

Commissioner's Meeting April 5, 2016

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioner's met at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner's present were: Michael Axt and Steve Eisenbeisz. Absent: Howard Erdmann Others present: Sandy Blanes, McClusky Gazette reporter

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and the minutes from the March 22nd meeting were corrected to read that Commissioner Eisenbeisz seconded the burn ban motion not Commissioner Erdmann and Commissioner Erdmann voted nay.

The following Statement of fees were collected and submitted to their appropriate funds:

County Recorder, fees, \$1,779.50
Sheriff, fees, \$305.60

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of March, 2016:

General - \$35,795.67 Highway Dist. - \$14,865.11
911 - \$1,511.45

An itemized listing of miscellaneous receipts are on file in the County Treasurer's office.

The March payroll warrants #65856-65891 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$ 31,617.92 Highway Dist. - \$20,563.42
Veteran Service Officer - \$441.61 County Agent - \$1,683.54
Weed Control - \$665.42 Civil Defense - \$609.33
911 - \$592.96 Veterans Van Service - \$353.50

The following bills #65900-65984 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc.,185.70; Bentz Supply Store,127.57;Walter M. Lipp,70.00; McClusky Gazette,108.00; Shirley A. Murray,75.40; WRT, 1,032.47; Co-Op Elevator,1,558.94; N.D. Association Of Counties,705.38; Tracy Stein,69.60; N.D. State Radio Communication,120.00; Dakota Fire Extinguishers,581.64; Fireside Office Products, Inc.,1.99;Office Depot,522.07; Sea Change Printing And Mkt., 946.02; Birch Communications, Inc., 150.18; BHG, Inc., 890.84;Information Technology Dept.,494.05, McLean County Sheriff's Office, 3,120.00; US Postal Service, 2,158.60; Newman Traffic Signs,1,433.25;Konschak Oil Inc.,284.80; McLean-Sheridan Rur. Water, 51.76; NAPA Auto Parts,126.37;Power Plan, 829.46;Advanced Business Methods,1,245.56; NDSU Extension Service,11,330.00; Hewlett-Packard Company, 707.00;Marshall Feland,150.00; Guardian Lock & Safety, Inc., 546.00; Mechanics Plus,319.37; Alberta Voegele,410.87;Dakota Central Social Services,23,258.34; Steve Eisenbeisz,49.30; Nicole Wardner,1,604.28; NRG,455.00;James Paulus,336.84;Comfort Inn,160.00; Gooseneck

Implement,354.35;NDTC, 29.24; SRT Communications, Inc.,17.08; HR Collaborative, 200.00; Michael Axt,62.06;Severin, Ringsak & Morrow,1,500.00;Stein's Inc.,54.10; H.A. Thompson & Sons,920.00;Wex Bank,4.00; HACTC,2,100.00; Visa,315.85; McClusky City,149.00;Holen's Super Valu,95.66; WM Of WI-MN,64.95; NDDES,20,043.73;Sheila Faul,120.80; Red's Fixit Shop LLC.,3,975.00;Lauren Vietz,100.86; Matthew Bender & Co Inc.,114.00;Verizon Wireless, 323.54; Brandon Lauer,28.48;Lynnette Fox,82.74;Ladd Erickson,40.60;MOCIC,75.00; Pharm Chem, Inc., 50.00;Topcon Positioning Systems,252.00; Deere Credit, Inc.,33,675.87;Lee Briese, 174.00

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to present his annual Sheriff incident report to review. There was 115 more service calls in 2015 from 2014. The Commissioners instructed Naser to contact Ladd Erickson, States Attorney, on the action that the Commissioners can do with land owners encroaching on the right away along farm to market roads. Courthouse security issues were discussed again with some office phones being switched around on the 3rd floor with no one knowing about it. Naser reported he is still waiting to hear back on the security assessment from the ND State and Local Intelligence Center. Naser reported that Verizon has GPS software that is available for the motorgrader's and sheriff's vehicles. Further investigation on the current contract with Topcon will be done. Naser requested purchase of a 50" TV, TV stand, and blue ray player in the amount of \$925.00 thru Best Buy for the courtroom as per requested by the Judge. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve purchasing the above equipment, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. Also Naser reported that there has been an issue with an individual bringing their service dog into the courthouse even though there is a sign on the door of the courthouse stating no pets allowed. Sandy Blanes, McClusky Gazette reporter, stated she will be doing an article on service animals to find out the criteria, etc. of becoming a service dog.

Herb Bargmann, Wold Engineering, was contacted by speakerphone to discuss the local share monies was increased to over \$100,000 for Sheridan County to come up with that was not budgeted for oil impact road projects. Bargmann will contact DOT rep, Byron Fuchs to find out what the legislative's intent really was. Bargmann will also monitor the testing of the new gravel pit for the north road project.

Joel Lundy and Dwight Niess with Joel's Masonry, Minot, met with the board to discuss the repairs on the exterior of the courthouse. Estimated repair amounts were reviewed. The Auditor was instructed to contact the State Historical Society to check out on grants and set up a meeting for them to come up and look at the exterior of the Courthouse with Joel's Masonry.

Tim Erdmann, Denhoff Twp Supervisor, and Janice Erdmann, Denhoff Twp. Clerk met with the board to request financial assistance with the road between Denhoff twp and unorganized Sperry twp. The board directed Erdmann to contact County Commissioner Howard Erdmann when he is back home being that is his unorganized road district area.

Melissa Uhlich, with Morris Lounge, met with the board to request approval for beer & liquor licenses for events at the 4-H building on May 1st & 2nd and July 9th & 10th. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the beer & liquor licenses to Morris Lounge, Drake, to engage in the retail sale of beer & liquor for off and on the premises in the 4-H building for the above

dates, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes. Motion carried.

Kathy Mindt, County Recorder and Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to request having the phone system in the courthouse to be able to record phone calls. Naser will contact WRT on costs of programming to record phone calls on the courthouse phone lines.

Jim Paulus, Veteran Service Officer, met with the board to request approving him to be a representative to support a Commemorative Partner Program for the Vietnam Veterans in honoring the Vietnam Veterans 50th year at no extra cost to the County. A pin will be awarded to the Vietnam Veterans who served between 1955 and 1975 that will be recognized at a Veterans program in the near future. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve James Paulus to represent Sheridan County for the Commemorative Partner Program for Vietnam Veterans, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

Kathy Mindt and Sylvia Schell, County Recorder's office, met with the board to discuss the issuance of same sex marriage licenses that they wish to transfer issuing marriage licenses to another dept. or individual. Mindt will investigate with Ladd Erickson, States Attorney, on the procedure to transfer issuing marriage license duties to another office or person. Service animals that were brought into the courthouse was discussed again and will further be advised by the States Attorney.

Nicole Wardner, County Extension Agent, met with the board to present her quarterly report. The producer meetings (Coffee and Commodities) have started. Pesticide training is going on also. The Sheridan Improvement Assoc. was well attended with 110. The northern lights 4-H club has been busy with learning healthy eating, keeping germs away, and building projects for Achievement Day. The Sheridan County Livestock Judging Team placed in some contests. The Sheridan Memorial Home was granted \$650 for new raised garden beds from the Junior Master Gardner Grant Program. 4-H and FFA students will help build and plant the new beds in the spring. SCIPY has many events coming up for the youth to attend as well.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the hearing for the application for abatement of 2014 and 2015 taxes for Michael Richter on a residential structure located on the N2NE4, NE4NW4 25-148-75 was held. Richter was present and stated the structure is no longer there any more. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve removing the residential structure true and full value in the amount of \$69,198 being it is no longer there, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:30 p.m., Doug Straus, G & R Controls and Bradley Mann and Alex Weigel, H.A. Thompson & Sons met with the board to discuss the air conditioning and heating system within the Courthouse. Mann stated H.A. Thompson can service the mechanical side of the air conditioning. Straus reported G&R Controls will service the controlling/programming side of the air conditioning system. Discussion of merging the heating system and air conditioning system together was discussed in length. Doug Straus will get an estimate of connecting the air conditioning and heating system together and a control thermostat unit to run

both the electrical and fuel oil boilers and return estimates back to the board at next month's meeting.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss road issues, replacing encroachment signs and ordering culverts for the new season. It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to charge landowners \$200.00 for the road crew to replace and re-install encroaching right of way road signs, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported a state contract with John Deere thru Gooseneck Implement, Velva, will be offering again to the County to lease a tractor in two separate payments of \$1,575.00 payable directly to John Deere for up to 250 hrs. to be used by the County for the mowing season July 1st, 2016 to Dec 31st, 2016. The board agreed to lease the JD mower tractor again from John Deere for the 2016 year.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the gaming site authorization to the Union Grill and Bar, McClusky, effective July 1st, 2016 thru June 30, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to authorize the County Park Chairman to sign the contract with ND Game & Fish Dept. when it arrives to cost share a new boat landing dock to be placed at Hoffer's Lake main camping area, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported from the NDACo that the state highway funds distributed to the counties will be reduced by 17% and the state aid fund for the counties will be reduced by 21% due to a revenue shortfall in oil tax projections.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Commissioners Meeting April 11, 2016

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met in special session at 3:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Steve Eisenbeisz, Michael Axt, and Howard Erdmann.

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order. Eisenbeisz stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss crushing gravel at certain sites in the County, seal cracks on paved farm to market roads in the County, approve joint election powers agreement with city and schools in the County, consider County Treasurer attending property tax classes, act on repairs of heat register in the Courtroom, consider graveling agreement with ND Game & Fish Dept., and discuss courthouse property being damaged in the community room.

Discussion on sealing cracks on the paved farm to market roads in the County was held at this time. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to hire Ron Selinsky to seal cracks on the last couple of miles of pavement north of McClusky and the pavement north of Goodrich, south of Martin will be on schedule for next year to be done again, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

Eisenbeisz reported he drove around with Susag Sand & Gravel, Harvey, looking at possible gravel pits to be crushed and contacted landowners in New Germantown Twp. – Andrew Faul property; Harris Twp. - Tom Abrahamson property; Whittaker/Johns Lake – Dallas Pfennig property; Mt. City Twp.- Kim Saueressig property. Susag Sand & Gravel will test gravel spots and send an agreement with the stated price for crushing gravel by the May Commission meeting.

Contractors Leasing, Fargo, was contacted by speakerphone to request permission to crush 12,000 ton of gravel on their property NE4 33-146-74. A gravel royalty agreement will be sent out to Contractors Leasing to sign at \$1.00 per yd. Contractors Leasing stated to leave screenings/rock on a separate pile. Contractors Leasing entertained selling the property if the County is interested. No action was taken at this time.

Lynnette Fox, County Treasurer, met with the board to request attending property tax class for the week of May 9th thru 13th in Bismarck that she would pay on her own if need be in order to help her answer more property tax questions from the public in her office. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve Fox to attend the fundamentals of property tax class with the State Tax Commissioners office and to submit the bill of the class after attending to be considered for reimbursement, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

Commissioner Eisenbeisz reported that A&G Trucking, McClusky, estimated costs of applying and hauling material between sections 26 and 35 145-77 (Johns Lake) as requested by ND Game and Fish Dept. would be \$15,260. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve that the Chairman sign the ND Game & Fish agreement providing a grant to Sheridan County for the section line material expense and hauling in the amount of \$15,260 for between Sections 26 & 35 145-77, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

Nicole Wardner and Annie Fylling, County Agent Office, met with the board to discuss the damaged tables in the community room of the courthouse. No action was done.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the Joint Powers Election Agreement with the cities of McClusky, Goodrich, and Martin and also McClusky and Goodrich Schools to coordinate their general election with the County's primary election for 2016 year, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

Matt, with H.A. Thompson & Sons was contacted by speakerphone to discuss replacing a new heat radiator in the courtroom being it is cracked at an estimate of \$6,000.00 or \$2,200.00 to move another heat radiator from the air conditioning mechanical room that is not being used. Commissioner Axt suggested capping off the cracked heat radiator for now to see if enough heat is provided by the other heat radiators in the courtroom. Commissioner Axt requested H.A. Thompson & Sons to provide an estimate on a new hot water heat system for the Courthouse for future budgeting info.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman