

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlbom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlbom called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM, roll-call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

City-County Health District – Alzheimer’s Awareness Month / Generator

Theresa Will, City-County Health District Director, presented the Barnes County Alzheimer’s and Dementia Awareness Month Declaration for Commission approval. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Resolution; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Barnes County Resolution 2023-2
Alzheimer’s and Dementia Awareness Month – June 2023**

Whereas, Alzheimer’s disease is the most common cause of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other cognitive decline that interferes with daily life; AND Whereas, Alzheimer’s disease is not a normal part of aging; AND Whereas, Alzheimer’s worsens over time. Alzheimer’s is a progressive disease, where dementia symptoms gradually worsen over a number of years. In its early stages, memory loss is mild, but with late-stage Alzheimer’s, individuals lose the ability to carry on a conversation and respond to their environment. On average, a person with Alzheimer’s lives 4 to 8 years after diagnosis but can live as long as 20 years, depending on other factors; AND Whereas, Alzheimer’s has no cure; AND As the number of people living with Alzheimer’s and other dementias grows, so too will the need for caregiving; AND Whereas, 19,000 people provided 29 million hours of unpaid care for people in North Dakota with Alzheimer’s and other dementias totaling \$521 million in 2020; AND Whereas, an estimated 620 people in Barnes County are experiencing memory loss; Now, therefore, I, Bill Carlbom, as Chairman of the Barnes County Commission, I do hereby proclaim June 2023, Alzheimer’s and Dementia Awareness Month in Barnes County, North Dakota.

Dated at Valley City, North Dakota, this 6th day of June, 2023.

BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

Bill Carlbom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

ATTEST:
Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor

CCHD has received a FEMA grant for a new generator and is wondering what to do with the old (2015) generator. Ms Will will find out the value of the older generator and go from there.

Wellness Committee - Staff Appreciation Day / Week

Carol Grenz, Barnes County Wellness Committee, requested permission to plan a Staff Appreciation event/picnic on September 14th, from 3-5 pm, with September 21st as a back-up date. There will be other activities planned during the week, as well. They also plan to participate in Summer Nights on July 20th with the Side-Dish competition. Cindy Schwehr moved to close the courthouse from 3-5 pm on Thursday, September 14, 2023 for the Staff Appreciation event; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Corrections – Service Contract / Captain Position Restructure

Jeremy Wolff, Chief Correctional Officer, presented the service contract with Accurate Controls, Inc. for renewal. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve renewal of the three-year contract in the amount of \$32,763.60; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Shawn Olauson moved to restructure the chain of command so that the Chief Correctional Officer is the Captain, next in line is Lieutenant, then Sergeant, and to promote Anna Berntson to second-in-command, to receive \$27.50 per hour; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Mr Wolff also proposed a restructuring, reducing the administrative positions from four to two, increasing the number of sergeants on shift. Vicky Lovell moved to promote Josh Bitz to Sergeant, to receive \$24.00 per hour; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Building & Grounds – Supplies / Equipment for Courthouse

Shane Kalbrener, Environmental Services Director, presented a list of supplies and equipment needed at the Courthouse. Vicky Lovell moved to approve purchase of \$6,936.31; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Wanda Auka, Clerk of Court, provided an update on the Court Facilities Improvement grant repairs. Pete Paulson moved to add the bill for the carpeting in the amount of

\$11,268.00 to this bill batch; Bill Carblom seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Highway Department – 2/21 Minutes Amendment

Jamie Smith, Highway Superintendent, provided project updates. Cindy Schwehr moved to amend the February 21, 2023 minutes to read “Kerry Johnson and Jamie Smith, Highway Superintendents, informed the Commission of a request from the State for the County to give the State a 3.08 acre piece, **as well as a 0.88 acre piece**, of Highway 9 right-of-way in SW ¼ 20-142-61 that was previously given to the County. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve giving the State the 3.08 acres in question, **as well as a 0.88 acre piece**; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auditor – Minutes

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the May 16, 2023 minutes; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Donald Jorissen – Township Law

Donald Jorissen, Barnes County resident, asked for the Commission’s feedback on page 86 of the North Dakota Township Officers Association Handbook, which deals with who is responsible for culverts in the County. Shawn Olauson will follow up with the State’s Attorney.

Commission Discussion

Commission discussion included portfolio updates. Stacie Hansen-Leier, Director of Equalization, provided a pre-Equalization meeting update. Bill Carblom moved to increase Shane Kalbrener’s salary to \$30.00 per hour, retroactive for this last pay period; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Cindy Schwehr moved to recess the meeting until 1:00 PM; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Meeting recessed at 10:14 AM.

2023 County Equalization Meeting

Bill Carblom opened the meeting at 1:00 pm and proceeded with the Equalization hearing. Instructions were given. The following recommendations were presented by Ms. Hansen-Leier, and the following requests were made by the property owners:

CITIES

- 51. Fingal- All Parcels, (All changes were refused by City Board.)
- 62. Wimbledon- #62-0200405, Peter Minwegen, Adjustments to Residence, decrease from \$96,300 to \$81,200.
- 63. Valley City- #63-1060070, Eugene Langemo, No returned paperwork for exemption, increased from \$159,500 to \$221,400.

TOWNSHIPS:

- 13. Grand Prairie- #13-3420210, Adam & Melissa Faul, Adjustments and Residential to Ag, decrease \$187,600 to \$153,000. Ag Land- 7,100 Residential-145,900.
- 33. Sibley Trail- #Richard Miglar

Cindy Schwehr moved to close the Equalization Hearing; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried, and the Equalization Meeting reconvened at 1:28 PM. The following motions on city and township requests carried upon roll-call votes, with all members voting “yes”, unless otherwise noted:

CITIES

- 51. Fingal- All Parcels, (All changes were refused by City Board.) Cindy Schwehr moved to change the highlighted ones as recommended; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Pete Paulson moved to equalize the balance of the Fingal parcels per the Tax Director’s recommendation: adjust residential and agricultural values to originally presented values and adjust commercial values to an average 5% increase, to be equitable, in comparison to the rest of the County; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion.
- 62. Wimbledon- #62-0200405, Peter Minwegen, Adjustments to Residence, decrease from \$96,300 to \$81,200. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the reduction; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion.
- 63. Valley City- #63-1060070, Eugene Langemo, No returned paperwork for exemption, increased from \$159,500 to \$221,400. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the increase; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion.

TOWNSHIPS:

- 13. Grand Prairie- #13-3420210, Adam & Melissa Faul, Adjustments and Residential to Ag, decrease \$187,600 to \$153,000. Ag Land- \$7,100 Residential-\$145,900. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the reduction; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion.

Cindy Schwehr moved to close the Equalization meeting; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Equalization meeting closed at 1:44 PM. Bill Carblom reconvened the Commission meeting to act on the Omitted Assessments:

CITIES

50. Dazey- #50-0100610, Loran & Dori Palmer, Steven Palmer & Julie Palmer, Added Shed and Concrete Slab, increase from \$7,000 to \$11,600 (OM). #50-0011520, John & Deborah Boury, Added Garage, increase from \$31,300 to \$45,000 (OM).

53. Leal- #53-0100220, Dale & Mary Udem, Added Garage, increase from \$3,200 to \$38,700 (OM).

TOWNSHIPS:

5. Binghampton- #05-1520215, Brian & Erin Crommett, Farm Exempt to Residential, increased from \$5,600 to \$77,600 (OM).

#05-3120210, Brent Richardson C/O Mattie Richardson, Farm Exempt to Residential, increase from \$4,400 to \$28,000 (OM).

22. Minnie Lake- #22-1410100, Ruth Gage-Boom Etal, Farm Exempt to Residential, increase 75,800 to 159,100 (OM).

23. Noltimier- #24-1830305, Bruce & Amy Anderson, Added Shop and Commercial Acres, increase \$3,300 to \$222,200 (OM).

26. Oakhill- #26-1320220, Karen Knoke & Robert Schulze, Farm Exempt to Residential, increase 1,100 to \$261,200 (OM).

#26-3140400, Daniel & Sandra Nelson, Residential to Farm Exempt, decrease \$162,600 to \$44,900 (OM).

32. Rosebud- #32-2630310, Gena & Eric Lott, Reduction after inspection, decrease \$120,400 to \$87,600 (OM).

34. Skandia- #34-3410110, Michael & Sydney Tangen, Residential to Farm Exempt, decrease \$110,200 to \$2,000 (OM). #34-3420210, Michael & Sydney Tangen, Residential to Farm Exempt, decrease \$7,300 to \$2,000 (OM).

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the Omitted Assessments as presented; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Bills Approved for May 2023

General Fund: Aci Payments Inc. \$1,003.80, Aflac \$3,106.32, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.51, Amazon Capital Services \$1,224.48, Anderson, Ladonna \$81.88, Bakkegard & Schell \$631.30, Balco Uniform Co. Inc \$125.00, Barnes County \$539.50, Barnes Rural Water \$1,656.41, Bayshore City Side \$45.99, Bek Communications Cooperative \$488.59, Bill's Variety Eats & Catering \$455.00, Bridges Car Wash \$30.00, Buffalo Bridges Hsz \$10.20, Carlblom, William \$78.17, Cass County Electric \$313.02, Cass County Government \$7,078.20, Central Business Systems \$161.18, Centurylink Az \$1,128.60, Charm-Tex Inc \$120.64, Cintas Corp II \$380.25, City County Health District \$1,577.78, Cloudscale 365 \$6,529.40, Code 4 Services Inc \$1,010.80, Cole Papers Inc. \$950.68, Colonial Life Insurance \$166.17, Consolidated Correctional Foodserv \$10,510.36, Counties Providing Technology \$2,615.00, Cts Language Link \$3.02, Dacotah Bank \$704.64, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$2,182.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$22,233.44, Dacotah Paper Co. \$1,846.80, Dakota Central Telecommunications \$21.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$320.12, Duffy, Tonya \$544.87, Ferguson Waterworks #2516 \$16,277.96, G & R Controls Inc \$225.00, Handy Hardware & Rental \$292.10, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$68.00, Hr Collaborative \$100.00, Info Usa Marketing Inc \$320.00, Information Technology Department \$6,061.94, Inter-Community Telephone \$150.00, Intoximeters \$234.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$123.71, Johnson Controls Fire Protection L \$2,421.24, K&K Wood \$459.00, La Quinta Inn & Suites Inn Bismarc \$176.40, Leaf \$190.00, Leever's Foods \$1,036.71, Litchville Bulletin \$167.93, Lovell, Victoria \$101.09, Marco Inc - St Louis \$1,374.95, Mckesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl \$382.11, Mercy Hospital - Chicago \$4,381.26, Mercy Hospital - Valley City \$1,277.00, Messerli & Kramer \$94.34, Midwest Pest Control \$115.00, Miller, Sarah \$50.00, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$5,019.55, Morten, Nathan \$526.53, Nd Association Of Counties \$424.31, Nd Attorney General \$3,730.00, Nd Dept Of Corrections & Rehabilit \$150.00, Nd State Radio Communications \$503.00, Nucara Pharmacy \$207.83, Olauson, Shawn \$73.32, Park & Play Usa Llc \$25,594.00, Paulson, Pete \$73.58, Petro Serve Usa \$4,110.95, Pharmchem Inc \$415.35, Professional Development Academy O \$1,995.00, Quality Inn (Nd400) \$88.20, Real Vision Software, Inc. \$3,300.00, Record Keepers, Llc \$90.00, Rj's Plumbing & Heating \$182.01, Sejdba \$20.00, Servicemaster Of Valley City \$1,950.00, Smith Lumber Company \$79.27, State Disbursement Unit - North Da \$602.00, Stoudt Miller Inc \$329.65, Superior Vision Services Inc \$638.40, Thomson Reuters -West \$368.00, Valley Auto Parts \$120.94, Valley Barber Service \$200.00, Valley City Public Works \$4,201.05, Valley City Times-Record \$1,009.09, Valley Officeworks \$534.55, Verizon Wireless \$981.33, Vining Oil & Gas Llc \$937.04, Volk, Shelby \$1,602.63, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$1,890.00, Wells Fargo Bank \$575.82, West Central Regional Juvenile Cen \$28,900.00, Total For Fund \$197,426.26, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$4,455.67, Total For Fund \$4,455.67, **Veterans Service Office:** Amazon Capital Services \$96.77, Centurylink Az \$6.94, Dacotah Bank Sd \$72.62, Hunt, Angela \$579.24, Jacobson, Tammy J. \$305.08, Leever's Foods \$33.53, Petro Serve Usa \$265.87, Superior Vision Services Inc \$28.90, Valley City Times-Record \$99.00, Verizon Wireless \$113.58, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$550.00, Total For Fund \$2,151.53, **County Road And Bridge:** Aflac \$668.90, Aflac Group Insurance \$52.30, Blair's Auto Body Llc \$273.00, Butler Machinery Co. \$2,042.38, Centurylink Az \$65.73, Colonial Life Insurance \$59.04, Custom Contracting Solutions Llc \$16,194.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$645.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$45.77, Dakota Industrial Supply \$364.00, Dakota Plains Cooperative \$33,771.13, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$60.16, Enterprise Sales Co. \$149.44, Escosupply \$15,885.12, First Collections Inc \$123.13, First International Insurance \$452.00, Gary Duffy \$120.00, Handy Hardware & Rental \$561.33, Inland Truck Parts & Service \$2,506.10, Larry's Auto Glass Inc \$250.00, Legge, Scott \$2,500.00, Little Falls Machine, Inc. \$9,061.59, Mcclean Farms Inc. \$2,530.00, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$732.55, Nelson International, Inc. \$576.42, Nick Holm \$1,800.00, Northwest Tire Inc. \$187.09, Ottetail Power Company - Jamestow \$168.86, Petro Serve Usa \$1,731.74, Powerplan Oib \$2,685.64, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, State Disbursement Unit - North

