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City of Marion Minutes

CITY OF MARION
REGULAR MEETING
May 6, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

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

Guests: Jeremy Sorenson & Jacob Bailey from PGA, Mike Strom from KLJ Engineering.

Mayor Albrecht called the meeting to order.

Jeremy took the floor showing the proposed new scale and other additions to the PGA elevator and the making of a new holding pond and culvert. They wanted to be proactive in their plans so as to not interfere with the Boom Lake Drainage Project. Mike visited with Jeremy and Jacob on exactly where the Boom Lake drainage will be pumped. Jeremy and Jacob left the meeting.

Mike went over what they learned at the meeting with the LaMoure County water board. The permit was approved and is now at the state level waiting for approval. Discussion was held on other things pertaining to the drainage project and what the next steps will be. Mike left the meeting.

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

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

A motion was made by Matt to approve the official newspaper to be the Litchville Bulletin, seconded by Isaac. Motion carried.

Bills were presented. Trent made a motion, seconded by Kent to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Sherry Rode	\$325.00
Barnes Rural Water	\$73.44
Gayle Rodin	\$692.63
Litchville Bulletin	\$82.88
KLJ	\$1126.65
Ottetail Power	\$1204.01
DRN	\$98.66
Waste Management	\$1175.20
Waste Management(roll off)	\$186.00
Isaac VanEnk	\$1440.00
Energize Electric	\$9082.39
Steffes Excavation	\$3234.86
Marion Park Board	\$95.31
Riverside Building	\$2013.48
Menard's (POS)	\$495.58
Marion Fire Dept.	\$500.00
Intuit (POS)	\$170.50
Adobe (POS)	\$20.99
IRS	\$344.26

LIFT STATIONS:

The north lift station has been repaired and working normal now.

STREETS:

Kent made a motion to approve getting Wyatt Baker to grade the streets of Marion, seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Tayler has been visiting with RTS Shearing to get an estimate to clean up the contaminated soil and other garbage at the dump ground.

The new door was installed in the hall.

A huge thank you to Gene Rode for updating the portable bar at the community hall. It looks amazing.

Keep watch for signs and Facebook post for city wide clean up dumpster and when it will be here.

Next meeting will be June 3, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt, seconded by Kent. Motion carried. Unapproved minutes.

Tayler Albrecht, Mayor
Gayle Rodin, Auditor

Barnes County Commission Minutes

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, with Bill Carblom, Mike Schwehr, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson. Vicky Lovell is absent. Chairman Bill Carblom 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.

Pete Paulson made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition to discuss the side-by-side tracks to the Auditor's discussion; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with all present members voting yes.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Highway Department

One bid from True North was received and for culverts. This bid is the same price as last year. Pete Paulson made a motion to approve the bid from True North; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all present members voting yes. The cost share agreement for the Love's Interchange between the county and the City of Valley City is \$12,304.00 with a 50/50 split between The City of Valley City and Barnes County. The county share would be \$6,152.00. Mike Schwehr made a motion to approve the agreement; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all present members voting yes. A verbal commitment with Blackhawk Farms has been reached regarding the road going past the hog farm. Blackhawk Farms will accept responsibility for the local cost for the project should the county be awarded an agriculture infrastructure grant. This project would build up the road from the hog farm going east to ND #32. The cost to Blackhawk Farms would be approximately \$295,760. Jamie is seeking permission to start looking for a skid steer, preferably with tracks. The Dazey Shop operator position is open. There is a possibility of hiring a seasonal part-time person for this shop. This would be a past employee working 30 hours per week with no benefits. Pete Paulson made a motion to hire a seasonal part-time employee for a maximum of 16 weeks for the summer at the rate of approximately \$14,200.00 for the season as Jamie suggested; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried with all present members voting yes.

Planning & Zoning

Michael Buck submitted a setback variance for trees requesting approval for trees 50' from the center of township road, 25th St SE located on Auditor Lot 1 of SW¼-141-60 in Anderson Township. 200' would be too close to buildings. Pete Paulson moved to approve the variance application at 100' from the center of the road; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all present members voting yes.

Dennis and Adele Smith submitted a variance on trees 70' from the center of the township road, 31st St SE, located in the NE¼ 10-140-56 in Oriska Township. The trees would be planted around the trees damaged in the June 2025 storm. Pete Paulson moved to approve the application with a variance of 100' from the center of the road; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all present members voting yes. Rodney Rood submitted a tree variance 100' from the center of County Road 21 located in the NE¼ 16-139-58 in Marsh Township. Shawn Olauson moved to approve the variance as presented; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote with all present members voting yes. Building permits were reviewed. Pete Paulson made a motion to rescind the current burn restriction ban for Barnes County; Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present members voting yes.

Marilyn Henderson

Marilyn Henderson has concerns regarding the procedural format of the public commission meeting held in March regarding the hog farm. It was felt the people against the hog farm did not get a chance for rebuttal of the pros. Watershed is a big concern with the chemicals being used. Marilyn also had a question regarding the dated paperwork. The paperwork for Conditional Use was filed with Planning and Zoning on January 30th. Once the paperwork is received, there is a 60-day deadline per century code. The paperwork was filed too late to be included in the February Planning and Zoning meeting and was placed on the March meeting and then onto the last March Commission meeting to meet the deadline. The 60-day deadline was not known until after the Planning and Zoning meeting.

Auditor's Office

Pete Paulson moved to approve April 7, 2026 minutes with the amendment that beginning 2027, the county will insure the CCHD trailer that will be used by the Highway Department. Mike Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all present members voting yes. Discussion took place on how to handle county employee poll workers working hours after 5:00 pm. Election Poll Worker current wages were discussed. Shawn Olauson made a motion to raise election worker pay from \$15.00 per hour to \$16.00 per hour; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all present members voting yes. Donations came in short, from what was discussed during the April 7th meeting for the purchase of the side by side tracks. The county share needed to pay for the side by side tracks is \$1,100.00. Pete Paulson made a motion to approved paying \$1,100.00 for the tracks; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all present members voting yes. Mike would like the commission to know what departments are going to be going for grants for purchases before they apply for the grant, so the cost share is known up front.

Commission Discussion

Pete Paulson reported the VSO office was closed for training last week. 2,927 miles were put on the van with 44 rides. They are looking for a part-time van driver. He attended the LEPC Meeting and Economic Development meeting. The Rosebud was reshingled, but the contractor did not seek local bids for shingles. Winter show numbers

show a good year but has been a struggle. Shawn Olauson attended the museum meeting. Wes is asking if the county is going to be doing something for the 100th birthday of the courthouse. Swanberg was contracted to install the trash rack at Clausen Springs. Hobart was going to get opened. An Attorney General Opinion was sought regarding the dams. Brown Dam will be removed when the money is lined up. Water Resource financials were mentioned. Mike Schwehr will be attending the

City County Health District meeting coming up. Opioid settlement amendments were made so they can use that funding for more prevention training. They will be interviewing two applicants for the director's position. Bill attended the first FFA Awards Banquet and the NDSU Extension office meeting. The heating & cooling project is making progress. Bank Forward and Bank of North Dakota are willing to work with us on financing the HVAC progress. SIRN radio antenna's that we have do not cor-

relate back and forth with the new radios. New antenna's are \$916.40. Will discuss antenna's at the next meeting.

With no further business, Shawn Olauson 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 9:23 a.m. Bill Carblom, Chairman Barnes County Commission Julie Mindt Barnes County Auditor

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