobart \$10,116.04, Laketown \$11,456.08, Mansfield \$4,156.12, Marsh \$20,181.20, Meadow \$8,881.34, Minnie \$14,745.68, Nelson \$15,223.91, Noltimier \$5,075.93, Norma \$7,631.73, Oakhill \$3,887.19, Oriska \$10,510.79, Pierce \$5,603.74, Potter \$15,613.86, Raritan \$6,182.82, Rogers \$4,570.71, Rosebud \$6,710.38, Sibley \$11,132.58, Skandia \$5,105.62, Spring \$4,852.14, Springvale \$11,092.11, Stewart \$10,057.33, Svea \$10,254.81, Thordenskjold \$13,469.94, Uxbridge \$13,219.29, Valley \$21,364.40, Weimer \$5,021.20, \$414,466.87, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$249.63, Litchville \$239.01, Sanborn \$279.23, Sibley \$116.52, Tower City \$393.36, Valley City \$236,760.90, Total For Fund \$238,038.65, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$373,112.50, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$39,893.63, Griggs County Centra \$6,134.39, Hope-Page \$52,744.43, Litchville-Marion \$199,577.39, Maple Valley \$197,446.95, Montpelier \$5,645.84, Valley City \$932,483.40, \$1,807,038.53, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$5,658.76, Edna \$2,815.07, Enderlin \$472.29, Fingal \$3,096.80, Hope \$2,587.96, Kathryn \$3,608.93, Nome \$2,818.62, Page \$1,790.24, Sanborn \$16,387.21, Tower City \$2,121.43, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$10,430.61, Wimbledon \$6,777.38, Total For Fund \$58,565.30, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Postmaster \$73.00, Stewart Drain li \$4,439.33, Thordenskjold Drain \$13,044.83, Total For Fund \$17,557.16, **Upper Maple River Dam Ass:** Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource \$1,284.54, Total For Fund \$1,284.54, **Covid St & Local Fiscal R:** KLJ Engineering LLC \$157.90, Total For Fund \$157.90, **Payroll Fund:** Dacotah Bank Sd \$2,291.22, Total For Fund \$2,291.22, Total Warrants \$4,295,273.97

With no further business, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olason, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with all present members voting "aye" and the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Shawn Olauson, Vice-Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor