

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlbom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlbom 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.

Planning & Zoning – Variance

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented an estimate from South Central Dakota Regional Council for preparation of a Comprehensive Plan at a cost of \$14,640. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the request, to be paid at completion from State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Dispatch – Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Holly Neuberger and Sarah Miller, Barnes County Dispatch, shared the Governor’s Proclamation of Public Safety Telecommunicators Week for April 10-16, 2022.

Corrections – Housing Rate / Radios

Jeremy Wolff, Chief Correctional Officer, presented proposed housing rates. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the rates, as presented; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the purchase of two radios from Motorola Solutions at a cost of \$4,610.54; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Auditor – Minutes / Valley Quilters Request

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the March 15, 2022 minutes; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the Valley Quilters use of the Courthouse for their August 5th & 6th event; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

County Road & Bridge Levy Resolution & Bridge Bond Resolution

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the County Road & Bridge Resolution and the Bridge Bond Resolution, and to place both measures on the 2022 Primary Election ballot, contingent upon review and approval by the State’s Attorney; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

RESOLUTION 2022-1

TO REPLACE THE EXISTING 15 MILLS LEVIED UNDER LEVY NUMBER 1212
WITH ADDITION OF 15 MILLS TO BE LEVIED UNDER LEVY NUMBER 1204 FOR
THE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.

WHEREAS, the Barnes County Highway Department, along with the Barnes County Board of Commissioners, are charged with maintaining the roads and bridges in Barnes County for the safety of its residents; and WHEREAS, Barnes County currently levies up to a total of 25 mills for this purpose under two separate levies, one of which is expiring in December 2024. The loss of this levy will eliminate 15 mills from the County Road and Bridge budget; and WHEREAS, The Barnes County Highway Department will not be able to maintain or repair current roads and bridges with the 10 mills allowed for levy number 1204, it is proposed that the Barnes County Commission replace the 15 mills by levying 25 mills for levy number 1204, allowable by the approval of the voters of Barnes County as per North Dakota Century Code chapter 57-15-06.7(5); and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Barnes County Board of Commissioners propose an increase of 15 mills to levy number 1204 to replace the 15 mills lost with the expiration of levy number 1212, and directs the following measure to be placed on the county ballot for the statewide primary election scheduled for June 14, 2022 and shall become effective January 1, 2025.

Dated at Valley City, North Dakota, this 5th day of April, 2022.

BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

ATTEST:
Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

COUNTY MEASURE #1

Barnes County currently levies a total of up to 25 mills for road levies. Current levying authority beyond 10 mills will be expiring and a majority vote is required to continue to levy 25 mills for Road & Bridge. Should the Barnes County Board of County Commissioners have the authority to levy up to 25 mills in the County Road & Bridge

Fund, per NDCC Chapter 57-15-06.7(5).

Yes – means you approve the measure as summarized
No - means you reject the measure as summarized

RESOLUTION 2022-2
BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
INITIAL RESOLUTION (2022-2) FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

WHEREAS, Barnes County, North Dakota, a North Dakota political subdivision organized pursuant to and existing under the provision of North Dakota Century Code Title 11 COUNTIES (the “**County**”) finds it necessary and in the public interest to institute proceedings for the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds (the “**Bonds**”) pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 21-03 as follows:

RECITALS

- 1. The maximum amount of Bonds proposed to be issued is \$500,000.
- 2. The public purpose for which the Bonds are proposed to be issued is to provide funds to construct, enlarge or repair bridges and to pay costs incidental to such construction, enlargement or repair and Bond Issuance.
- 3. The assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County, being fifty percent of the true and full value of all taxable property in the County, is \$796,475,744.
- 4. The County has outstanding Limited Tax Bonded Indebtedness in the amount of \$105,000.
- 5. The County has outstanding Limited Tax Bonds issued for a similar purpose in the amount of \$105,000.
- 6. One percent (1%) of the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County is \$7,964,757.44.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the governing body of the County that the County issue its General Obligation Bonds in a maximum amount of \$500,000 pursuant to and in accordance with the laws of the State of North Dakota.

Dated at Valley City, North Dakota, this 5th day of April, 2022.

BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

ATTEST:
Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor

Bill Carblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

COUNTY MEASURE #2

Shall the County of Barnes issue its bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$500,000.00, maturing within a maximum of five years, resulting in an estimated additional millage of 1.09 mills, equal to \$1.09 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation for the first taxable year, for the purpose of providing funds to construct, enlarge or repair bridges and to pay costs incidental to such construction, enlargement or repair and bond issuance?

Yes – means you approve the measure as summarized
No - means you reject the measure as summarized

County Government Week

County Government Week will be held April 18 – 22, 2022. Walking tacos will be served for the public on Tuesday, April 19th.

BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

RESOLUTION 2022-3
County Government Week

WHEREAS, Barnes County serves more than 10 thousand residents, providing essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, Barnes County provides public health services, administers justice, keeps communities safe, fosters economic opportunities and much more; and

WHEREAS, Barnes County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991, the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the

country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Barnes County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 18 – 22, 2022 as County Government Week and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Dated at Valley City, North Dakota, this 5th day of April, 2022.

BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

ATTEST:
Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Veterans Services – Grant Application / Administrative Assistant

Angela Hunt, Veterans Service Officer, updated the Commission on the grant application for American Rescue Plan Act funds for reimbursement for the van services. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve replacement of the part-time office help with a full-time Administrative Assistant; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Barnes County Ambulance Service – Funding / Emergency Medical Services Resolution

Scott Miller, Melissa Miller and Matt Miller, Barnes County Ambulance, provided ambulance use statistics and information, and requested interim funding, for the purpose of hiring paramedics to man a second ALS (Advanced Life Support) ambulance unit. Shawn Olason moved to grant the Barnes County Ambulance Service \$120,000.00 from State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, and approve the Resolution and to place a measure on the ballot for approval by the people of up to an additional 2 mills for ambulance service; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
RESOLUTION 2022-4 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Barnes County currently levies only 1 mill for subsidizing county emergency medical services; and is restricted to that amount absent a vote of county residents allowing Barnes County to levy additional mills, and

WHEREAS, since Barnes County began levying 1 mill for subsidizing county emergency medical services back in 1982, North Dakota law has been amended/changed to allow for levying of up to 15 mills for the purposes of subsidizing county emergency medical services, and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are critical and crucial to the health, safety and wellness of Barnes County residents,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 57-15-50, the Barnes County Commission hereby moves to place the following question on the ballot in the upcoming June 14, 2022 Primary Election.

Dated at Valley City, North Dakota, this 5th day of April, 2022.

BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

ATTEST:
Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

COUNTY MEASURE #3

North Dakota Law currently allows for counties to levy up to fifteen (15) mills for the purpose of subsidizing county emergency services provided to county residents and others. Since 1982, Barnes County has been restricted to levying only one (1) mill for these purposes. Shall Barnes County be allowed to collect a flexible annual mill levy, ranging from two (2) to three (3) mills for Emergency Medical Services for the purpose of funding an additional Advanced Life Support team to provide ALS service when the other ALS unit is in use and for general budget support? The actual number of mills to be collected each year shall be based on the emergency services budget request approved by the Barnes County Commission.

Yes – means you approve increasing the maximum mill levy from one (1) mill to up to (3) mills.
No – means you reject the proposed increase and wish to keep the maximum mill levy at one (1) mill.

Department Head Meeting

County Department Heads reported on departmental activities.

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included portfolio updates.

