

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Shirley J. Jorgensen, Eldon Ehrman, and Howard Erdmann.

Chairperson Jorgensen called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following Statements of Fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for March 2004:

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,212.25
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$785.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$100.00

The total Miscellaneous Receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of March 2004:

General Fund - \$4,333.18	Human Services - \$11,194.40
County Road - \$15,763.75	Highway Dist. - \$9,356.58
SS & OASIS - \$531.53	County Extension - \$225.00
Weed Control - \$842.84	911 - \$995.00
Wireless 911 - \$467.40	Senior Citizens - \$3,128.14

An itemized listing of Miscellaneous Receipts is on file at the County Treasurer's Office for review.

The March payroll warrants #25246-25291 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund - \$21,208.59	Service Officer - \$241.66
County Agent Fund - \$1,284.33	Civil Defense - \$387.50
911 - \$387.50	Highway Dist - \$12,019.13
Human Services - \$9,035.20	County Park - \$60.00
Weed Control - \$750.00	

The following bills #25318-25401 were approved for April and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv, 28.65; Walter M. Lipp, 102.84; McClusky Pharmacy, 15.19; Shirley A. Murray, 80.60; Howard Erdmann, 122.45; West River Telecommunications, 658.43; Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender Co., 255.60; Waste Management Of ND, 33.54; Eldon Ehrman, 90.52; Dakota Fire Extinguishers, 218.90; LTM Business Concepts, 1.18; Burnie's, 23.35; Office Depot, 284.98; Cenex Ampride Credit Card, 480.41; Birch Telecom, 134.41; BHG, Inc., 355.95; Richard Bauer, 12.05; Information Technology Dept., 375.00; Cellular One, 215.40; Volute Enterprises Inc, 165.00; McLean County Sheriff's Office, 1,776.00; Burleigh County, 840.00; Shirley J Jorgensen, 134.23; Institute Of Local Gov't, 473.00; Kyocera Mita America Inc, 48.86; Bismarck Tire Center, 13.90; D&J Oil, Inc., 755.30; Lawson Products, 279.39; Rough Rider Industries, 70.32; Porter Bros., 499.40; Menard's, 1,145.05; Butler Machinery Co., 72.02; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water, 57.36; California Contractors Supply, 139.90; NAPA Auto Parts, 509.65; Bentz Supply Store, 141.80; Power Plan, 451.71; Mandan Supply & Equipment Inc, 10.22; Farmers

Union Oil Co, 630.36; Kent Alderin, 220.20; Diane Fyelling, 243.90; NDSU Ag Communications, 35.00; The Herald Press, 30.00; BHG, Inc, 36.00; NDTC, 20.07; SRT Communications, Inc, 12.88; West River Telecommunications, 249.24; ND State Radio Communications, 1,027.20; NDACO, 276.45; Abused Adult Resource Center, 100.00; Adamson Industries Corp, 199.90; Best West Fargo Doublewood Inn, 91.00; Capital Trophy Inc, 56.25; Chase Drug, 139.38; Community Memorial Hospital, 488.06; Face-Truth & Clarity On Alcohol, 163.81; Girls Scouts Of Sakakawea Coun, 350.00; Heart & Lung Clinic, 59.00; Arvin Helm, 15.00; Heringer Lumber, 33.27; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, 873.25; Marshall & Swift, 313.95; McLean Family Medical Center, 542.80; Medcenter One Inc Q&R, 391.50; Medcenter One Pharmacy, 98.50; Mercer County Sheriff's Dept, 50.00; Kathleen C Mindt, 60.76; ND Co Treasures Assoc, 60.00; North Country Trucks & Parts, 22.96; Northland CHC, 112.00; Public Safety Center Inc, 83.82; Radio Shack Corp, 55.63; Alberta Strobel, 476.81; Doris Fischer, 72.00; Evan Laib, 92.70; Jeremy Tkach, 92.70; Eden Melom, 77.25; Brandon Mortenson, 77.25; United Digital Printing, 51.40

Weldon Wagner, landowner, met with the board to discuss road issues in his area for better access to land and for other area farmers to access their land also. The Road Foreman will be instructed to contact Holen Construction to receive estimates on road work on above mentioned site and a few other sites in the County.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, met with the board to report that fiscal year 2003 Homeland Security Grant monies have been awarded to the local emergency entities in Sheridan County for the fire districts, ambulance districts, and Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$25,000.00. The fiscal year 2004 Homeland Security Grant monies are available now for the local emergency entities in Sheridan County in total amount of \$73,000.00. Emergency planning meetings have been held and more upcoming meetings will be held. Weather response meetings will also be held. Concerns of rural fire depts. in the northern part of the County have not responded to grant monies. A suggestion of applying for security enhancements for the Courthouse, McClusky and Goodrich City Halls was discussed. Also applying for a fence around the anhydrous plant at the junction Hwy 200 was suggested. The initial deadline for applying for 2004 Homeland Security Grant Monies is April 30, 2004 and final deadline is June 1st, 2004.

