

County Commission Meeting August 1, 2017

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. County Commissioners present were Steve Eisenbeisz, Howard Erdmann, and Michael Axt.

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meetings were sent in the mail and approved as sent.

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

County Recorder, fees, \$1,241.00  
Sheriff, fees, \$208.80

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of July, 2017:

General - \$61,778.93	Unorganized Rd. Districts - \$23,414.31
Secondary Road - \$225.00	Highway Dist. - \$20,494.38
Weed Control - \$5,974.56	Civil Defense - \$1,093.35
911 - \$1,502.25	

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

The July payroll warrants #67881-67916 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$33,608.51	Highway Dist. - \$18,002.08
Veteran Service Officer - \$454.86	County Agent fund- \$154.50
Weed Control - \$5,526.30	Civil Defense - \$625.00
911 - \$600.00	Veterans Van - \$1,491.00

The following bills #67815-67879 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc.,56.64;Bentz Supply Store,271.57;Howard Erdmann,93.38;WRT, 795.18;Dakota Fire Extinguishers, 202.17; Janice D. Erdmann,409.96; Office Depot,311.52; Birch Communications, Inc.,112.30;BHG, Inc.,979.70;Information Technology Dept.,556.95; McLean County Sheriff's Office,55.00; Newman Traffic Signs,1,613.85;Marco, Inc.,140.00; Mercer Machine,110.00;Advanced Business Methods,768.61; NDSU,68.00;G&R Controls, Inc., 300.00;Atco International, 98.00; Mechanics Plus,43.60; Dakota Central Social Services, 17,831.32;Sheridan Co. 4-H Council,500.00; Steve Eisenbeisz,74.12;Nicole Wardner, 338.72; Verizon,55.82; NRG,3,080.01;David Berquist Septic Tank Ser.,360.00; James Paulus,154.56; NDTC,10.34; SRT Communications, Inc.,17.08;Ottetail,648.36;Statewide Services,15.00; A&G Trucking,2,860.00;Michael Axt,97.44; Stein's Inc.,35.82; VEC,793.00;Wex Bank, 4.00;Menards,74.89;HACTC, 2,278.50;Visa, 955.57; Expressway Suites – Fargo,78.95; Holen's Super Valu, 25.96;Turtle Lake Rexall Drug,27.99;WM Of WI-MN,735.09;Verizon Wireless,407.46;Ladd Erickson,84.68;Quality Electric, LLC., 1,835.00; Ecolab Pest,94.64; Hertz Funeral Home,780.00;McLean Co. Auditor,4.14 ;D & E Supply,34.13;Nationwide Payment Solutions,85.00; WRT, 488.48;Kotaco Fuel & Propane,4,819.05; Purchase Power, 95.22;Avon Enterprises, Inc.,370.00;

Sheriff, Trent Naser, Deputies Hoffman and Lisic, met with the board upon the board's request to review the 2018 Sheriff's dept. county budget request. After serious consideration and reviewing neighboring county salaries and benefits, it was moved by Commissioner Axt to adjust and raise the Sheriff and his Deputies annual salaries \$10,000.00 each effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The time being 10:30 a.m. the tax abatement hearing for Stephen Galik for property located on Lot "A" within SE4NE4 32-148-75 was held. Stephen Galik was present and stated his grievances that the taxes were too high from the year before. Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, reported the residential structure on the property was omitted prior to 2016 tax roll being Galik is not a farmer and assessor placed the residential structure on the tax roll for 2016. Wahl also reported that Galik may possibly be eligible for Veteran's Credit. Galik rejected to apply for Veteran's credit. It was moved by Commissioner Axt that on the basis of Galik allowing the assessor to get measurements of the residential structures in order to have more accurate value, otherwise; Galik has the Veteran Service credit option to pay his taxes and that no abatement is granted, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The time being 11:00 a.m. the County Park meeting was held. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Rod Loken, Velva Gooseneck Imp. representative, was contacted by speakerphone to report on the County lease rental program with JD mower tractors. John Deere leased out 27 tractors to DOT so no more tractors were available for this year's county program. Loken stated the two other options that can be done. First option is a 5 yr. lease for a 2016 tractor at \$14,800.00 annually with option to own or 2<sup>nd</sup> option is to rent a used JD tractor at \$100.00 per hr. for a minimum of 100 hrs. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve leasing a JD tractor at \$100.00 per hr. at a minimum of 100 hrs. for just this year, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdman – yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The county budget requests were reviewed at this time.

Steve Reiser, Dakota Central Human Services Director met with the board to review that the state legislature approved to cover the human service costs for a two year trial period. The County is still responsible for burials and to budget in General Fund for those expenses. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the Dakota Central budget for 2017 at zero mills due to the last legislative session of the State taking on the Human Service costs, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes. Motion carried.

Jerry Reiswig, Sheridan County Historical Society, met with the board to request more dollars for the Sheridan County Historical Society. The Auditor reported the Historical Society levy limitation is .25 mills which is what the current levy is that will generate around \$3,500.00 based upon the county valuation for this year. The board suggested talking to the state legislators to get maximum levy limitation changed and increased for historical societies or search for some grants.

The Water Resource Board and Historical Society Board 2016 annual reports were reviewed. The Historical Society report was approved and filed in the Auditors office. The Water Resource Board report was not complete and will be considered again at the next meeting.

Nicole Wardner, County Agent, met with the board to introduce Elisha Dockter as the new office clerk. Wardner reported she is working on programs to hold this fall like alternate feed for drought years, soil meetings and Annie's project.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, met with the board to review a web page site, Wikes, that is more user and administrator friendly and could be used for the new County website when the current website is up for renewal. Further investigation will be done.

The time being 3:30 Mike Rivinus, Wold Engineering, and Ryan Minnerath, Central Specialties, Inc. met with the board for a pre-job conference on the north McClusky road project. Minnerath stated the road construction will start around September 5<sup>th</sup> on the south end of the project. Minnerath will be the project manager for the project. Other subcontractors working on the north McClusky road project will be Industrial Builders-reclaiming, Golade landscaping-seeding, 3D Specialities – traffic control, J&J Striping-striping, Aggregate Construction –material supplier, Michael Axt-borrow material, and Holen Pit-Mix and Aggregate. Axt requested the approach north of Arlington Helm's yard be moved further north of the tree row so it can be better utilized to go into the field rather than the trees.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to report he will be ordering cutting edges for the motor graders. Gross inquired about the mowing tractor has not arrived yet. The Board informed Gross DOT leased all the JD tractors out so the County will rent a tractor for this fall mowing from Velva Gooseneck Imp. Erdmann will inquire to get an estimate from Tim Frantz, Goodrich, on installing a new garage door at the McClusky county shop.

The remaining county dept. budget requests were considered and set as filed in the Auditor's office. The preliminary budget will be finalized on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

County Auditor Murray presented an assessment charge of \$1,576.00 from Sandman Structural Engineers, Moorhead, MN, to come to McClusky and give an estimate on repairing exterior walls of the courthouse. No action was done.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve that Steve Eisenbeisz will continue to be the voting delegate representing Sheridan County at the NDACo convention in October, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The meeting recessed until August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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Auditor

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Chairman

County Commission Meeting August 14, 2017

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. as per recess stated. Commissioners present were Steve Eisenbeisz, Michael Axt, and Howard Erdmann.

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order.

The Auditor presented two scenarios of the Preliminary County Budget. Scenario 1 County Budget would request to levy \$731,087.31 for all county funds that would be a 15.13% increase in dollars from last year. Scenario 2 County Budget would request to levy \$579,823.42 for all county funds that would be a zero percent increase in dollars from last year. Under serious consideration, it was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the scenario 1 County Budget in order to keep up with the County operating costs, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The 2018 Preliminary County Budget is ready for publication with a 15.13% increase and the County Budget hearing was set for Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner Room of the Courthouse.

Re-installing a culvert at a spot south of Martin farm to market road and to re-pack it being it is hollow on one side of the road will be done reported Eisenbeisz. Eisenbeisz also reported that Myron Dieterle requested widening an approach along the farm to market road west of the Rosenfield church. The Board approved the request with Dieterle placing the extra material in approach on his own and the County will provide culvert extensions to be added on to current culvert.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman

County Park Commission Meeting  
August 1, 2017

The Board of County Park Commissioners met at 11:00 a.m. Park Commissioners present were Arlington Helm, Marlin P. Engen, Michael Axt, Howard Erdmann, and Steve Eisenbeisz

Chairman Helm called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The Auditor presented the County Park budget for the 2018 year. The County Park line item budget was set at \$20,000 for operating in the 2018 year. Duane DeKrey, Garrison Diversion rep, was contacted by speakerphone to discuss the low water issues at Hoffers Lake. DeKrey will follow up with a Garrison Diversion Engineer and get back to the County Park Board.

The Auditor reported on acquiring a fire index sign for Hoffers Lake Recreation Area. An estimate of a 72"x 48" fire index sign w/arrow thru Rough Rider Industries, Bismarck, would cost \$398.50. The ND Forest Service has a grant for local fire depts. to apply for a grant and receive 50% cost share on fire index signs. Park Commissioner Axt will discuss the grant application with the McClusky Fire Dept. and that the County would pay for the cost share amount.

The following bills were approved and paid:

David Berquist Septic, \$360.00; VEC, \$710.00; Waste Management of WI-MN, \$668.84; Ecolab, \$94.64; McLean-Sheridan Rural Water, \$124.32; Bentz Supply Store, \$14.99; Mercer Machine, \$110.00; Menards, \$62.91; Visa, \$46.95

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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Chairman