

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

**Planning & Zoning – Building Inspector Clarification**

Jessica Jenrich, Planning & Zoning Coordinator presented a Building Code Inspection Services Agreement with Midwest Inspection Services for commercial building inspections. She also requested approval of a 3-year associate membership through the City of Valley City with International Code Council at a cost of \$144. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to approve the agreement with Midwest Inspection Services, as well as the ICC associate membership; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Weed Control – Job Description / Part-time Salary**

Jamen Windish, Weed Control Officer, presented a job description for the Assistant Weed Officer full-time seasonal position. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the job description; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**911 Dispatch – Equipment Request & Update**

Holly Neuberger presented a lease agreement with Marco for a color copier for Dispatch. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the lease agreement, contingent upon discussion with Jason Thiel regarding shared use options; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Neuberger presented a cost estimate of \$60,569.51 through Mid-States Wireless to move the 911 equipment to the new jail.

**Auditor – Minutes / Special Permit Applications / Local Permits**

Vicky Lovell moved to approve an Application for Special Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at a Special Event at Designated Premises from J&L’s Bar & Grill Inc for an event at Dakota Riders Hillclimb grounds on June 20, 2021; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Cindy Schwehr moved to approve an Application for a Local Permit from Ashtabula Fireworks Association, as well as two Applications for Charity Local Permits from Sodbuster Club; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the May 18, 2021 minutes; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vicky Lovell moved to approve an Application for Special Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at a Special Event at Designated Premises from The Labor Club for an event at Riverbend Farms on June 19, 2021; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Correctional Center – Sprinkler System (Contingency)**

Sheriff Randy McClafin and Scott Fetting, Klein McCarthy Architects, met with the Commission to discuss the sprinkler system add proposal. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the landscaping and sprinkler system; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Highway Dept – Approach Application**

Highway Superintendent Kerry Johnson presented an Approach Application from Jacob Greer for an approach located at 14-137-61 and recommended approval of the application. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the request; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Vicky Lovell moved to approve blocking off a 2-block section of County Road #11 in Sanborn on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Veterans Park dedication; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Commission Discussion**

Commission discussion included emergency access to Maryvale, staffing at the new jail, CCHD overtime for Covid-19, Becky Kratz will be retiring this year, South Central Dakota Regional Council, and Courthouse elevator repair update. 52.8% of Barnes County residents are vaccinated. The Valley City Public Library is open for regular hours closing at 7 pm.

Tax Director Stacie Hansen-Leier presented updated information for the afternoon’s Equalization meeting.

Bill Carlblom moved to recess for lunch; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**2021 County Equalization Meeting**

Bill Carlblom 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**

53. Leal- Dave Lokken voiced concerns over assessment increases.

#### **TOWNSHIPS:**

20. Binghampton- Arlen Huber and Becky Huber questioned the valuation on their land and requested a reduction of \$10,000 per parcel on #05-1330310, #05-1320210, and #05-1330300.

20. Marsh- Eldred Knutson requested the Tax Director's office inspect and measure the ag land and non-ag land on the parcel in question.

34. Skandia- Garrett Gregoryk requested reduction of assessed value down to \$405,000.

Cindy Schwehr moved to close the Equalization Hearing; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried, and the Equalization Meeting reconvened at 2:00 pm. The following motions on city and township requests carried upon roll-call votes, with all members voting "yes", unless otherwise noted:

#### **TOWNSHIPS:**

5. Binghampton- Arlen Huber and Becky Huber: Tax Director's Office will inspect the property; Hubers will file an Abatement.

34. Skandia-Garrett Gregoryk valuation: Tax Director's office will inspect the property. Cindy Schwehr made a motion to reduce to \$405,000; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with Shawn Olauson voting "no".

Cindy Schwehr made a motion to close the Equalization meeting; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Carlblom reconvened the Commission meeting to act on the Omitted Assessments:

10. Edna- #10-1810100, Dan Elston, failure to qualify with farm gross income report, changed to residential, increase valuation from \$73,800 to \$292,100 (OM). Cindy Schwehr moved to change to residential and increase valuation to \$292,100; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote with all members voting yes.

15. Greenland- #15-3140400, Jenell L. Anderson (1<sup>st</sup> Int. Bank & Trust), failure to return farm application, changed to residential, increase valuation from \$131,000 to \$199,600 (OM). Vicky Lovell moved to change to residential and increase valuation to \$199,600; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

22. Minnie Lake- #22-2530310, Patty J. Olstad, failure to return farm application, changed to residential, increase valuation from \$4,200 to \$153,800 (OM). Cindy Schwehr moved to change to residential and increase the valuation from \$4,200 to \$153,800; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote.

