

County Commission Meeting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

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

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

The following Statements of Fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for March, 2008:

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,280.00  
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$596.00  
Sheriff, Fees, \$487.00

The total miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of March, 2008:

General - \$7,194.65	County Road - \$14,900.00
Highway Dist. - \$12,835.51	County Park - \$101.10
SS & OASIS - \$300.33	County Ext. - \$60.00
Weed Control - \$1,357.67	911 - \$831.25
Wireless 911 - \$1,112.96	

An itemized listing of miscellaneous receipts is on file at the County Treasurer's Office.

The March payroll warrants #32712-32743 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$19,709.88	Service Officer - \$241.66
County Agent - \$789.07	911 - \$412.50
Wireless 911 - \$400.00	Highway Dist. - \$11,622.49
County Park - \$30.00	Human Services - \$3,444.38

The following bills #32774-32834 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,43.05; Walter M. Lipp,101.38;McClusky Gazette, 144.00; McClusky Rexall,7.60; Shirley A. Murray,85.50;Howard Erdmann,144.90; N.D. Assoc. Of Counties,445.18;Gall's Inc.,477.31; South Central Crime Conference,15.00;Tracy Laib,27.00; Eldon Ehrman,55.35; Butler Machinery Company,200.00;Dakota Fire Extinguishers, 196.65; Herb Neuharth Plumbing,66.37;Fireside Office Plus,1.35;Office Depot,145.73; Cenex Credit Card,86.16;Birch Telecom,84.98; BHG, Inc.,700.26;Information Technology Dept., 417.40; Shirley J Jorgensen,24.30;D&J Oil, Inc.,3,691.62;Abused Adult Resource Center, 135.00; Lawson Products,164.60;Lelm Implement,Inc.,6,600.00;McLean-Sheridan Rur Water, 42.96; NDSU-Gail Hokenson,55.00;Gerda Ameristeel Corp., 65.96;Alltel,197.26; Crystal Schaunaman,158.40;Post Board,45.00;Mechanics Plus,163.45;NCCRC,25.00; First District Health Unit,5,651.50; ND Surplus Property,14.00; Tesoro Fleet Services,91.34;Marshall & Swift,444.20;Bismarck Truck & Farm,2,250.00;Texkem Inc.,146.87;Northern States Supply, Inc.; 23.06; Donna's Patchwork Cottage,45.00;Wayne Houston,399.80;NDTC,18.20; SRT Communications, Inc.,12.88;Menards, 203.46;Pat Faul, 25.00;Ray O'Heren Co. Inc.,13.03; Alberta Strobel,128.00;Tyler Post,70.20;Debra Mortenson,64.00;Jerica Jesz,46.80;Brittany Pfennig,81.90; Laura Logsdon,80.00;Statewide,9.00;Steele Salvage Co.,125.00;Bismarck Tribune,170.50

Jim Murray, landowner, met with the board to request approval to bore across the Farm to Market Road south of McClusky to connect to the McLean-Sheridan Rural water line from the NE4 23-146-77 to NW4 Section 24-146-77. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve a road crossing permit to Jim Murray and an easement to McLean-Sheridan Rural Water Board to cross over the County right of way and County road from NE4 23-146-77 to the NW4 24-146-77 in order to connect to the McLean-Sheridan Rural Water line, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman –yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to introduce the new part time deputy Sheriff, Steven Powell from Goodrich, N.D.

Walter M. Lipp, States Attorney, met with the board upon the board's request to inquire about the procedures with the Knodel burglary case in returning the property/equipment back to the rightful owners.

The time being 11:00 a.m. the County Park Board meeting was held. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Jim Paulus, Veteran Service Officer, met with the board to report that he received a grant for medical services provided to a Veteran in the County and that a Veteran Service Officer Convention is coming up the end of April in Bismarck. Paulus requested to install DSL in his home for internet services to be able to access Veteran Service Officer forms better. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve that Paulus connect to DSL payable through the Veteran Service Office budget up to \$25.00 per mth that will be reimbursed to Paulus after the new budget year starts in January 2009, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to appoint Mary Neff as Election Inspector for the one open polling place in Sheridan County at the McClusky Community Center for the June 10,2008 Primary Election, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried

The time being 1:30 p.m. landowners, Bryon Zingg, Weldon Wagner, and Wesley Helm met with the board to discuss road issues in the County. Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, and Butch Kanschak, Blademan, also met with the board. Zingg inquired about how many rounds of blading does each twp receive for the maintenance charges that are billed out. Commissioners responded that it depends on the weather conditions throughout the year. Helm suggested that the Commissioners talk to the Bureau of Reclamation to replenish gravel on Johns Lake twp roads. Wagner stated the motorgrader operators should angle their blade to blade the shoulders out further in the Spring to form a crown in the middle of the road and then there would be less weed problems for later on also. The Commissioners stated that the ground is too dry for now, so blading the roads will not help the washboards,etc. issues.

Alvin Gross, Road foreman, reported that the County pickup rear-end is howling and will be investigated further.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the application for abatement of taxes filed by the McClusky Rural Ambulance District for on lots 3-4-5 & 6, Block 10, Original, McClusky City was held. No one appeared. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve that lots 3-4-5-6, Block 10, Original, McClusky City be exempt due to the Rural Ambulance District is a political entity and qualifies for tax exemption, seconded By Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:30 p.m. the bid letting on the County land lease sites was held. One bid was received from Jason Isaak, Harvey, in the amount \$400.00 for part of the N2NW4 14-150-75 for approximately 27 acres. No bids were received on the SE4 12-146-76. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the bid of \$400.00 from Jason Isaak for part of the N2NW4 14-150-75 with the 1<sup>st</sup> option to purchase the property and to advertise for sale part of the SE4 12-146-76 approximately 100 acres with bids to be opened May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. , seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Wayne Houston met with the board to present the memorandum of understanding for emergency assistance with Wells and Sheridan Counties for their approval. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the Memorandum of understanding for emergency assistance with Wells County, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Houston also reported on his 911 and Emergency Manager meetings he attended in Dickinson and Bismarck.