Edward Baker, Road Foreman, met with the board to report on hours on the motorgraders from March 2003 to March 2004.

Jake Dockter, landowner, met with the board to request graveling to be done on some certain spots near his residence. Further investigation will be done by the County Commissioners and the Road Foreman.

The time being 11:00 a.m. the County Commission Meeting recessed for the County Park Board meeting. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Tom Hanson, NDSU District Extension Director, met with the board to discuss the vacant County Agent Position. A suggestion of sharing a County Agent with another County or just have a part time position available was discussed. Another suggestion was to have a part time County Agent and a part time Weed Control Officer in order to make a full time position. This will be discussed further with the Weed Board.

At this time the Weed Board members, Jerone Sauter, Donald

Hausauer, Marilyn Schneider, Myron Dieterle, and James Haux, met with the board and Tom Hanson to discuss weed control personnel issues. Tom Hanson explained some of the counties in the state have a County Agent who also is the Weed Control Officer/Secretary to make it a full time position, however; the County Agent can not serve as a regulatory or enforcement role as Weed Officer or can not apply the spraying unless it would be on a personal day off, which is not favored. Dieterle reviewed the history of the weed spraying in the past and laborers that was needed. The Weed Board requested if there was a need to hire more laborers, then would the County Commissioners approve the mill levy to be increased to 4.00 mills. No action was taken at this time. The Weed Board decided to further advertise for weed control officers. Dieterle reported on some leafy spurge spots that will be aerial sprayed due to area is hard to reach any other way and variations of toadflax are present in the County and will be taken care of as soon as possible.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the hearing on the Farm to Market Road Priority List was held. No one appeared. A proposed schedule consisting of 5 miles south of McClusky and North of Goodrich 4 miles then the remaining 5 miles to be upgraded and graveled which will be sent to the ND Dept. of Transportation for approval.

The time being 2:30 p.m. the application for abatement and settlement of taxes filed by Lois Helmer, etal, was held. Lois Helmer stated the property is under water (inundated) and property valuation needs to be lowered. Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, recommended the true & full valuation be lowered from 27,070 to 18,470. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the abatement as recommended by the Tax Director, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Edward Baker, Road Foreman, met with the board again to report two tires will be ordered for the pay loader. Estimate from Good Year was \$3,000.00 for both tires.

Kirsten Engel, Chairman, McClusky Centennial, met with the board to discuss ordering paper supplies through the Courthouse supplier. Further investigation will be done if can be allowed.

Denise Melom, Risk Manager, met with the board to report on Workmens Comp. Issues.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to amend the Personnel Policy that County owned vehicles are to be used for business purposes only and if an employee is found using County owned vehicle for other than County Business, disciplinary action including discharge may result and to also add pre-employment drug and alcohol testing will be provided for new employees that will drive County owned vehicles, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Tom Hanson, NDSU Extension Director, met with the board again to discuss the vacant County Agent position. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to instruct Hanson to advertise for a full time County Agent position being the Weed Control Board will still be advertising for weed control officers on their own, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. Hanson stated that special interest grants will be further investigated to possibly help supplement the County Agent Fund.

Reinold Zinke, met with the board upon the board's request. Discussion of road issues was held at this time. At this time Loretta Zinke was present to question road issue concerns. Reinold Zinke presented a letter of resignation to the Board effective immediately. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to accept Reinold Zinke's resignation effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The County Auditor reported to the board that their office approved and issued a raffle permit to the Sand Lake Trail Riders for a raffle to be held at the Lonetree Water Management Area on September 18, 2004.

The County Auditor also reported to the board that their office approved and issued a building permit to Michael Miller c/o Earleen Miller for moving a 24' x 38 ' two story home on a tract in SE4SE4 5-146-74.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to authorize the Chairman and the County Auditor to sign the County Federal Aid Contract Bond for upcoming Federal Aid Road projects, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the Employer Participation Agreement in the Pretax Service Credit Purchase Program through the NDPERS Retirement Plan, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman -yes, Erdmann -yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Trent Naser, Deputy Sheriff, met with the board to discuss radar units that are needed. Some used radars are available at Grand Forks County for \$400.00 - \$600.00. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve purchase of used radar units from Grand Forks County, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairperson