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## Godfread urges North Dakotans to check for storm damage and file insurance claims promptly

From the ND Insurance Department

BISMARCK, N.D. – Following the recent severe storms that swept across parts of North Dakota, Insurance Commissioner Jon Godfread is urging residents to inspect their property for damage and begin the insurance claims process as soon as possible.

"While North Dakota is no stranger to summer weather, the scale and intensity of last night's storm were especially significant. Our hearts also go out to those who lost their lives during this terrible storm," said Godfread. "If your home, farm, vehicle, or business sustained damage, the most important thing you can do right now is to act quickly, document everything, and protect your property from further harm."

The North Dakota Insurance Department recommends the following steps for policyholders after a storm:

- Check roofs, siding, windows, vehicles, and other structures for signs of hail, wind, or water damage.
- Document the damage thoroughly before making any temporary repairs. Photos and videos are essential when filing an insurance claim.
- Take reasonable steps to secure your property and prevent additional losses, such as tarping a

damaged roof or boarding broken windows. Keep receipts for any materials or services used.

- If your home is uninhabitable due to storm damage, your homeowners or renters policy may cover temporary housing and other living expenses. Keep receipts
- File a claim as soon as possible. Have your policy number handy and be prepared to provide details about the damage.
- Make note of the time, date, and who you spoke with when filing your claim. Keep copies of all correspondence and estimates.

In the aftermath of major storms, dishonest contractors often show up from out of state, offering quick repairs for cash or demanding full payment up front. Be cautious of anyone using high-pressure tactics or refusing to provide written estimates and proof of insurance. Before hiring a contractor, get at least three written estimates from separate contractors and work with your insurance company to hire a reputable contractor.

Residents with questions or concerns during the claims process are encouraged to contact the North Dakota Insurance Department at (701) 328-2440. Resources are also available by visiting insurance.nd.gov/ storm.

#### AARP Challenge grant awarded to Sheyenne Water Trail

Mary Lee Nielson/Committee Member Shevenne River Water Trail Advisory Committee

AARP has awarded the Sheyenne River National Scenic Byway a \$10,000 Community Challenge grant to help complete the Sheyenne River Water Trail. The grant will be used to add another handicap accessible launch at the newly created Wood Landing.

"The AARP Challenge grant allows us to build Wood Landing in between Little Yellowstone Park and Fort Ransom State Park landings. All three sites have accessible launches making it easy for all ages to enjoy paddling on the Sheyenne River," according to Tyler Modlin, Chairman of Water Trail Advisory Committee. This landing was made possible by a partnership with the Jack Wood family who provided the site. Other amenities at the site are an information kiosk, a restroom, picnic table, garbage cans, and a bike rack.

By funding innovative, quick-action projects that spark change and build momentum for improved public places, community engagement, housing options and transportation services, the AARP Community Challenge helps towns, cities and neighborhoods become more livable for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. The Wood Landing project is one of 383 projects funded nationwide from 3,460 applications. 45 percent of this year's AARP Challenge grant projects are in rural communities, making it the largest rural investment to date for projects meeting the needs of adults age 50 and older.

Pictured is the Faust Park Launch. Submitted Photo



#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

WHY?

To discuss the proposed Sanitary Sewen provement District 72 Project in Valley City

WHEN?

July 24, 2025 5:15 p.m. Central Time

WHERE? City of Valley City, City Hall 220 3rd Street NE, Valley City, North Dakota

**OPEN HOUSE CONDUCTED BY** 

entatives from the City of Valley City

nd KLJ Engineering will be on hand to ar our questions and discuss your concerns WRITTEN STATEMENTS or comments about

tnis project must be sub July 31, 2025, to: mitted or emailed by

witchaet Strom, P.E.
KLJ Project Engineer
1010 4th Avenue Southwest
Valley City, North Dakota 58072
Email: Michael.strom@kijeng.com
Note "Public Meeting-Sanitary 72" in the email

subject heading (June 24, 2025) I, Daryl Kunze, Mayor of Dazey de-clare a state of emergency for the city of Dazey due to the wind storm that occurred on June 20th and 21st, 2025 because of damage to trees power lines and buildings through out the /s/ Daryl Kunze

(June 24, 2025)

#### **Public Notices**

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government



**PUBLIC NOTICE** 



### Barnes County Commission June 3, 2025 Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 with Bill Carlblom, Mike Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Bill Carlblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., roll call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the agenda was re-

Weed Board
Puklich currently has a gas ¾ ton
GMC pickup for \$62,305 that the
Weed Board would like to purchase.
The 2015 Ram 1500 would then be sold to the Highway Dept next year. The commission will table this and look at the cost of a new building for Weed Board purposes.