Randy Hoovestol, with RDO Equipment, met with the board to introduce himself and let the board know what is available for heavy equipment.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to discuss the Knodel burglary case further. Naser discussed the hours and suggested salary of the part-time deputy position. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to hire Steven Powell, Goodrich, as a part-time Deputy Sheriff in the amount of \$1,000.00 per mth for 20 hrs per week effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Powell will also be attending the Police Academy in Bismarck for 11 weeks in September. Naser reported on a new cell phone that he had on a trial basis with Alltel and service was not good between McClusky and Pickardville. Verizon service was better throughout the County so far.

Joyce Dockter, County Recorder, met with the board to report there has been a lot of traffic in her office with title and mineral searches and she is requesting for large floor mats to be placed in her office. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve that Dockter order large floor mats to protect the floor in her office, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The October-March 2008 Narrative from the Extension and Family Nutrition Programs was read and approved.

The Auditor reported that Johnson's Electric has ordered the electric boiler for the Courthouse and it should arrive the end of May or early June for them to install.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to authorize the Chairman to sign a contractor services agreement with Martin Twp for the County to maintain their roads, etc, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman

County Commission Meeting April 17, 2008

The Board of County Commissioners met at 10:00 as per special notice. Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Eldon Ehrman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order and announced the purpose of the special meeting is to address the request from the ND State Land Dept for an appraisal on land situated in Edgemont Twp., consider posting more speed limit signs, consider gaming site authorization, and to adopt a Fire Emergency Declaration for Sheridan County.

At this time ordering more 40 – 35 mph speed limit signs was discussed. The 40 – 35 mph speed limit signs will be installed in unorganized road districts where the County Commissioners see the need to slow traffic down so twp and County roads do not break up and the Sheriff’s office will be contacted to enforce the speed limit signs more often.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to adopt the following Fire Emergency Declaration, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes The Fire Emergency Declaration for Sheridan County was declared adopted.

FIRE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, Sheridan County, North Dakota is under abnormally dry conditions; and, WHEREAS, Sheridan County has either sustained or been threatened with rural fires as of this date; and,

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and, WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in Sheridan County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available Sheridan County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners declares a FIRE EMERGENCY for Sheridan County, North Dakota until further notice; and BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners declares a BURN BAN for Sheridan County, North Dakota until further notice.

Any individual who willfully violates this burn ban is guilty of an infraction which will result in a \$500 fine. A second offense may be charged as a Class B misdemeanor with thirty (30) days in jail and \$1,000 fine per incident as well as the cost for fire suppression.

Dated at Sheridan County, North Dakota this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

Attest:

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Auditor

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Howard Erdmann, Chairman

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Eldon Ehrman

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Shirley J. Jorgensen

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the gaming site authorization to the McClusky Merchants to conduct games of chance at the Union Grill & Bar, McClusky, from 07-01-08 thru 06-30-09, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to review sales comparisons for setting an appraisal price per acre for school trust land with the ND State Land Dept. in SW4 of section 25 of Edgemont Twp in order for Edgemont Twp to acquire road right of way according to the application that was filed with the NDDOT. Further investigation will be gathered and appraisal will be finalized at the May regular Commission meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

County Commission Meeting April 24, 2008

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in special session. Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Eldon Ehrman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen.

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order. Erdmann stated the purpose of the special meeting was to consider the appraisal price per acre on the SW4 25-145-78.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to present the appraisal of State Land for obtaining road right of way. Wahl stated the State Land Dept. has requested to have the appraisal sent in as soon as possible on the above described property being she has completed the appraisal comparables. The procedures obtaining road right of way from the State Land Dept with Edgemont Twp board was discussed further.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the appraisal as presented and authorize the Chairman, County Auditor, and Supt. of Schools to sign and submit appraisal to the State Land Dept., seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – yes, Jorgensen, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

County Park Commission Meeting April 1, 2008

The Board of County Park Commissioners met at 11:00 a.m. Park Commissioners present were Arlington Helm, Shirley J. Jorgensen, Howard Erdmann, and Eldon Ehrman. Absent: Marlin P. Engen Others present were, Fritz Hirschhorn, Park Volunteer

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

The Auditor reported that the grants were sent off to Garrison Diversion to help cost share the remaining costs of the outdoor vault toilet and other supplies that are needed in the 4-H building. The County Agent also sent off a grant to Garrison Diversion to request funding for adding on to the current 4-H building. It was moved by Park Commissioner Jorgensen to send a letter of support to the Garrison Diversion Cons. District in adding on 40' x 40' to the current 4-H building, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote- Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Helm – yes Motion carried.

The First District Health Unit approved the campground license for the Hoffer Lake Recreation Area for 2008.

Helm stated he will be turning the water on for the campground area and installing the fishing pier in the water after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Helm requested another Park Board member to assist in finalizing the location of the new outdoor vault toilet at the West Point. Park Commissioner Erdmann and Fritz Hirschhorn volunteered to assist Chairman Helm in placing the new outdoor vault toilet at the West Point.

The following bills were approved:

Lawson Products,\$39.53; Menards,\$167.06

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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Chairman