35. Spring Creek- #35-3120220, John Froemke, failure to return farm application, changed to residential, increase valuation from \$1,400 to \$146,100 (OM). Cindy Schwehr moved to change to residential and increase valuation from \$1,400 to \$146,000; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Bills Approved for May 2021**

**General Fund:** Ace Hardware \$10.96, Aflac \$2,793.48, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.45, Andrew S Marquart \$576.00, Bakkegard & Schell \$468.35, Barnes Co Ambulance Mandan \$1,033.63, Barnes Co Treasurer \$6.12, Barnes Rural Water \$640.00, Bek Communications Cooperative \$120.83, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$19.91, Cable Services \$98.77, Cardmember Service \$9,479.96, Carlblom, William \$74.64, Cash-Wa Distributing Co Of Fargo L \$2,893.27, Cass County Electric \$101.38, Cass County Government \$1,373.49, Catt Designs \$242.00, Central Avenue Pharmacy \$17.38, Central Business Systems \$98.25, Centurylink Az \$999.47, Cintas Corporation \$263.04, Coast To Coast Solutions \$770.44, Cole Papers Inc. \$323.47, Colonial Life Insurance \$212.86, Columbus Bank And Trust \$2,257.00, Concept Dentistry \$1,320.00, Counties Providing Technology \$1,976.53, Dacotah Bank \$721.05, Dacotah Insurance \$50.00, Dacotah Paper Co. \$739.10, Dakota Central Telecommunications \$21.00, Delta Dental Of Minnesota \$2,606.78, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$323.31, Dollar General-Regions 410526 \$22.10, Duffy, Tonya \$190.00, G.O. \$4,201.00, Handy Hardware & Rental \$261.11, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$55.00, Information Technology Department \$5,516.46, Insure Forward \$965.00, Inter-Community Telephone \$150.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$114.34, Jensen, James R & Sharon R \$3,934.39, Johnson Controls Fire Protection L \$314.26, Kij Engineering Llc \$2,372.79, Leaf \$213.33, Leever's Foods \$60.15, Leever's Foods South \$46.06, Lexipol Llc \$1,860.00, Litchville Bulletin \$199.27, Lovell, Victoria \$93.68, Marco Inc - St Louis \$896.64, Midwest Pest Control \$110.00, Miller Motors Inc \$73.46, Miller, Sarah \$109.46, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$1,125.77, Nd Association Of Counties \$2,846.53, Nd Attorney General \$2,715.00, Nd State Radio Communications \$360.00, Neuberger, Holly \$96.81, Northern Safety Technology Inc \$1,979.70, Northland Sheds \$5,255.77, O'reilly Auto Parts \$15.99, Petro Serve Usa \$2,241.86, Pharmchem Inc \$256.95, Ramkota Hotel - Bismarck \$86.40, Real Vision Software, Inc. \$3,000.00, Record Keepers, Llc \$65.00, Relentless Llc \$599.00, Richland County Corrections \$600.00, Roorda, Elizabeth \$57.12, S&S Auto Electric \$33.45, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$147.00, Schwehr, Cindy L \$52.24, Servicemaster Of Valley City \$1,630.00, State Disbursement Unit - North Da \$240.00, Stoudt-Ross Ford \$40,844.00, Stoudt-Ross Ford, Inc.

\$144.35, Streicher's \$139.99, Stutsman County Correctional Center \$825.00, Sunset Law Enforcement LLC \$2,594.48, Superior Vision Services Inc \$708.00, Synchrony Bank\Amazon \$398.88, Thomson Reuters -West \$148.84, Thrifty White Stores \$504.88, Titan Data Safe LLC \$6,714.70, Valley Auto Parts \$282.16, Valley Barber Service \$75.00, Valley City Fire Dept. \$58.00, Valley City Public Works \$2,462.83, Valley City Times-Record \$1,044.95, Valley Flooring \$4,051.16, Valley Lumber Company \$43.75, Valley Officeworks \$349.64, Verizon Wireless \$153.55, Vining Oil & Gas LLC \$449.20, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$1,890.00, Waste Management Of North Dakota I \$361.49, Wells Fargo Bank \$548.32, Total For Fund \$142,637.18, **City County Health:** Abused Persons Outreach Center \$4,620.00, Acb Snow Removal LLC \$465.00, Aflac \$991.75, Aflac Group Insurance \$85.85, Bjornson, Shirley \$305.53, Cardmember Service \$3,125.50, Central Valley Health District \$240.00, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$79.28, City County Health District \$1,816.00, Cole Papers Inc. \$102.16, Columbus Bank And Trust \$1,036.66, Dash Medical Gloves, Inc. \$161.80, Delta Dental Of Minnesota \$718.52, Dex Media East LLC \$33.50, Edward Jones - (Kevin) \$100.00, Enterprise Electric, Inc. \$417.84, First Community Credit Union -Vc \$5,979.49, Handy Hardware & Rental \$19.97, I3g Media \$1,200.00, Johnson, Tiffany \$180.00, Koepplin, Bobby \$11.20, Lamoure County Health Department \$387.50, Leaf \$88.16, Leever's Foods \$283.88, McKesson Medical-Surgical Mn Suppl \$239.74, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$330.37, Oien, Diane \$356.41, Quality Inn - Bismarck \$86.40, Schmidt, Amber \$205.66, Schwehr, Heather \$30.00, Servicemaster Of Valley City \$1,170.00, South Central Adult Services \$40.00, South Central Human Service \$1,121.12, Stryker Corporation \$703.12, Superior Vision Services Inc \$230.30, Svactc \$29,400.00, Thielges Therapy Inc \$2,685.00, Thompson, Laurel \$530.00, University Of North Dakota \$20,000.00, Valley City Public Works \$1,942.85, Valley City School District #2 \$2,000.00, Valley Officeworks \$200.91, Verizon Wireless \$320.08, Viland, Beth \$150.00, Wagar, Jonathan \$1,800.00, Will, Theresa \$359.36, Winter, Andrea \$70.07, Total For Fund \$86,420.98, **Veterans Service Office:** Delta Dental Of Minnesota \$127.31, Miller Motors Inc \$93.31, Petro Serve Usa \$444.17, Superior Vision Services Inc \$28.90, Verizon Wireless \$113.08, Total For Fund \$806.77, **County Road And Bridge:** A P Equipment Inc \$87.26, Aflac \$788.88, Aflac Group Insurance \$78.85, Ascendum Machinery Inc \$80.02, Blair's Auto Body LLC \$170.00, Bog Enterprises \$293.12, Centurylink Az \$60.46, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$2,164.79, Colonial Life Insurance \$94.34, Columbus Bank And Trust \$733.00, Dakota Industrial Supply \$210.00, Dakotaland Autoglass Inc \$122.20, Delta Dental Of Minnesota \$359.98, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$87.64, Dmc Wear Parts LLC \$6,007.68, Handy Hardware & Rental \$117.51, Kris Engineering Inc \$16,376.40, Leever's Foods \$91.13, Locators & Supplies, Inc \$196.20, Messerli & Kramer \$583.83, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$227.52, Nd Ltap \$350.00, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$58.16, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestown \$151.07, Praxair Distribution Inc \$23.89, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, S&S Auto Electric \$84.38, Schaeffer Mfg. Co. \$271.76, Smith Lumber Company \$187.21, State Disbursement Unit - North Da \$1,125.80, Superior Vision Services Inc \$46.00, Swanston Equipment Co. \$288.85, The Window Man \$193.00, Truenorth Steel \$3,802.50, Valley Auto Parts \$1,808.93, Valley City Public Works \$906.50, Valley City Times-Record Aud L000 \$159.84, Valley Officeworks \$692.19, Verizon Wireless \$96.73, Vining Oil & Gas LLC \$2,490.91, Total For Fund \$42,308.53, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$149.93, Fei Inc \$12.72, FLS Manufacturing Inc \$2,338.55, Handy Hardware & Rental \$458.67, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$49.00, Valley Auto Parts \$311.45, Valley City Times-Record \$613.48, Verizon Wireless \$160.04, Windish, Jamen \$50.00, Total For Fund \$4,143.84, **County Agent:** Cardmember Service \$12.91, Central Business Systems \$306.84, Jacobson, Tammy J. \$50.00, Milender, Sue \$50.00, Ndsu Dept 3110 \$100.00, Quill Corporation \$583.64, Tichy, Amy J \$50.00, Total For Fund \$1,153.39, **Farm To Market 15 Mill:** Ottertail Power Company - Jamestown \$66.21, Team Laboratory Chemical LLC \$612.50, Total For Fund \$678.71, **Community Service:** Nd Community Corrections Associati \$34.85, Verizon Wireless \$42.60, Total For Fund \$77.45, **Grants And Projects:** Aman, Betty \$225.00, Keller, Constance \$150.00, Nexus Planning & Consulting LLC \$8,000.00, Stein, Michelle \$375.00, Sundvor, Brooke \$225.00, Swenson, Allison \$600.00, Zent, Julie \$677.00, Total For Fund \$10,252.00, **Corrections Commissary Fu:** Leever's Foods South \$26.08, Total For Fund \$26.08, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$2,241.60, Total For Fund \$2,241.60, **Flood Emergency 2011:** Reid, Ken \$31.05, Total For Fund \$31.05, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$2,482.99, Total For Fund \$2,482.99, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$3,540.67, Total For Fund \$3,540.67, **Paid Under Protest:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$5,404.91, Total For Fund \$5,404.91, **State Funds:** Barnes Co Treasurer \$3.07, Nd State Treasurer \$6,658.43, Total For Fund \$6,661.50, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$2,724.80, Total For Fund \$2,724.80, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$1,339.11, Total For Fund \$1,339.11, **Water Resources:** Aflac \$36.75, Columbus Bank And Trust \$50.00, Hieb, Jerry \$19.04, Minnesota Valley Testing Laborator \$2,151.00, Ohnstad Twitchell, P.C. \$3,198.50, Total For Fund \$5,455.29, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co Historical Society \$1,022.02, Total For Fund \$1,022.02, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$2,678.92, Total For Fund \$2,678.92, **Records Preservation Fu:** Central Business Systems \$82.20, Valley Officeworks \$840.47, Total For Fund \$922.67, **Cities:** Dazey \$36.45, Kathryn \$261.81, Litchville \$698.02, Nome \$28.24, Oriska \$57.47, Rogers \$51, Sibley \$117.59, Valley City \$20,274.26, Wimbeldon \$506.36, Total For Fund \$21,980.71, **Townships:** Alta \$3,251.97, Anderson \$2,707.74, Ashtabula \$1,509.63, Baldwin \$2,029.11, Binghampton \$2,594.95, Brimer \$3,331.82, Cuba \$2,317.34, Dazey \$1,757.65, Eckelson \$1,768.95, Edna \$3,106.74, Ellsbury \$2,180.61, Getchell \$2,544.93, Grand \$2,361.35, Green \$2,761.00, Greenland \$2,508.91, Hemen \$2,671.94, Hobart \$2,633.81, Laketown \$2,080.13, Mansfield \$1,636.44, Marsh \$2,192.46, Meadow \$2,803.56, Minnie \$2,427.81, Nelson \$2,639.66, Noltimier \$2,511.13, Norma \$2,872.09, Oakhill \$2,001.34, Oriska \$2,643.56, Pierce \$1,964.83, Potter \$3,540.32, Raritan \$2,473.86, Rogers \$2,372.39, Rosebud \$2,957.00, Sibley \$3,142.74, Skandia \$2,437.40, Spring \$3,196.35, Springvale \$2,619.97, Stewart \$2,510.70, Svea \$2,308.33, Thordenskjold \$2,369.36, Uxbridge \$2,783.12, Valley \$5,740.15, Weimer \$2,209.74, \$108,472.89, **Park Districts:** Kathryn \$1.55, Litchville \$36.66, Nome \$1.72, Valley City \$5,183.14, Total For Fund \$5,223.07, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$28,639.02, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$2,126.17, Griggs County

Centra \$63.63, Hope 1 \$93.80, Hope-Page \$2,708.33, Litchville-Marion \$17,668.77, Maple Valley \$16,736.48, Montpelier \$1,383.04, Valley City \$49,766.54, \$119,185.78, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$915.37, Edna \$362.93, Enderlin \$25.16, Fingal \$382.35, Hope \$381.42, Kathryn \$277.49, Nome \$257.17, Page \$144.72, Sanborn \$2,222.00, Tower City \$344.03, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$968.37, Wimbledon \$732.62, Total For Fund \$7,013.63, **Capital Projects:** Cardmember Service \$599.93, Total For Fund \$599.93, Total Warrants \$585,486.47

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 2:23 p.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Julie Mindt  
Barnes County Deputy Auditor