Economic Development

All parties on the south side of inter-

All parties on the south side of interstate have been notified by Economic Development going door to door and MDU asking residents if they would be interested in a natural gas pipeline extension as an option. MDU is starting to get responses.

Highway Department
Vicky Lovell made a motion to approve the contract bid from Jensen Brothers for \$1,136,721.80 for the Minnie Lake, Grand Prairie (Barnes County) and Lake Township (Cass) Project for box culverts, aggregate

Project for box culverts, aggregate surfacing & CMP repairs. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. Jamie is getting the price on LED stop signs. Project updates were given. Bids were opened for the Barnes County surplus property that was advertised Vicky Lovell made a motion to award the items bid on to the highest bidder; Pete Paulson seconded the motion Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. There were a few items not bid on which will be

bundled and re-advertised.

Tax Equalization

Shawn Olauson made a motion to renew the Sidwell Contract without the

Bridges Board. Mike Schwehr reported the first phase of the remodel on the upstairs offices of the City County Health Building is close to complete Juneteenth will still be a holiday for CCHD this year. Going forward, the Juneteenth holiday will be gone. Vicky Lovell reported South Central Dakota Regional Council has Community Development Block Grants

open.
Bill Carlblom moved to recess the meeting until 1:00 p.m.; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The recessed at 10:51 a.m.

Olauson seconded the motion. The meeting recessed at 10:51 a.m. 2025 COUNTY EQUALIZATION MEETING

Bill Carlblom opened the equalization hearing at 1:00 p.m. Stacie Hansen, Director of Equalization, reviewed the hearing process and proceeded through each city and township for appeals and requests to be presented. Leal: David Lokken Jr. urged the

commission to keep spending down. Litchville: 54-0100070, Brett Lloyd requested decrease from \$87,500 to \$78.500

Oriska: 56-0400070, Thomas & Kristie Steffen. Reduced by county assessor to \$38,600 after inspection. Rogers: 58-0010310, Rose Beverage Christensen, added value for new sewer hookup; increase from \$48,500 TOWNSHIPS: Alta: 01-0530300 Fred Schroeder re-

quested decrease from \$156,400 to \$147,400. Baldwin: 04-0830320 Jeremy Nau-

man had no requests but believes his taxes were higher compared to similar properties. Rhonda Lindseth discussed ag land. Marty Dahl and Tre-vor Jacobson requested the board to stay with the prior soil survey. Cuba: 02-0520200, Darrel Schroeder requested decrease from \$179,500 to \$167,700. Arvid Winkler strongly urged the commission to deny the new soil survey and fight it at state level. He also urge all appellants to go to the state board of equalization

requested decrease from \$146,300 to \$124,600; 34-0940400, Dwight Olson requested decrease from \$119,700 to \$105,700.

Springvale: 36-2920200, Ronald Weber. Assessor Brett Kapaun presented request to decrease from \$62,700 to \$59,000.

Stewart: 37-1430310, David & Linda Vandrovec. Reduced by county assessor \$66,400,400 after inspection.

sessor \$66,400 after inspection. Svea: 38-0410100, Doug Letten-maier requested a decrease from \$113,700 to \$106,200. Following all discussion, Bill Carlblom closed the equalization hearing

and opened the equalization meeting Vicky Lovell made a motion to approve the preceding ag land requests; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried upon a roll call vote with Mike Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, and Bill Carlblom voting yes and Shawn Olauson and Pete Paulson voting no. Pete Paulson made the motion to re-

Pete Paulson made the motion to reduce 54-0100010 to \$78,500 following owner agreeing to allow interior inspection for the 2026 valuation; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with Pete Paulson, Bill Carlblom, Mike Schwehr, and Vicky Lovell voting yes and Shawn Olauson voting no. Mike Schwehr made the motion to reduce 56-0400070 to \$38,600; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The

motion carried upon roll call vote with Bill Carlblom, Pete Paulson, Shawn Olauson, and Mike Schwehr voting yes and Vicky Lovell voting no. Pete Paulson made a motion to increase 58-0010310 to \$50,500; Shawn Olauson seconded the mo-tion. The motion was carried unanim-ously upon roll call vote with all mem-

busy upon to call vote with all members voting yes.

Mike Schwehr made the motion to reduce 37-11430315 to \$66,400; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously upon roll call vote with all members voting

yes.
Vicky Lovell made the motion to close the county equalization meeting;

to \$328,000. Spring Creek: 35-3120210, John & Lori Froemke, old house removed,

decrease from \$79,200 to \$4,700 Thordenskjold: 39-1230310, Wade Storhoff & Hanna Dykstra, farm exempt to taxable, increase to \$254,200. Shawn Olauson made the motion to

accept all omitted assessments as presented; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes.

Bills Approved For May 2025
General Fund: Advanced Business

General Fund: Advanced Business Methods Inc \$322.00, Aflac \$2,988.71, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.45, Amazon Capital Services \$293.11, Andrew S Marquart \$383.40, Avera Medical Group Radiology \$240.00, Bakkegard & Schell \$365.00, Balco Uniform Co. Inc \$1,306.83, Barnes Co Ambulance Mandan \$1,259.00, Barnes Co Historical Society \$196.90. Barnes Co Mu ical Society \$196.90, Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$7,528.32, Barnes County Auditor \$765.20, Barnes County Ambulance \$883.69, Barnes Rural Water \$1,831.27, Baycom Inc \$11,946.00, Bek Communications \$11,946.00, Bek Communications Cooperative \$1,104.85, Berntson, Anna \$150.00, Bitz Tire & Service, Inc. \$168.31, Bridge City Dentistry \$666.00, Carlblom, William \$83.60, Cass County Electric \$482.29, Charm-Tex Inc \$2,696.36, City County Health District \$11,059.14, Coit, Teresa \$82.60, Cole Papers Inc. \$649.89, Colonial Life Insurance \$126.47 Counties Providing Techno-\$126.47, Counties Providing Technology \$2,817.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$1,416.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$14,964.76, Dacotah Paper Co. \$503.17, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$94.89, Everson, Jordyn \$25.69, Fat Man Trash Llc \$934.50, Handy Hardware & Rental \$1,035.72, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. Fign Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$57.55, Hr Collaborative \$150.00, Information Technology Department \$5,943.54, Inventory Trading Company \$1,679.00, Jacobson, Ian \$25.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$129.51, Johnson Controls Fire Protection L \$1,992.78, Leevers Foods

\$20,020.22, Total For Fund \$20,020.22, Veterans Service Office: Aflac \$149.59, Bek Communications Allac \$149.59, Bek Communications Cooperative \$35.53, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$42.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$17.10, Thebo, Rebecca \$181.00, Verizon Wireless \$112.94, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$550.00, Wells Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$550.00, Wells Fargo Bank No \$276.51, Total For Fund \$1,309.77, County Road And Bridge: Aed Everywhere \$303.17, Aflac \$740.26, Aflac Group Insurance \$40.85, Allard Trophy Co \$30.00, Blackburn,Robert \$85.37, Butler Machinery Co. \$40.16, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$2,093.56, Colonial Life Insurance \$59.04, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$636.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$25.00, Glenn Body Repair Inc \$9,244.97, Jacobson, Andy \$44.97, Keith's Ac, Refrigeration, & Heati Keith's Ac, Refrigeration, & Heati \$202.50, KIj Engineering Llc \$26,181.39, Kotaco \$3,063.66, Leevers Foods \$35.42, Linde Gas & Eq / Praxair \$2,732.45, Manson, Heather \$16.58, Metcalf, Ryan \$59.99, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$388.03, Nd Dept Of Transportation \$25,654.16, North Central Internation-al,Lic \$146.18, Northwest Tire Inc. \$2,758.48, O'reilly Auto Parts \$15.58, One Call Concepts, Inc \$7.50, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow \$330.66, Petro Serve Usa \$166.20, Quality Alignment & Brake Center \$490.00, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$192.00, Schaefer pation Medicine \$192.00, Schaefer Vermeer Equipment Llp \$2,288.22, Superior Vision Services Inc \$109.40, Swanston Equipment Co. \$2,900.00, Valley Auto Parts \$1,161.92, Valley City Public Works \$2,233.21, Valley Officeworks \$22.56, Valley Plains Equipment \$301.72, Verizon Wireless \$99.43, Wd Larson Companies Ltd Inc \$6.67, World Insurance Associates ILc \$3.240,00, Total For Fund ciates Lic \$3,240.00, Total For Fund \$88,961.26, Weed Control: Aflac \$149.93, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$516.12, F\S Manufacturing Inc \$7,858.20, Handy Hardware & Rent-al \$140.11, Litchville Bulletin \$30.40,

Nutrien Aq Solutions Inc \$145,363.15.

\$12,377.05, Total For Fund \$12,377.05, State Funds: Nd State Treasurer \$5,036.34, Total For Fund \$5,036.34, Older Persons: South \$5,036.34, Older Persons: South Central Adult Services \$10,009.67, Total For Fund \$10,009.67, Ambulance: Barnes County Ambulance \$14,989.59, Total For Fund \$14,989.59, Water Resources: Anderson, Bruce \$137.90, Fehr, Bret \$140.00, Hieb, Jerry \$171.50, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$5,381.75, Minnesota Valley Testing Laborator \$1,744.80, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$3,888.22, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Total For Fund \$11,475.67, Historical Society: Barnes Co Historical Society: \$3,753.58, Total For Fund \$3,753.58, Library: Valley City Public Library Library: Valley City Public Library \$10,259.67, Total For Fund \$10,259.67, Recorders Preservation Fund: Nelson, Jodie \$1,645.00, Pfaff, Jody \$1,750.00, Total For Fund \$3,395.00, Cities: Dazey \$3,417.47, \$3,395.00, Cities: Dazey \$3,417.47, Fingal \$3,608.24, Kathryn \$1,848.93, Leal \$556.45, Litchville \$5,303.99, Nome \$1,882.71, Oriska \$2,316.97, Pillsbury \$270.27, Rogers \$954.72, Sanborn \$6,616.16, Sibley \$552.90, Valley City \$143,390.45, Wimbledon \$4,532.19, Total For Fund \$175,251.45, Townships: Alta \$4,000.31, Anderson \$4,261.45, Ashtabula \$2,972.20, Baldwin \$1,936.00, Binghampton \$3,111.47, Brimer \$2,697.62, Cuba \$3,150.15, Dazey \$1,885.06, Eckelson \$5,943.67, Edna \$2,849.27, Ellsbury \$2,001.11, Getchell \$3,562.58, Grand \$2,557.94, Green \$3,209.43,

\$2,557.94, Green \$3,209.43, Greenland \$2,196.46, Hemen \$2,164.88, Hobart \$4,373.00, Laketown \$1,862.78, Mansfield \$1,771.96, Marsh \$7,528.85, Mead-ow \$2,192.93, Minnie \$3,060.15, Nelson \$3,298.03, Noltimier \$2,243.89, Norma \$2,346.04, Oakhill \$1,486.74, Oriska \$3,455.47, Pierce \$2,002.20, Oliska \$5,455.47, Fielde \$2,002.20, Potter \$2,730.26, Raritan \$2,726.14, Rogers \$2,149.30, Rosebud \$2,656.71, Sibley \$5,373.27, Skan-dia \$2,129.18, Spring \$3,077.24, Springvale \$2,355.73, Stewart \$3,432.96, Svea \$2,109.97, Thor-