

Weekly message from Valley City Mayor Dave Carlsrud

While many of us are grateful for the mild winter we are incurring, please remember those folks whose livelihoods are related to “normal” winters and say a little prayer for them.

Clean-up Week will be the week of May 13th, please be watching to identify acceptable materials and when to put them out.

Saturday the VCBC Library hosted a nice fundraising event to help with maintenance on the beautiful Carnegie Building. In case you were unable to attend, there is still time for you to help so please stop in or call the library, 701-845-3821.

Last week was an MRES Board Meeting with O&M, generation, transmission and legislative actions being topics. Some challenges are supply chains, timing of maintenance and communicating with legislators to ensure ad-



By Mayor Carlsrud

equate, reliable power. When we “flip the light switch”, it is nice that the light comes “on”! In February, Valley City’s Municipal Power was “on” 99.99999 % of the time. Thank you to ALL who make that happen.

Women’s History Month runs through March and you may find researching these people to be interesting. Actress Grace Kelly became a princess and was pretty too. Tennis star Billie Jean King became most influential in sports.

Tuesday March 19th is the first day of spring

though depending on the year it could be the 20th or the 21st. This is also the vernal equinox marking when the sun is directly over the equator. In addition to that, baseball, golf and all sorts of good stuff begin. YAY!

For your safety: Do not text & drive! Walk & jog against traffic so traffic in your lane is in front of you instead of behind you and wear bright/hi-viz clothing to be seen.

Thanks to all who provide and proof material for this article.

“You can never really live anyone else’s life, not even your child’s. The influence you exert is through your own life, and what you have become yourself.” ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Blessings, Pray, be Grateful and Respectful,

Valley City Mayor, Dave Carlsrud

Nonresident Any-Deer Bow applications after April 15

www.gf.nd.gov

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will have 337 any-deer bow licenses available to nonresidents in 2024.

Applicants can apply online after April 15 on the Game and Fish website, gf.nd.gov. The deadline to apply is May 15.

Up to five hunters can apply together as a party. A lottery will be held if more applications are received than licenses available. A total of 2,124 people applied in 2023.

The number of nonresident any-deer bow licenses available is 15% of the previous year’s mule deer gun license allocation.

Barnes County Commission places burn ban throughout Barnes County

Information courtesy of Jessica Jenrich, Barnes County Emergency Manager

Barnes County is under a Burn Ban for the next seven days due to the dry conditions. Barnes County is in a Red Flag Warning and our Fire Rating is at high and winds expected to continue strong.

The Commission will reevaluate at the 7th day (March 22nd) as to whether to continue the ban or remove.

The ban reads as follows:

Barnes County, North Dakota Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, Barnes County, North Dakota is under abnormally dry conditions:

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being and safety of the citizens of Barnes County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available county resources; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Barnes County Commission issues a burn ban for Barnes County, North Dakota for 7 days and be reevaluated at that time. This will include burning of leaves, grass clippings, garbage/pits, construction debris, fallen trees,

crop residue or hay land, sloughs, and campfires/bonfires. Gas, charcoal, or wood-fired grills or gas camp stoves with a cover may be used so long as it is on a hard, non-organic surface and 15 feet or more away from vegetation and an extinguisher or water is available on site.

Barnes County is currently in a Red Flag warning and the Fire Danger Rating is high and with expected high winds in the next couple of days the fire danger rating may be higher. The Fire Danger Rating and burn restriction map is available at the following website: Burn Restrictions & Fire Danger Maps I ND Response

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THIS BURN BAN IS GUILTY OF A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR, WHICH CARRIES A PENALTY OF UP TO THIRTY (30) DAYS IN JAIL, AND A \$1,500.00 FINE PER INCIDENT, AS WELL AS THE COST FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION.

Dated in Valley City, North Dakota this 15th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Bill Carlblom, Chairman, Barnes County Commission

/s/ Jessica Jenrich, Barnes County Emergency Manager

SECTION 00100 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS PAVING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 129

Valley City, North Dakota Sealed bids will be received by the City of Valley City, at City Hall located at 254 2nd Ave NE, Valley City, North Dakota 58072 until 10:00 AM CT, April 2nd, 2024, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of materials, labor, equipment and skill required for the construction of Seal Coat, Sand Seal, Hot Mix Asphalt Patching and incidental items in and for said City of Valley City, as is more fully described and set forth in the plans and specifications therefore, which are now on file in the office of KLJ Engineering LLC. Bids shall be upon cash payment on the following estimated quantities and types of work:

Contract Bond, 1.0 L SUM; Common Excavation-Subcut, 160 CY; Fog Seal, 1,601 GAL; Milling Pavement Surface, 1,140 SY; CRSP Emulsified Asphalt, 43,851 GAL; Cover Coat Material CL 41, 1,247 TON; Cover Coat Material CL 45, 46 TON; Commercial Grade Hot Mix Asphalt, 440 TON; Mobilization, 1.0 L SUM; PVMT MK Painted – Message, 96 SF; PVMT MK Painted 4IN Line, 2,410 LF; PVMT MK Painted 6IN Line, 4,079 LF; PVMT MK Painted 8IN Line, 175 LF; PVMT MK Painted 24IN Line, 809 LF; PVMT MK Painted Curb Top & Face, 393 LF; Pavement Marking 4IN Line-Masking, 5,918 LF. The contract documents are on file and may be examined at the following:

KLJ Engineering LLC 1010, 4th Avenue SW Valley City, North Dakota 58072 Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.kljeng.com “Projects for Bid” or www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$23 by inputting Quest project # 9032052 on the website’s Project Search page. Please contact Quest-CDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of project documents is also available for a non-refundable price of \$77 per set at KLJ, 1010 4th Avenue SW, Valley City, ND 58072. Please contact us at 701-845-4980.

All bids are to be submitted on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials, and each bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing the contractor’s license and bid security. The bid security must be in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the full amount of the bid and must be in the form of a bidder’s bond. A bidder’s bond must be executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned that if the principal’s bid be accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal, within ten (10) days after notice of award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid and the bid bond as required by the laws of the State of North Dakota and the regulations and determinations of the governing body. If a successful bidder does not execute a contract within ten (10) days allowed, the bidder’s bond must be forfeited to the governing body and the project awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder. All bidders must be licensed for the full amount of the bid as required by Section 43-07-07 and 43-07-12 of the North Dakota Century Code. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish Contract Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract.

Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of the low bid submitted by a responsible and responsive bidder for the aggregate sum of all bid items for the option selected by Barnes County at time of bid. A single contract will be awarded for the work. All bids will be contained in a sealed envelope, as above provided; plainly marked showing that such envelope contains a bid for the above project. In addition, the bidder shall place upon the exterior of such envelope the following information:

1. The work covered by the bidder
2. The name of the bidder
3. Separate envelope containing bid bond and a copy of North Dakota Contractor’s License or certificate of renewal.
4. Acknowledgement of the Addenda. No Bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and licenses and any deficient Bid submitted will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately.

The work on the improvement will be substantially completed on or before August 31st, 2024 and a final completion date of September 7th, 2024. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in any bid, to hold all bids for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of opening bids, and to accept the bid deemed most favorable to the interest of the Owner.

Should the Contractor fail to complete the work within the time required herein or within such extra time as may have been granted by formal extensions of time approved by the Owner, there will be deducted from any amount due the Contractor the sum of \$1,300 per day and every day that the completion of the work is delayed. The Contractor and his surety will be liable for any excess. Such payment will be as and for liquidated damages.

Dated this 15th day of March 2024 CITY OF VALLEY CITY, NORTH DAKOTA

s/Brenda Klein

City of Valley City Auditor

(March 19 & 26, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF VALLEY CITY, FEBRUARY 2024 EXPENDITURES JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA 6,346.99 NDPHIT C/O SEEC BRENNAN JANKE 76,699.91 BRAVERA WEALTH 786.00 ND-PERS 457 COMPANION PLAN 566.00 ND STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT 515.10 VANGUARD 22,648.00 NDPERS 20,511.17 U S TREASURY 41,042.46 NORTH AMERICAN BANKING COMPANY 300.00 DACOTA BANK 2,565.54 MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICE 428,237.11 BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA 21,488.92 FM TITLE INC. 50,453.03 HSA Contributions 12,258.24 Payroll EFT 112,175.61 Payroll EFT 116,502.35 Payroll EFT 10,420.94 US POSTAL SERVICE 2,500.00 BARNES COUNTY 1,208.52 DAVE CARLSRUD 402.00 EMPIRE HOME FURNISHINGS 372.00 FAIRHILL PROPERTIES 72.00 PETRO SERVE USA 11,884.95 PUBLIC WORKS 19,788.29 VALLEY RECYCLING 8,177.42 OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER 11,020.91 AFLAC 2,087.54 PUBLIC WORKS 46.00 Margaret Heise 142.46 S’ncr’ty Dozier 133.13 John Lufjens 139.78 Keisha J Getzfreid 204.00 Leroy Bitz 126.33 Amanda Rood 164.54 Pro Lot Maintenance 161.89 AED EVERYWHERE, INC. 387.50 BARNES COUNTY TREASURER 1,232.37 BEK COMMUNICATIONS 2,456.68 CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP 446.81 CHRIS GRAFING 45.28 CINTAS CORP 836.38 CITY OF JAMESTOWN 2,950.04 DAKOTA INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY COMPANY 1,978.54 DOOSAN BOBACT NORTH AMERICA INC 82,132.19 ECOLAB PEST ELIM DIVISION 85.97 MDU 133.83 PUBLIC WORKS 2,778.77 TINA CURRENT 206.22 VALLEY RECYCLING 4,223.50 VC PARK DISTRICT 8,807.88 WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE 22,375.56 KOTACO 1,978.54 VC POLICE DEPARTMENT 200.00 ABUSED PERSONS OUTREACH CENTER INC. 125.00 AFLAC 2,087.54 BAYCOM, INC 5,914.00 CHRIS ELLIOTT 44.51 CORNERCONVENIENCE 15.00 FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE 361.70 GRAND FORKS FIRE EQUIP CO 2,174.39 GREAT PLAINS FIRE 1,145.68 HANDY HARDWARE & RENTAL 50.95 HIGH PLAINS WATER 20.00 MARCO INC. 320.90 MAYTAG LAUNDROMAT 50.00 MDU 558.89 MID-STATES WIRELESS, INC. 2,368.91 PETRO SERVE USA 9,421.80 PUBLIC WORKS 46.00 VALLEY LUMBER 108.50 VC PARK DISTRICT 17,280.53 VALLEY RECYCLING 7,578.79 ABUSED PERSONS OUTREACH CENTER INC. 50.00 ANTHONY WENDEL 150.00 BARNES COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT. 100.00 BC DISTRICT COURT 500.00 BISMARCK HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER 99.00 BRIDGES BAR & GRILL 50.00 PUBLIC WORKS 2,290.31 RALPH HASS 25.00 TYSON HOVLAND 300.00 A.P. EQUIPMENT 127.75 BARNES COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER 585.00 BARNES COUNTY PARK BOARD 60,000.00 BARNES COUNTY TREASURER 2,329.85 BARNES RURAL WATER 55.45BITZ TIRE & SERVICE INC 519.58 BOBCAT OF GWINNER 11,068.20 BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY 3,165.32 BROTHERS III 130.06 CASS COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP 801.45 CDW GOVERNMENT INC 577.07 CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. 24.00 CHI MERCY HEALTH 680.00 CINTAS CORP 3,120.57 CITY OF FARGO 10,378.56 CITY OF JAMESTOWN 1,582.57 CORE & MAIN 526.51 DAKOTA INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY COMPANY 354.00 DAKOTA PLAINS COOPERATIVE 1,092.26 DAKOTA PUMP & CONTROL INC 4,310.29 DAVE CARLSRUD 207.75 DELL MARKETING LP 1,338.54 ENGINEERING UNLIMITED, INC. 1,050.95 ENTERPRISE SALES CO 8.54 FARGO FREIGHTLINER 46.38 FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516 5,092.60 GRAND FORKS FIRE EQUIP CO 2,006.46 GREAT PLAINS FIRE 1,834.99 GROTEBERG ELECTRIC INC. 217.50 HANDY HARDWARE & RENTAL 33.04 HAWKINS, INC. 16,718.91 i3G MEDIA 220.00 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT 113.55 K&S CLEANERS & RESTORATION INC. 1,516.00 KLJ ENGINEERING LLC 50,632.54 KOTACO 107.02 LEEVERS FOODS-N 26.56 LEXIPOL LLC 1,307.04 MARCO INC. 311.81 MID-STATES WIRELESS, INC. 14,281.40 ND DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 383.92 ND DEPT OF HEALTH 175.00 NORTH DAKOTA FIREFIGHTER’S ASSOCIATION 300.78 NORTH DAKOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES 80.00 ON DEMAND GRAPHICS 170.50 O’REILLY AUTO PARTS 85.05 POWERPLAN 1,826.59 PUBLIC WORKS 4,964.49 QUALITY ALIGNMENT & BRAKE CENTER 180.38 RAILROAD MANAGEMENT CO III, LLC 379.14 RJS PLUMBING & HEATING 59.41 RKS SALES & SERVICE 38.88 SANITATION PRODUCTS ND 889.60 SMITH LUMBER COMPANY INC 626.24 SPS WORKS 171.48 SPUD’S SIGNS AND GRAPHICS 800.00 STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY 3,316.07 STOUDT-MILLER INC 124.56 STREICHER’S 269.97 STUART C IRBY CO 525.59 TIMES RECORD 2,964.53 TRANE US INC 2,330.00 ULINE 151.07 URBAN COUTURE 550.00 VALLEY AUTO PARTS, INC 671.02 VALLEY LUMBER 30.65 VALLEY OFFICEWORKS 355.94 VALLEY PLAINS EQUIPMENT 187.02 VANGUARD 12,125.00 VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC 962.50 VC - BC DEVELOPMENT CORP. 5,000.00 VC - BC DEVELOPMENT CORP. 6,263.49 VC FIRE DEPARTMENT 929.62 VC PARK DISTRICT 3,533.30 VCBC PUBLIC LIBRARY 49,407.75 VERIZON WIRELESS 1,144.93 WATER SMITH, INC. 2,406.00

(March 19, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD 2024 HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN The North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services and North Dakota Housing Finance Agency announce the opening of the 30-day comment period for the State’s 2024 Annual Action Plan. The Action Plan provides a summary of the actions, activities, and specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used during the year to address priority needs and goals identified in the Consolidated Plan. The Action Plan includes the State’s plans for allocating the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development CPD formula block grant programs: Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, National Housing Trust Fund and Emergency Solutions Grants programs. The Action Plan describes how the funds from each program will be distributed during the 2024 program year, which is scheduled to begin on July 1, 2024. Funds are expected to be received on or about August 1, 2024. All allocation amounts in the 2024 Plan are currently estimated. The Action Plan will be available online at ndgov.link/ConsolidatedPlan and at www.ndhfa.org beginning April 12, 2024. The 30-day comment period will end on May 13, 2024. Comments must be received by 5pm central time. Written comments can be emailed to dcs@nd.gov or hfainfo@nd.gov or mailed to: Department of Commerce Attn: Maria Effertz P.O. Box 2057 Bismarck, North Dakota 58502-2057 Accommodations This recipient does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities. Individuals who require accommodations, including auxiliary aids, translated documents, interpreters, or who would like to request a copy of the plan, or an alternate format may contact: Department of Commerce, Section 504 Coordinator Tonya Forreder dcs@nd.gov (email) 701-328-5300 (Phone) 711 (TTY or Voice) 800-435-8590 (Spanish) Una traducción al español de este documento está disponible en www.ndhfa.org

(March 19, 2024)

Valley City Public School District March 14, 2024 Request for Proposals (RFP) for School Bus Purchase The Valley City Public School District #2 Valley City, (Barnes County), North Dakota, is requesting sealed bids for the following new or used school buses: One (1) – 14 Passenger Mini-Buses Detailed specifications may be obtained by contacting Jackie Cordie, Business Manager, at 701-845-0483 or jackie.cordie@k12.nd.us. All units must meet the North Dakota School Bus Standards which are in the North Dakota School Bus Standards Manual. The delivery date is as soon as possible but before the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year (August 1, 2024). Bids are to be labeled “School Bus Bid” and addressed to: Valley City Public Schools Attn: Jackie Cordie 460 Central Ave N Valley City ND 58072 e-mail: jackie.cordie@k12.nd.us Bids are to be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 3, 2024. Bids will be opened (at VCPS Central Admin Office) and reviewed on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 4:30PM. The School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informalities, irregularities or defects in any proposal should it deem to be in the best interest of the Valley City Public School District to do so. By order of the School Board of the Valley City Public School District #2, Barnes County, North Dakota.

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Mill Levy Increase NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 19, 2024, at the polling place of Jesse Pabst Shop in the Township of Hemen, County of Barnes, an election will be held in which the following question shall be submitted to the electors of Hemen Township. Shall Hemen Township levy taxes for a five year period commencing in 2024, which shall exceed the legal limit by \$20,337.39, so that the taxes levied, instead of being \$20,337.39, which is the limit authorized by law, shall be \$40,674.78 ? () Yes or () No BE IT KNOWN that the total income of Hemen township from the first day of January 1, 2023, to the last day of December 2023 was \$35,524.79 and that the total warrants issued for said period amounted to \$59,862.70 resulting in a deficit for said period of \$0. BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that the expected expenditures for each year of a five year period commencing in 2024 are roughly equivalent to \$22,509.90 spent in 2023. BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that the current tax levy of 18 mills which produced \$20,337.39 in income in 2023 is the legal maximum but that a 100 percent excess levy is authorized for a five year period. If 60 percent of the qualified electors shall approve the above stated question, the levy shall be increased to be the amount of 18 mills upon each dollar of taxable valuation which increase would have produced \$20,337.39 in additional income at 2022 valuations. BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that said election will be opened at 5 o'clock p.m. and will continue open until 5 o'clock p.m. of said March 19, 2024. SPECIAL ELECTION Hemen Township INSTRUCTION TO VOTER: Mark a cross (x) or other mark in the square opposite the word “yes” if you are in favor of this levy. Mark a cross (x) or other mark in the square opposite the word “no” if you are not in favor of this levy. Shall Hemen Township levy taxes for a five year period commencing in 2022, which shall exceed the legal limit by \$20,337.39, so that the taxes levied, instead of being \$20,337.39? () Yes or () No By order of the Board of Supervisors of Hemen Township. Dated at Sanborn North Dakota, this 19th day of March 2024. Clerk (March 15 & 19)