Da \$1,097.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$74.90, Team Laboratory Chemical Llc \$720.50, The Window Man \$197.00, Truenorth Steel \$11,220.80, Valley Auto Parts \$2,960.83, Valley City Public Works \$2,653.34, Vance Zacharias \$5,500.00, Verizon Wireless \$240.01, Vining Oil Company \$4,427.73, Wallwork Truck Center \$2,612.59, Total For Fund \$128,607.12, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$149.93, Aligned Ag Inc \$13,690.00, Fei Inc \$31.07, F\S Manufacturing Inc \$1,401.07, Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc \$124,175.30, Stoudt Miller Inc \$1,239.48, Valley Auto Parts \$34.99, Valley City Times-Record \$357.00, Valley Officeworks \$37.20, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Windish, Jamen \$50.00, Total For Fund \$141,366.09, **County Agent:** Aflac \$33.50, Central Avenue Pharmacy \$8.97, Central Business Systems \$610.40, Centurylink Az \$6.75, Dacotah Bank Sd \$101.97, Harstad, Alicia \$500.00, Ndsu Extension Service \$20,222.79, Ndsu Extension Service - Hdcs \$75.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Valley Officeworks \$90.83, Total For Fund \$21,661.71, **Farm To Market 15 Mill:** Kij Engineering Llc \$3,664.85, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestown \$80.04, Sign Solutions Usa Llc \$4,722.49, Valley Auto Parts \$237.82, Total For Fund \$8,705.20, **B.C. Economic Dev Fund:** Vc-Bc Development Corporation \$70,000.00, Total For Fund \$70,000.00, **Community Service:** Amazon Capital Services \$19.59, Handy Hardware & Rental \$77.96, Verizon Wireless \$84.74, Total For Fund \$182.29, **Grants And Projects:** Aman, Betty \$255.00, Anderson, Tara \$1,360.00, Arco \$760.96, Birkland, Jan \$100.00, Casserly, Mackenzie \$715.00, Centurylink Az \$3.34, Collier, Rebecca \$1,390.00, Dean, Aynul \$1,275.00, First Luthern Church \$150.00, Frueh, Judy \$1,275.00, Henry, Dorothy \$100.00, I3g Media \$700.00, Keller, Constance \$595.00, Keller, Lori L \$5,206.17, Leever's Foods \$8.41, Lemur, Elizabeth \$550.00, Nelson, Melanie \$2,758.04, Olson, Buffy \$55.00, Perlman, Corey \$1,500.00, Peterson, Travis \$1,920.00, Swenson, Allison \$1,315.11, Wiedmeier, Tajah \$330.00, Zent, Julie \$1,666.95, Total For Fund \$23,988.98, **Corrections Commissary Fu:** Reliance Telephone Systems, Inc. \$400.00, Total For Fund \$400.00, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$1,446.32, Total For Fund \$1,446.32, **Flood Emergency 2011:** Uxbridge Township \$5,642.90, Total For Fund \$5,642.90, **Stewart Drain:** Klubben Excavating \$6,300.00, Total For Fund \$6,300.00, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$1,551.84, Total For Fund \$1,551.84, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$4,133.94, Total For Fund \$4,133.94, **Paid Under Protest:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$5,837.74, Total For Fund \$5,837.74, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$3,266.49, Total For Fund \$3,266.49, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$2,204.62, Total For Fund \$2,204.62, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$2,061.23, Total For Fund \$2,061.23, **Water Resources:** Aflac \$36.75, Anderson, Bruce \$47.82, Centurylink Az \$.58, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$50.00, Fehr, Bret \$68.12, Hieb, Jerry \$45.85, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$1,635.25, Minnesota Valley Testing Laborator \$751.08, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$4,131.28, Total For Fund \$6,766.73, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$826.95, Total For Fund \$826.95, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$1,490.30, Total For Fund \$1,490.30, **Recorders Preservation Fu:** Nd County Records Association \$200.00, Nelson, Jodie \$1,540.00, Pfaff, Jody \$1,610.00, Total For Fund \$3,350.00, **Cities:** Dazey \$757.82, Fingal \$1,001.37, Kathryn \$31.65, Leal \$113.58, Litchville \$2,300.85, Nome \$767.77, Oriska \$261.56, Pillsbury \$93.63, Rogers \$196.49, Sanborn \$423.93, Sibley \$217.84, Tower City \$229.45, Valley City \$51,544.26, Wimbledon \$668.20, Total For Fund \$58,608.40, **Townships:** Alta \$1,787.47, Anderson \$1,644.96, Ashtabula \$1,256.92, Baldwin \$1,254.19, Binghampton \$2,181.68, Brimer \$1,627.06, Cuba \$1,576.79, Dazey \$1,294.84, Eckelson \$1,554.62, Edna \$1,479.94, Ellsbury \$1,992.19, Getchell \$1,283.47, Grand \$1,816.78, Green \$2,014.13, Greenland \$2,829.04, Hemen \$1,938.46, Hobart \$1,871.39, Laketown \$1,315.91, Mansfield \$956.95, Marsh \$1,569.53, Meadow \$1,498.09, Minnie \$1,814.94, Nelson \$1,467.84, Noltimier \$1,618.49, Norma \$1,964.29, Oakhill \$1,014.92, Oriska \$3,840.74, Pierce \$1,292.06, Potter \$2,600.03, Raritan \$1,760.78, Rogers \$1,718.62, Rosebud \$1,833.85, Sibley \$1,874.70, Skandia \$1,817.87, Spring \$1,697.68, Springvale \$1,928.88, Stewart \$1,568.76, Svea \$1,592.01, Thordenskjold \$1,644.42, Uxbridge \$1,786.85, Valley \$2,539.71, Weimer \$1,632.02, \$73,753.87, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$13.59, Kathryn \$.41, Litchville \$113.86, Nome \$12.36, Sanborn \$31.71, Sibley \$7.49, Tower City \$41.92, Valley City \$17,656.23, Total For Fund \$17,877.57, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$17,928.63, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$1,344.70, Griggs County Centra \$754.48, Hope-Page \$1,829.30, Litchville-Marion \$9,493.26, Maple Valley \$13,685.50, Montpelier \$91.53, Valley City \$56,356.26, \$101,483.66, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$671.46, Edna \$79.46, Enderlin \$5.86, Fingal \$170.57, Hope \$263.83, Kathryn \$11.70, Nome \$131.75, Page \$78.31, Sanborn \$1,246.56, Tower City \$458.89, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$359.23, Wimbledon \$290.52, Total For Fund \$3,768.14, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. \$3,340.70, Stewart Drain Li \$592.68, Total For Fund \$3,933.38, **Payroll Fund:** Dacotah Bank Sd \$3,417.31, Total For Fund \$3,417.31, Total Warrants \$906,666.24

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olauson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier
Barnes County Auditor