Bills Approved for March 2022

General Fund: A P Equipment Inc \$1,124.56, Aflac \$3,019.89, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.51, Andrew S Marquart \$288.00, Axon Enterprise Inc \$340.68, Balco Uniform Co. Inc \$219.15, Barnes Co Ambulance Mandan \$2,522.55, Barnes County \$135.00, Barnes Rural Water \$640.63, Bek Communications Cooperative \$469.07, Buffalo Bridges Hsz \$37.60, Butler Machinery Co. \$55,535.92, Cardmember Service \$4,130.35, Cass County Electric \$383.10, Centurylink Az \$1,081.60, Charm-Tex Inc \$279.80, Christianson, Ed \$37.32, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$127.34, Cintas Corporation \$264.76, City County Health District \$7,425.00, Code 4 Services Inc \$283.27, Cole Papers Inc. \$4,262.56, Colonial Life Insurance \$212.86, Consolidated Correctional Foodserv \$9,809.10, Counties Providing Technology \$2,920.00, Dacotah Bank \$704.64, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$2,234.17, Dacotah Paper Co. \$151.53, Dakota Central Telecommunications \$21.00, Delta Dental Of Minnesota \$2,962.77, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$231.00, Didier, Beth M \$337.07, Grand Forks County \$75.00, Grenz, Carol \$213.95, Handy Hardware & Rental \$615.73, Heinze, Julius Jr \$495.63, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$48.00, Information Technology Department \$6,999.64, Inter-Community Telephone \$300.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$144.68, Johnny B's Trees & Service \$150.00, Johnson Controls Fire Protection L \$1,621.89, Kalbrener, Shane \$50.84, La Quinta Inn & Suites Inn Bismarc \$345.60, Leaf \$213.33, Lexipol Llc \$831.60, Litchville Bulletin \$204.17, Lovell, Victoria \$207.64, Marco Inc - St Louis \$1,014.91, Marshall, Lori \$56.00, Mayo Clinic Health Letter \$31.52, Mcguire, Dennis & Carol \$376.29, Miller, Sarah \$23.63, Mindt, Julie \$56.00, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$10,575.23, Nd Attorney General \$1,870.00, Nd Sheriffs & Deputies Assn \$500.00, Ndccaa \$100.00, Neuberger, Holly \$14.04, O'reilly Auto Parts \$31.53, Paulson, Pete \$142.12, Penguin Management Inc \$2,424.00, Petro Serve Usa \$4,891.80, Pharmchem Inc \$238.15, Professional Development Academy \$1,645.00, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc \$989.69, Quadient Finance Usa Inc \$3,080.42, Record Keepers, Llc \$65.00, Rj's Plumbing & Heating \$17.28, Roberts County Detention Center \$1,050.00, Sanford Health Sd \$620.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$98.00, Schwehr, Cindy L \$136.27, Servicemaster Of Valley City \$1,850.00, State Disbursement Unit - North Da \$416.00, Stoudt Miller Inc \$952.54, Superior Vision Services Inc \$731.00, The Sidwell Company \$480.00, Thiel, Jason \$46.43, Thomson Reuters -West \$395.75, Thrifty White Stores \$3,539.01, Titan Data Safe Llc \$5,651.40, Valley City Public Works \$3,906.77, Valley City Times-Record \$871.40, Valley Officeworks \$60.23, Verizon Wireless \$975.13, Vining Oil & Gas Llc \$287.12, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$1,890.00, Wells Fargo Bank \$575.82, Wendel Auto Body \$6,497.21, Wert, Richard & Renee \$2,243.50, Worldpoint \$395.11, Total For Fund \$176,569.80, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$31,069.12, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$49.00, Total For Fund \$31,118.12, **Veterans Service Office:** Centurylink Az \$2.06, Delta Dental Of Minnesota \$170.05, Petro Serve Usa \$262.67, Superior Vision Services Inc \$28.90, Tyler Technologies Inc \$449.00, Verizon Wireless \$113.80, Total For Fund \$1,026.48, **County Road And Bridge:** A P Equipment Inc \$111.60, Advance Garage Door Inc \$2,856.00, Aflac \$789.20, Aflac Group Insurance \$78.85, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$462.65, Bluetarp Financial Inc \$115.94, Butler Machinery Co. \$5,234.45, Centurylink Az \$74.93, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$12,682.27, Colonial Life Insurance \$94.34, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$783.43, Delta Dental Of Minnesota \$585.93, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$50.28, Escosupply \$7,890.00, Fargo Freightliner \$2,382.56, Handy Hardware & Rental \$104.88, Jemco, Inc. \$361.81, Keith's Ac, Refrigeration, & Heati \$136.20, Little Falls Machine, Inc. \$3,861.53, Menards Inc.- Store #3324 Jmst \$304.88, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$1,016.73, Nd Association Of County Engineers \$275.00, Nelson International, Inc. \$206.02, O'reilly Auto Parts \$77.12, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestown \$188.33, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Rks Sales & Services \$15,897.00, Servicemaster Of Valley City \$116.84, Smith Lumber Company \$140.18, State Disbursement Unit - North Da \$681.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$74.90, Valley Auto Parts \$1,863.57, Valley City Public Works \$3,083.16, Valley Officeworks \$142.42, Verizon Wireless \$99.16, Vining Oil & Gas Llc \$4,824.42, Zack's Expression Thru Graphics \$124.80, Total For Fund \$68,412.38, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$149.93, Cardmember Service \$300.00, Delta Dental Of Minnesota \$36.37, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Windish, Jamen \$50.00, Total For Fund \$736.35, **County Agent:** Centurylink Az \$20.74, Jacobson, Tammy J. \$100.00, Ndsu Extension Service \$43.20, Valley City Times-Record \$124.00, Total For Fund \$287.94, **B.C. Emergency Hcpra:** Coast To Coast Solutions \$571.48, Valley Officeworks \$109.00, Total For Fund \$680.48, **Farm To Market 15 Mill:** Klj Engineering Llc \$10,537.16, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$220.50, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestown \$54.37, Sign Solutions Usa \$423.79, Smith Lumber Company \$19.30, Total For Fund \$11,255.12, **Community Service:** Verizon Wireless \$42.47, Total For Fund \$42.47, **Grants And Projects:** Bjorum, Barbara \$1,190.00, Centurylink Az \$1.42, Keller, Lori L \$106.98, Leever's Foods \$12.62, Zent, Julie \$60.00, Total For Fund \$1,371.02, **Corrections Commissary Fu:** Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. \$500.00, Total For Fund \$500.00, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$36,573.20, Total For Fund \$36,573.20, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$36,697.48, Total For Fund \$36,697.48, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$140,644.70, Total For Fund \$140,644.70, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$46,301.47, Total For Fund \$46,301.47, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$146,982.63, Total For Fund \$146,982.63, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$34,707.96, Total For Fund \$34,707.96, **Water Resources:** Aflac \$36.43, Anderson, Bruce \$11.70, Centurylink Az \$.25, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$49.57, Hieb, Jerry \$101.79, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$3,295.35, Moore Engineering, Inc \$11,034.00, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$2,892.50, Total For Fund \$17,421.59, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society

\$27,115.66, Total For Fund \$27,115.66, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$60,887.45, Total For Fund \$60,887.45, **Recorders Preservation Fu:** Nelson, Jody \$245.00, Pfaff, Jody \$301.16, Valley Officeworks \$18.14, Total For Fund \$564.30, **Cities:** Dazey \$7,633.90, Fingal \$16,054.99, Kathryn \$4,567.04, Leal \$2,699.11, Litchville \$18,620.98, Nome \$2,371.37, Oriska \$3,307.74, Pillsbury \$5,748.37, Rogers \$6,966.82, Sanborn \$20,233.65, Sibley \$5,922.58, Tower City \$1,384.16, Valley City \$1,050,992.15, Wimbledon \$28,847.72, Total For Fund \$1,175,350.58, **Townships:** Alta \$29,986.60, Anderson \$10,871.54, Ashtabula \$13,764.54, Baldwin \$28,601.00, Binghampton \$17,286.48, Brimer \$9,561.39, Cuba \$21,093.69, Dazey \$5,889.37, Eckelson \$17,981.39, Edna \$17,559.74, Ellsbury \$21,729.00, Getchell \$11,249.36, Grand \$45,045.74, Green \$8,898.05, Greenland \$11,615.07, Hemen \$11,271.62, Hobart \$31,216.79, Laketown \$10,831.61, Mansfield \$6,068.85, Marsh \$13,036.09, Meadow \$16,006.70, Minnie \$9,672.56, Nelson \$13,145.94, Noltimier \$17,499.56, Norma \$14,351.74, Oakhill \$4,784.00, Oriska \$27,066.27, Pierce \$8,297.16, Potter \$19,080.53, Raritan \$10,004.23, Rogers \$7,317.91, Rosebud \$8,034.27, Sibley \$8,808.98, Skandia \$6,738.24, Spring \$9,645.72, Springvale \$8,995.71, Stewart \$15,221.90, Svea \$12,688.88, Thordenskjold \$14,162.17, Uxbridge \$23,341.94, Valley \$32,734.75, Weimer \$17,886.87, \$649,043.95, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$555.35, Kathryn \$137.75, Litchville \$955.41, Nome \$122.72, Sanborn \$618.10, Sibley \$217.41, Tower City \$304.16, Valley City \$341,282.17, Total For Fund \$344,193.07, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$469,014.56, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$59,530.27, Griggs County Centra \$2,522.52, Hope-Page \$109,945.28, Litchville-Marion \$214,233.83, Maple Valley \$465,893.31, Montpelier \$14,228.85, Valley City \$1,822,502.34, \$3,157,870.96, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$7,389.88, Edna \$4,683.92, Enderlin \$431.68, Fingal \$4,224.01, Hope \$9,753.51, Kathryn \$4,829.62, Nome \$3,939.87, Page \$1,332.21, Sanborn \$24,788.77, Tower City \$7,170.67, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$29,236.92, Wimbledon \$13,478.12, Total For Fund \$111,259.18, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Stewart Drain li \$7,338.43, Thordenskjold Drain \$11,122.99, Total For Fund \$18,461.42, **Upper Maple River Dam Ass:** Maple-Steele Joint Water Resource \$448.18, Total For Fund \$448.18, **Covid St & Local Fiscal R:** Cardmember Service \$2,395.50, Total For Fund \$2,395.50, Total Warrants \$6,298,919.44

With no further business, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olauson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor