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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS - GENERAL

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Highway Patrol will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code 38-04-01-02 at 10:00 a.m. central time on June 29, 2026, at the Law Enforcement Training Academy, 1320 Schafer Street, Bismarck North Dakota.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the North Dakota Highway Patrol or calling 701-328-2447. The proposed rules are also posted at www.statepatrol.nd.gov. Written comments may be submitted to North Dakota Highway Patrol, 600 E Blvd Ave, Dept 504, Bismarck, ND, 58505 by July 14, 2026.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Highway Patrol at the above telephone number or address at least two days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 27th day of May 2026. Daniel Haugen, Superintendent North Dakota Highway Patrol

Barnes County Commission May 19, 2026 Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, with Bill Carlblom, Mike Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson. Chairman Bill Carlblom called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., roll call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike Schwehr made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with all members voting yes.

Public Comments
No requests received.

Planning & Zoning
Justin Enger submitted a Setback Variance for replacing two small existing bins with one new larger bin, 120' from the center of Barnes County #32 located on the SE¼ 11-138-61 in Meadowlake Township. Vicky Lovell moved to approve the application; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes.

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Devin Weber submitted a Setback Variance application for installing a tile line and gravity outlet within 75' of 31st ST SE, but not within road row and will be installing numerous tile lines within 75' of 124th Ave SE but not within the road row located in NNW¼ 11-140-57 in Alta Township. Pete Paulson made a motion to approve the application; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes. Jessica requested a county budget for participating in Summer Nights on Central. This was tabled for a future meeting. Building permits were reviewed. A moratorium is a temporary suspension or authorized delay of a specific activity or legal obligation. It typically pauses actions such as debt repayments, construction, or certain business practices until specific conditions are met or an emergency passes. It is a temporary halt on issuing any new building permits on construction properties in any area. There is a rumor that a data center is coming to southern Barnes County. The county has not had anyone come forward regarding a data center in Barnes County. Because of the rumor and the surrounding areas building data centers. Planning and Zoning is requesting a six-month moratorium for data centers be put in place so we have time for research and to get our ordinances and new regulations in place so that if something does come in, the county will be ready. Jessica Jenrich is requesting a six-month Moratorium for data centers be put in place so that we can be proactive. State's Attorney Tonya Duffy recommended a six-month moratorium as a good timeline and a year would be too long. Pete Paulson moved to approve a six-month Moratorium for data centers; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. There are several counties that have ordinances in place that we can look at. No one has approached the county, city, or Economic Development regarding data centers. Several concerned citizens attended and spoke about their concerns regarding the data center issue. Many felt the six-month moratorium was too short of a timeline and would like to see a year-long moratorium. Many of the citizens feel the county will be the last to know the data center is coming until it is a done deal. Everything will be in place; land gets bought up with a no disclosure clause and no one will know until it's here. The county will be the last to know and the county will be forced to deal with it. The feds have approved legislation for data centers to get approved and pushed through. Environmental Impact Statements are basically getting voided for these centers

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to come in. It was strongly suggested that the county study the law so that we know what the law says to shape the planning and zoning laws and it will take more than six months to know everything that is needed to know. The impact on the water is incredible. In other states, data centers require 20 to 60 million gallons of water per day and where will that water come from. Check congress.gov and look up data centers. Once the data center has bought the land, it is a done deal, and we will be forced to deal with it. It was requested to amend the moratorium and make it at least one year. It was also stated some local entities have also been approached to sign non-disclosure agreements. Sam Wagner, City Council President of Casselton submitted what they have passed in Casselton. They took interim development control on data centers. They did a one-year moratorium because by May of the next year, the ND State Legislature would have been in session and likely be tackling this issue. They did not want to make their own local laws and have everything set up only to have the state laws supersede the city laws. Sam also brought a list of talking points brought forth by the Dakota Resource Council regarding data centers. Tonya Duffy stated that any non-disclosure agreements should not be signed until legal advice is given. She also explained that Planning and Zoning has ordinances to follow, and their decision is not the final decision. The final decision would come to the Board of County Commissioners.

Highway Department
Tim Tangen stated all restrictions are off of the paved roads with the exception of the Peak Road. Restrictions will remain on the gravel roads. Andrew Jewett submitted an application to install an approach in section 30-143-60 off Barnes County #7 allowing access to unfarmed acres to be used for haying and/or grazing. Currently, there are six approaches in this mile on the west side of the road. County policy is to allow five access points per mile per side including the section line. As a recommendation if approved, Jamie recommends having Mr. Jewett remove approach #1 as a condition to approve a new approach approximately 550' south of Barnes County #4. Pete Paulson made a motion to approve the approach application with the condition that Mr. Jewett remove existing approach #1; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. Tim presented a quote of \$46,000 for a used 2021 Construction Trailer Specialist. The trailer has been completely gone through by Gilbertson Truck. This trailer will be used for grav-

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el and will be a replacement for one currently being used that has had some costly repairs in the last couple of years. The old one will be sold. Bill Carlblom made a motion to approve purchasing the trailer; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes. A quote of \$43,000 was also presented for a used 2018 Kenworth T680 with 415,694 miles am a 13-speed automatic transmission. It does have new tires, and they will add a new driver's seat if we purchase the truck and trailer. The commission made the recommendation to keep looking for one with a better price. Brian Tykwinski presented a project resolution for the Viking Drive bridge project and a resolution for County Rd 11 Mill and Overlay project for approval. Shawn Olauson made a motion to approve the resolutions; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Sheriff's Office
For security purposes, Randy presented quotes for one 12,000 BTU U-shaped air conditioner at a cost of \$459.00 and two 10,000 BTU U-shaped air conditioners at a cost of \$419.00 each for a total of \$1,297.00. Pete Paulson made a motion to approve the air condition purchase; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting yes.

Auditor's Office
Vicky Lovell moved to approve May 5, 2026, minutes as presented. Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Commission Discussion
Pete stated 2,399 miles were put on the VSO van with 44 rides. Total mileage is now 97,136 miles. They are still looking for a part-time van driver. Shawn reported that Buffalo Bridges is now meeting every other month. Child welfare has 45 open cases. There are 11,242 cases on back log. Economic Development is hiring a part-time tourism employee at the Rosebud. The trash rack at Clausen Springs is still being worked on. Updates on the Hobart Drain and Sanborn Drain levels were given. The Brown Dam project is waiting on Game and Fish to see how much they will cover on the project. Weed spraying will be done on the edges for progressive weeds at Clausen Springs. Vicky reminded the commissioners of the June 2nd pipeline meeting in Jamestown and June 4th in Casselton. Bill stated the Winter Show had a good year. The Recorder's Office has donated some antique items to the museum. With no further business, Vicky Lovell

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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 9:34 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman
Barnes County Commission
Julie Mindt
Barnes County Auditor

(June 5, 2026)

NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Barnes County Planning and Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., in the Commissioners Room of the Barnes County Courthouse, 230 4th Street NW, Valley City, North Dakota, to consider a request from Keith Kirsch for a Structure Setback Variance of 72' from the center of township road 34th St SE, 26-140-59, Hobart Township.

The public may comment by attending the meeting or in writing to the Barnes County Planning & Zoning Board, 230 4th St NW Rm. 300, Valley City, ND 58072

(May 29 & June 5 2026)

BARNES COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING June 10, 2026 - 6:00PM Barnes County Courthouse 2nd Floor Commission Chambers AMENDED AGENDA

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER
MINUTES
HEARING - Keith Kirsch - Structure Setback Variance of 72' from center of township road 34th St SE, 1.18 acres of NE1/4, 26-140-59, Hobart Twp
BUILDING PERMIT REVIEW
Keith Kirsch - Garage - 1.18 acres of NE1/4, 26-140-59, Hobart Twp; Maple River Coop - Grain Bin - 10RDS x 80RDS of NW1/4 less 16A R/W, and .98A of W1/2 NW1/4, 20-140-57, Alta Twp; Aaron Henderson - Storage building - NW1/4, 27-142-56, Minnie Lake Twp; Steve & Christy Wolf - House - Lot 5 Block 2 Jewett's Beach 2nd Sub, 22-142-58, Ashtabula Twp; Chad Clement - Shop - S1/2 SE1/4 W of River, 16-139-58, Marsh Twp; Sib & Deb Schmidt - NE1/4 Lot 18 Veterans Sub, 13-143-58, SibleyTrail Twp; Krystal Stoppelworth - House - Aud Lt 1 of NW1/4, 08-138-61, Meadow Lake Twp; Dwight McMillan - House - 17.06 acres of SW1/4 Aud Lt 1, 28-142-61, Uxbridge Twp; Dana or Nick Noot - Grain Bin - SW1/4, 16-137-61, Greenland Twp; Ken Rasmussen - Bin Site (2) - NW1/4, 12-140-60, Potter Twp; The Arthur Company - SE1/4 less RR R/W, 4.47A R/W & Aud Lt 1 8.66A, 17-143-56, Ellsburry Twp
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(June 5, 2026)

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