

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom, and John Froelich present. Shawn Olason was unable to attend. Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

**Stop the Jail Committee - Petition**

Terry Brock, representing the "Stop the Jail Committee", appeared before the Commission and read a letter dated August 21, 2020 from Anderson, Bottrell, Sanden & Thompson regarding Protests to Resolution #2020-3 relating to Lease-Purchase Financing of County Jail, and recognized the fellow members of the "Stop the Jail Committee".

Barnes County State's Attorney Tonya Duffy responded that North Dakota Century Code § 21-03-07(6), which applies to general obligation bonds, does not apply in the case of a lease-purchase, and therefore, the project may continue to move forward. Jim Stewart, bond attorney from Arntson, Stewart and Wegner, explained how lease-purchase financing works.

**Sheriff – Vehicle Bid Opening / Equipment / Airport Lease**

Bids were opened from Puklich, Miller Motors, and Stoudt-Ross Ford. Sheriff Randy McClafflin will review the bids and return at the next meeting with a recommendation. Jason Thiel presented information regarding redacting software for video and recommended WatchGuard at a cost of \$4,995 for the software plus \$2,795 for a 3-year support and maintenance bundle. The Commission will consider this at a future meeting. Other discussion included purchasing additional portables and repeaters this year, as well as renewing the Airport lease.

**Highway Dept – Project Updates / Culvert Repair**

Kerry Johnson, Highway Superintendent, and Jason Manlove, Kadrmars, Lee & Jackson, provided project updates.

**Auditor – Minutes / Pay Request**

Vicky Lovell moved to approve the August 18, 2020 minutes; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Beth Didier, Auditor, requested pay increases for all staff in her office, due to increased responsibilities. This will be looked at during budget talks yet this year.

**Treasurer Appointment**

Bill Carlblom moved to appoint Debbie Magnuson to the position of Barnes County Treasurer effective September 9, 2020, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Vicki Metcalf Zinck effective after September 8, 2020, with a starting salary of \$46,500 to be reviewed after six months and reevaluated at that time; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

**Adolfson & Peterson Construction - Update**

Konrad Johnson, Adolfson & Peterson Construction, provided updates on the jail construction.

**Corrections – Coordinator & Lieutenant Position**

Jeremy Wolff, Chief Correctional Officer, updated the Commission on staffing difficulties due to low pay, in comparison to nearby Stutsman County. Cindy Schwehr moved to promote Anna Ross to Lieutenant and PREA Coordinator, with a \$2 raise effective September 9, 2020; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

**Commission Discussion**

Commission discussion included the Museum's upcoming soft opening, City-County Health putting on testing drives, Airport, and Community Service interviews.

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve offering \$18 per hour to start as the Community Service Coordinator; John Froelich seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

**Budget Discussion**

Departmental budgets were discussed. Auditor Didier will work on payroll options, entering reductions, and recalculating.

**Bills Approved for August 2020**

**General Fund:** Ace Hardware \$51.53, Aflac \$2,327.12, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.45, Andrew S Marquart \$288.00, Bakkegard & Schell \$235.83, Balco Uniform Co. Inc \$498.15, Bayshore City Side \$83.98, Bek Communications Cooperative \$217.66, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$1,358.36, Bong's Bootery \$319.80, Butler Machinery Co. \$1,372.30, Cable Services \$92.20, Cardmember Service \$164.45, Cash-Wa Distributing Co Of Fargo L \$899.43, Cass County Electric \$57.61, Centurylink Az \$1,085.86, Cintas Corporation \$376.56, City County Health District \$1,576.83, Cole Papers Inc. \$34.94, Colonial Life Insurance \$267.28, Columbus Bank And Trust \$2,120.50, Computer Information Systems Inc \$14,417.50, Counties Providing Technology \$1,976.53, Dacotah Bank \$651.48, Dacotah Paper Co. \$68.18, Dakota Central Telecommunications \$21.00, Delta Dental Of Minnesota \$2,641.42, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$356.20, Eggemont, Kevin \$271.40, Electro Watchman, Inc. \$787.50, Enterprise Sales Co. \$22.44, Fraedrich Transport Llc \$405.00, Freadhoff, Marlys \$1,695.18, Galls Incorporated

\$1,005.08, Handy Hardware & Rental \$84.26, Heartland Paper Company \$1,226.47, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$15.00, Information Technology Department \$4,446.41, Inter-Community Telephone \$150.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$28.00, Jantzen, Christian \$369.27, Jenrich, Jessica \$55.78, Koepplin, Bobby \$37.12, Kolpin, Carrie \$107.49, Leaf \$213.33, Leever's Foods \$773.95, Legge's Portable Milling \$400.00, Lerud-Schuldt-Mathias \$220.00, Litchville Bulletin \$221.85, Mercy Hospital - Valley City \$475.00, Miller Motors Inc \$205.58, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$318.22, Motorola Solutions Inc \$53,564.15, Nd Association Of Counties \$2,095.98, Nd Dept Of Corrections & Rehabilit \$631.43, Neuberger, Holly \$41.40, O'reilly Auto Parts \$23.72, Petro Serve Usa \$1,853.91, Pharmchem Inc \$634.05, Piehl, Patricia \$2,428.87, Pine Country Nursery \$10,500.00, Ramkota Hotel - Bismarck \$172.80, Record Keepers, Llc \$65.00, Richards, Brenda \$336.00, S&S Auto Electric \$94.98, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$240.00, Servicemaster Of Valley City \$3,260.00, State Disbursement Unit - North Da \$288.00, Stoudt-Ross Ford, Inc. \$127.78, Stutsman County Correctional Cente \$3,150.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$730.70, Synchrony Bank\Amazon \$552.35, The Sidwell Company \$5,940.00, Thomson Reuters - West \$266.75, Thrifty White Stores \$23.19, Titan Data Safe Llc \$4,469.80, Urban Couture \$50.00, Us Bank Equipment Finance \$6,660.47, Valley City Public Works \$3,069.53, Valley City Times-Record \$1,182.90, Valley Lumber Company \$133.58, Valley Officeworks \$1,932.33, Verizon Wireless \$947.48, Vining Oil & Gas Llc \$610.74, Wells Fargo Bank \$532.45, Workforce Safety & Insurance \$8.18, Total For Fund \$153,762.00, **City County Health:** Ability Network Inc \$4,573.80, Acb Snow Removal Llc \$195.00, Aflac \$1,203.78, Aflac Group Insurance \$85.85, Bakkegard & Schell \$205.00, Bear, Kristen \$26.00, Bjornson, Shirley \$142.14, Bridgetown Imprints \$43.56, Cardmember Service \$3,402.80, Central Avenue Pharmacy \$249.78, Chi St. Alexius Health \$143.00, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$71.09, City County Health District \$1,816.00, Cole Papers Inc. \$277.40, Columbus Bank And Trust \$776.00, Control Solutions, Inc \$113.00, Dakota Rose Floral \$12.00, Dash Medical Gloves, Inc. \$83.90, Davis, Marlene A. \$270.00, Delta Dental Of Minnesota \$862.41, Dex Media East Llc \$33.00, Edward Jones - (Kevin) \$100.00, First Community Credit Union -Vc \$5,979.49, Glaxosmithkline Pharm \$9,884.80, Handy Hardware & Rental \$376.00, Herzog, Theodore \$50.00, Indigo Signworks, Inc \$2,530.00, I3g Media \$2,415.00, Johnson, Erik \$50.00, Koepplin, Bobby \$6.90, Lamoure County Health Department \$150.00, Langland, Tamara \$89.70, Larson, Renee \$67.69, Leaf \$88.16, Leever's Foods \$213.18, Leever's Foods South \$12.50, McIntosh District Health Unit \$250.00, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl \$11.24, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$77.20, Oien, Diane \$165.83, Ray Nelson Construction \$400.00, Stryker Corporation \$698.87, Superior Vision Services Inc \$230.60, Valley City Public Works \$953.68, Valley City School District #2 \$145.24, Valley City Times-Record \$590.00, Valley Officeworks \$576.51, Wagar, Jonathan \$1,400.00, Williams, Angela \$200.00, Winter, Andrea \$81.59, Total For Fund \$42,379.69, **Veterans Service Office:** Delta Dental Of Minnesota \$127.31, Miller Motors Inc \$59.08, Superior Vision Services Inc \$28.90, Verizon Wireless \$119.32, Total For Fund \$334.61, **County Road And Bridge:** A P Equipment Inc \$42.75, Aflac \$857.34, Aflac Group Insurance \$78.85, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$51.00, Centurylink Az \$53.96, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$4,343.72, Colonial Life Insurance \$94.34, Columbus Bank And Trust \$667.68, Dallas Sailer Enterprises, Inc \$761.00, Delta Dental Of Minnesota \$359.98, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$88.50, Handy Hardware & Rental \$3.78, Law Office Of Daniel H Oster \$536.00, Leever's Foods \$59.85, Locators & Supplies, Inc \$759.41, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$65.60, O'reilly Auto Parts \$26.94, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow \$138.32, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$96.00, State Disbursement Unit - North Da \$1,125.80, Superior Vision Services Inc \$46.00, The Window Man \$85.00, Tom Gilbertson & Sons \$7,894.16, Truenorth Steel \$3,827.00, Valley Auto Parts \$1,222.60, Valley City Public Works \$718.17, Valley City Times-Record Aud L000 \$48.96, Valley Officeworks \$23.34, Verizon Wireless \$99.85, Vining Oil & Gas Llc \$2,350.71, Total For Fund \$27,166.61, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$149.93, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$995.04, Handy Hardware & Rental \$46.39, Valley City Public Works \$85.29, Valley Officeworks \$70.28, Verizon Wireless \$160.04, Wendel Auto Body \$1,604.20, Total For Fund \$3,111.17, **County Agent:** Central Business Systems \$159.72, Grueneich, Randy \$378.31, Milender, Sue \$488.75, Quill Corporation \$225.00, Tichy, Amy J \$100.00, Valley Officeworks \$40.33, Total For Fund \$1,392.11, **Farm To Market 15 Mill:** Border States Paving, Inc. \$24,982.86, Braun Intertec Corporation \$2,539.55, Flint Hills Resources,Lp \$202,763.68, Gowan Construction Inc \$19,890.00, Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, Inc.-Bisma \$37,557.14, Nd Dept Of Transportation \$38,049.96, One Call Concepts, Inc \$13.20, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow \$64.94, Scherbenske & Son,Inc \$430,122.39, Subsurface Inc \$57,850.00, Total For Fund \$813,833.72, **B.C. Economic Dev Fund:** Vc-Bc Development Corporation \$20,000.00, Total For Fund \$20,000.00, **County Agent Revolving:** Leever's Foods \$140.31, Total For Fund \$140.31, **Community Service:** Verizon Wireless \$54.66, Total For Fund \$54.66, **Grants And Projects:** Akin, Lauren \$70.00, Aman, Betty \$70.00, Birkland, Jan \$310.00, Cushing, Kayla \$70.00, Decoteau, Charity \$310.00, Franklin, Jonathan \$70.00, Gourneau, Carol \$70.00, Hamlin, Misty \$70.00, Hazangwi, Kelyin \$310.00, Keller, Lori L \$70.00, Klein, Tia \$310.00, Maldonado, Patricia \$310.00, Nygaard, Diane R \$70.00, Peterson, Alison \$70.00, Pratt, Keyona \$70.00, Quill Corporation \$237.26, Ringenbach, Nicole \$310.00, Schroeder, Kellie \$310.00, Seefeld, Rose \$70.00, Zent, Lynesa \$70.00, Total For Fund \$3,247.26, **Corrections Commissary Fu:** Leever's Foods \$776.57, Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. \$900.00, Total For Fund \$1,676.57, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$1,422.72, Total For Fund \$1,422.72, **Flood Emergency 2011:** Reid, Ken \$63.25, Total For Fund \$63.25, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$1,616.25, Total For Fund \$1,616.25, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$1,050.87, Total For Fund \$1,050.87, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$8,796.78, Total For Fund \$8,796.78, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$1,123.28, Total For Fund \$1,123.28, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$557.95, Total For Fund \$557.95, **Water Resources:** Aflac \$35.52, Anderson, Bruce \$16.68, Buttke, Daniel \$21.85, Columbus Bank And Trust \$48.32, Fehr, Bret \$128.80, Griggs County Water Resource Distr \$135.00, Hieb, Jerry \$92.58, Minnesota Valley Testing Laborator \$3,462.00, Moore Engineering, Inc \$22,890.80, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$4,970.99, One Call Concepts,

Inc \$4.80, Valley Officeworks \$190.32, Total For Fund \$31,997.66, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$421.42, Total For Fund \$421.42, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$13,804.74, Total For Fund \$13,804.74, **Cities:** Fingal \$1,118.66, Kathryn \$100.33, Leal \$40.50, Litchville \$907.19, Nome \$202.84, Oriska \$51.79, Pillsbury \$381.21, Sanborn \$269.65, Valley City \$58,934.85, Wimbledon \$148.02, Total For Fund \$62,155.04, **Townships:** Alta \$2,071.86, Anderson \$1,600.12, Ashtabula \$1,319.63, Baldwin \$1,281.84, Binghampton \$2,286.26, Brimer \$1,951.94, Cuba \$1,906.79, Dazey \$1,469.48, Eckelson \$1,189.41, Edna \$1,759.95, Ellsbury \$2,137.56, Getchell \$1,629.42, Grand \$1,797.99, Green \$2,058.30, Greenland \$1,391.12, Hemen \$1,682.59, Hobart \$1,698.50, Laketown \$1,412.30, Mansfield \$1,105.01, Marsh \$2,152.55, Meadow \$1,535.15, Minnie \$1,661.70, Nelson \$1,689.69, Noltimier \$2,096.58, Norma \$2,008.59, Oakhill \$1,304.85, Oriska \$1,588.23, Pierce \$1,521.74, Potter \$1,360.51, Raritan \$1,837.52, Rogers \$3,890.59, Rosebud \$1,907.63, Sibley \$3,555.00, Skandia \$1,702.56, Spring \$1,776.27, Springvale \$1,815.30, Stewart \$2,777.76, Svea \$1,628.59, Thordenskjold \$1,752.39, Uxbridge \$2,037.91, Valley \$3,219.86, Weimer \$1,466.90, \$78,037.94, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$25.16, Kathryn \$1.33, Litchville \$51.42, Nome \$7.64, Sanborn \$6.16, Valley City \$4,560.65, Total For Fund \$4,652.36, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$21,174.67, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$159.01, Griggs County Centra \$795.54, Hope-Page \$1,964.06, Litchville-Marion \$1,143.46, Maple Valley \$3,686.37, Valley City \$15,358.97, \$44,282.08, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$1,091.24, Edna \$93.04, Enderlin \$13.76, Fingal \$305.33, Hope \$317.66, Kathryn \$28.86, Nome \$120.81, Page \$65.62, Sanborn \$832.05, Tower City \$104.05, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$325.49, Wimbledon \$328.97, Total For Fund \$3,626.88, **Unclaimed Checks Fund:** State Land Department \$42.06, Total For Fund \$42.06, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Moore Engineering, Inc \$300.00, Stewart Drain li \$319.57, Total For Fund \$619.57, **Interest Fund:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$4,141.89, Total For Fund \$4,141.89, Total Warrants \$1,325,511.45

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by John Froelich, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor