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Barnes County Commission Minutes

Barnes County Commission
October 21, 2025
Valley City, ND 58072
The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 with Bill Carlblom, Mike Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson. 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 reviewed.

Corrections
Jeremy Wolff presented information on transferring nurse, Karen Bundy, from City County Health District employment to Barnes County Corrections as a full-time county employee at a rate of \$34.98 per hour. Vacation and sick leave balance transfer will be discussed and decided on at a later date. Karen will be able to retain years of service upon transfer. Pete Paulson made a motion to move forward with the transfer of the nurse to corrections; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.
Planning & Zoning

A variance on lot size less than five acres located in the SE¼ 12-143-58 in Sibley Trail was presented for Barbara Anderson. Consensus was this should take the route of becoming a subdivision due to the size being less than five acres. Vicky Lovell moved to deny the application; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion to deny was carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. Mike Schwehr made a motion for the process to develop a subdivision of five acres. Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon roll call vote. Where to take storm debris from residents in the county was discussed. Building permits were reviewed.
Environmental Services

Roers Construction relayed that Grotberg Electric withdrew their bid due to a software glitch not calculating correctly. Roers would replace Grotberg with Superior. Shawn Olauson made a motion to accept Roers Construction bid. Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Shawn retracted the motion due to financing not lined up. Bill retracted the second. There will be a special meeting once the financing questions have been answered.

Auditor's Office

Vicky Lovell moved to approve October 7th, 2025, minutes as presented. Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting “aye”. A nomination was made for Alisha Harstad and Sue Milender to be the State Fair delegates for Barnes County. Mike Schwehr made a motion to approve Alisha and Sue as the county state fair delegate; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Commission Discussion

Pete gave an update on the VSO office activities. Shawn Olauson attended the water board meeting. An update on the Little Dam finalization, Hobart Drain, and Sanborn Lake levels was given. Dam inventory has been taken and discussed. Cost share for snagging and clearing was submitted to the Department of Water Resources. There was a surface drain application approved by the state. Vicky Lovell gave updates on HUD and SCDRC. The strategic planning meeting for the library was tabled. The County Commission Summit is set for December 9th in Bismarck. Bill discussed a reimbursement bill for medical test expense resulting from referrals due to WSI law enforcement physical examination requirements submitted by Randy McClaflin. Pete Paulson made a motion to cover Randy’s bill this time and going forward we will add to the policy that, in the future, the county will not cover the medical expenses. Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried up on roll call vote with all

members voting yes.

With no further business, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olauson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with all members voting “aye” and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.
Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission
Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor

Barnes County Commission
October 29, 2025
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in special session on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 with Bill Carlblom, Mike Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Bill Carlblom called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m., roll call was taken.
Courthouse HVAC System

The Barnes County commission met to discuss and finalize accepting a bid for the Barnes County courthouse HVAC system project. Shawn Olauson made a motion to accept the low bid of \$3,425,000 from Roers Construction Joint Venture LLC; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion passed upon roll call vote with Commissioners Bill Carlblom, Mike Schwehr, Shawn Olauson, and Pete Paulson voting yes and Vicky Lovell voting no.

With no further business, Vicky Lovell made a motion, seconded by Pete Paulson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with all members voting “aye” and the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.
Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission
Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor

Barnes County Commission
November 3, 2025
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in special session on Monday, November 3, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. with Bill Carlblom and Vicky Lovell attending. No other commissioners were present. Therefore, a quorum was not met.
Yondr Presentation

Commissioner Carlblom set up a Teams Meeting with Yondr to discuss how their security pouches work. These pouches are used in schools and court systems to lock up electronic devices so they cannot be used during court processes.

Sheriff Randy McClaflin, Pat Sand, Wanda Auka, and Tonya Duffy attended the presentation and were able to ask questions and hear the responses from the Yondr representatives.

This will be discussed at the commission meeting on Tuesday, November 4th at 8:00 a.m.
Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission
Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor

Litchville City Council Minutes

The Litchville City Council met on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6:30am.

Present: Darren Mediema, Dave Knutson, Brad Botner, HJ Norman and Tony Bruse

Bills Presented:
Sanitation Specialties-1,377.00
Barnes Rural Water – 1,238.00
Bayshore- 527.00
Ottertail Power- 520.99
Cottingham Insurance 331.00
Petro- 173.67
Dickey Rural – 42.77

Dave made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by JH.

The council discussed the properties that were on auction for back taxes

Brad stated he would shut the cell down on the lagoon the week of the 20th so that Dave can take a sample and Katie can send it off to the state.

Snow removal Dave stated he will call the county to set up snow removal for the winter.

Dave will also request roads to be graded one more time this year. Again-No Burning in city limits

The Council also wants to remind residents of using the truck

route and to avoid driving trucks in town.

City adjourned
Next meeting will be held November 3rd.
Respectfully submitted
Katie Kohler, City Auditor

Litchville City Council Minutes

The Litchville City Council met on Monday, November 3, 2025

Present: Brad Botner, Darren Mediema, Dave Knutson, Tony Bruse

Absent: HJ Norman
Bills Presented:
Northern Impovement- 2,650.00
Barnes Rural Water - 1,973.12
Sanitation Specialties – 1,377.00
Barnes County HWY Dept- 1,215.00
Vector Control- 1,185.00
Ottertail- 676.62
Wades- 272.85
Smith Lumber- 78.95
Dickey Rural- 42.91
Riverside Building Center- 27.68
One Call-7.50

Darren made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Dave

Brad asked about the water leaks in town and if he had talked to Dalan Baach regarding coming out to fix them. Tony stated he had been in contact but not sure when he would be coming out to work on them, Brad will touch base with Dalan.

Brad suggested getting roads graded one more time since the weather is cooperating, Dave will call and set that up.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting will be held on December 2, 2025.
Respectfully submitted
Katie Kohler, City Auditor

City of Marion Minutes

CITY OF MARION

REGULAR MEETING

November 5, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

A regular meeting was held on the above date & time with Mayor Tayler Albrecht, Isaac Van Enk, Kent Baertsch, Matt Cuypers, Trent Brannvold, and Gayle Rodin present.

Mayor Albrecht called the meeting to order.

Minutes were read from the October regular meeting. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Trent. Motion carried.

The auditor’s report was given. Kent made a motion to approve the auditor’s report seconded by Isaac. Motion carried.

Bills were presented. Trent made a motion, seconded by Kent to pay the bills. Motion carried.
Oleg Danilov \$1200.00
Barnes Rural Water \$66.54
Gayle Rodin \$692.62
Litchville Bulletin \$82.14
KLJ \$6039.25
LaMoure Co Hwy Dept\$455.00
DRN \$98.76
Waste Management \$1145.38
Waste Management(roll off) \$1143.94
USPS \$106.00
Ohnstad – Twichell \$164.00
Pace Analytical \$738.00
Steffes Excavation \$2510.00
Sherry Rode \$475.00
Intuit (POS) \$281.00
Adobe \$20.99
McAfee (POS) \$41.99
IRS \$229.50

BOOM LAKE:

Mike Strom is working with the LaMoure County & ND State water board to schedule a new public meeting to be sure all landowners are aware of the route the drainage system will be taking.

STREETS:

A resident complained that the road grader took down their mailbox & took out some of the sod. If there are further complaints, please contact LaMoure County Road Department. They do the grading in the city.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL VEHICLES AND ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE BLOCKING THE CITY OF MARION’S RIGHT OF WAYS. SNOW WILL BE COMING AND THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE SO THE SNOW REMOVAL CAN BE DONE!

OTHER BUSINESS:

Matt made a motion to have repairs done to the lift station by the church, seconded by Trent. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on raising the cities sewer and garbage for the 2026 year. The sewer will be \$90.00 per quarter, and the garbage will be \$60.00 per quar-

ter. A letter will be sent out to residents at a later date.

Matt made a motion to approve a building permit for Tayler Albrecht, seconded by Isaac. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be December 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Isaac. Motion carried.

Unapproved minutes.

Tayler Albrecht, Mayor
Gayle Rodin, Auditor

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Good day, LaMoure County. Time got away from me so I decided to see what I was doing around this time, ten years ago. Yes, I have been here 11 years now. Seems the news is not less timely. Let’s see what I had to offer on fall grazing and corn residue. At the end I updated the URL. This is what I wrote for all of you ten years ago after I had been here for only one year. Originally published in The LaMoure Chronicle, November 11, 2015. Please enjoy and comment as you wish.

“...we’ve never had our corn off so early...” These are words from one LaMoure County producer yesterday. May this find you too are happy to say the same and that your yields are better than expected. Greetings LaMoure County. I hope this week finds you warm and well. As I will always try to do, the most important message is in the first sentence of the follow-

ing paragraph. After that I hope to keep you long enough to find out why.

If you are planning to, or already have, turn[ed] cattle out on corn stubble bear in mind too much grain can lead to lameness, abortions and acidosis; states John Dhuyvetter, livestock specialist at the NDSU Research Extension Center near Minot. As the rains and winds grow colder, the harvest season winds down and the cattle are moved closer to home I offer a few thoughts and tips for putting your livestock on corn stubble.

These animals have spent months grazing pasture in most cases. However, the North Dakota wind has blown a lot of leafy residue away. Following harvest some fields are left with more than usual ears and overflow grain. Cattle will start consuming this before getting to the stalks. A transitional approach to grazing stubble will help the group of cattle more vulnerable to issues resulting from too much grain consumption. Young cattle and those with no previous experience grazing stubble are less likely to start chowing down as soon as they are let loose. That hesitation will give them time to get used to this forage. However, those who have attended this party before will start eating as soon as they are turned out. The more vulnerable animals are those previous attendees and pregnant cows.

One suggestion from the livestock specialists is to turn out the young and inexperienced cattle before the others. This allows time for the field to be thinned out of excess grain and ears once acclimated. Gradually feeding grain to get them started can be done as well. Fara Brummer, from the NDSU Central Grasslands REC recommends three pound a day

to start with, then over a ten day spread work it up to seven or eight. Rotational grazing and supplements containing an ionophore are her other suggestions.

There is a formula to help figure out the amount of grain left in the field. This is quoted almost verbatim from the Ag Communication article I recently received... In a field of 30 inch rows, count the number of 8 inch (or equivalent) ears on the ground along 100 feet between two rows, then divide the total by two. Repeat for a minimum of three 100 foot strips to get a good estimate. Cattle specialist, Karl Hoppe states cattle may experience grain overload if there is 8 to 10 bushels per acre.

More on this can be found at <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/news/newsreleases/2015/oct-26-2015/use-caution-when-grazing-corn-residue>. So sorry for the long URL. It may be easier to just call me and I’ll send it to you :-)

That’s all for this week, folks. As ever, thank you for taking the time to read my column. Stay safe out there and enjoy time with your families.

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