

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AUGUST 7, 2001

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 A.M. Commissioners present were Gordon O. Felchle, Eldon Erhman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen.

Chairman Felchle called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

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

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,078.50
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$530.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$126.20

The total Miscellaneous Receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of July, 2001:

General Fund - \$ 45,707.12	Social Services - \$ 3,570.21
Unorganized Rd. Districts - \$ 18,491.30	Secondary Road - \$926.21
County Road - \$ 1,051.99	Highway Dist. - \$11,410.20
County Park - \$343.16	S.S. & OASIS - \$1,246.37
County Agent - \$1,115.00	Weed Control - \$615.33
Civil Defense - \$757.20	911 - \$984.20

Itemized listing of Miscellaneous Receipts are on file at the County Treasurer's Office for review.

The July Payroll Warrants #19618-19660 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund - \$ 16,576.76	Service Officer - \$216.66
County Agent Fund - \$1,134.31	Civil Defense - \$350.00
911 - \$350.00	County Correction - \$260.00
Secondary Road - \$1,044.00	Highway Dist. - \$11,119.13
County Park - \$317.50	Weed Control - \$1,815.75
Social Services - \$7,277.03	

Warrants #19655-19763 were approved and paid out from the following funds for the month of August, 2001:

General Fund - \$21,475.21	Social Services - \$8,833.47
Human Services - \$646.52	Unorganized Road Districts - \$ 3,786.45
Secondary Road - \$39,997.85	County Road - \$4,279.64
Highway Dist. - \$11,159.64	County Park Dist. - \$832.68
Veteran Service Officer - \$238.67	Advertising Fund - \$318.48
Health District - \$5,571.75	County Agent Fund - \$1,725.01
Weed Control Fund - \$2,307.68	Civil Defense Fund - \$421.40
911 - \$630.54	County Corrections - \$96.58

The following transfer of funds were approved for the month of August, 2001:

\$30,000.00, Human Services to Social Services, For partial reimbursement
\$1,936.95, Hellman Rd. Dist. to County Road, installing culvert

Commissioner Ehrman reported that Dave Rice, Emergency Management, contacted him and stated that an environmental study does not need to be performed on the 3 mile Haux road project being it is an established trail already. Ehrman also reported that Donald Hoepfer did remove the requested materials from the landfill site as required on July 31st.

At this time members the Sheridan County Water Board, Alvin Herr, Arlo Dockter, and Elmer Knodel, Sheridan and Wells County landowners Jeff Schmeets & Kenny Scheels, Darren Olin, Soil Conservation Technician, and Walter M. Lipp, States Attorney met with the board about Martin Twp water issues. Kenny Scheels was concerned about the water that keeps coming and he is not sure where from. A hydrologist study may be performed around the Wolf Lake area in order to resolve water drainage issues. Olin reported that water flow easements should be acquired from landowners downs stream. Walter Lipp, stated that the twp law rides over the water commission laws. If the landowner feels not satisfied then they could sue the township. If the culvert is closed by a gate, the County Water Board can direct Martin Two to open culvert. New Germantown Twp drainage issues were discussed also at this time. A meeting with Reuben Miiller will be held on August 8, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Kasey Erickson, RDO Equipment, and Edward Baker, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss purchase of a JD Motorgrader. A 1998 & 1997 models may be available. Kasey will investigate further on prices.

Ralph Volson met with the board to discuss the water drainage issue at the Reuben Miller residence.

Bob Kordonowy, Butler Machinery, met with the board to review a lease on a new 143H Caterpillar for \$20,300.00 per for 5 years with 5.50%. No action was taken at this time.

At this time the City Auditor of McClusky contacted the County to request more black dirt be placed on the County lot where the old Moore Hotel was. Contacts will be made to have this done after garage foundation is removed.

The Auditor reported a building permit was issued to NDDOT for construction of a 20'x 30' pole building located at Part of the NW1/4 of section 11-146-77.

The Veteran Service Officer report for the months of May & June were read and reviewed.

At this time Doris Bertsch was interviewed for the Courthouse Janitor position. No action was taken at this time.

The meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. August 8,2001.

Auditor

Chairman

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AUGUST 8, 2001

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 as per recess stated. Commissioners present were Gordon O. Felchle, Eldon Ehrman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen.

Chairman Felchle called the meeting to order.

The Auditor presented estimates on Gateway 2000 and Dell Computers. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve purchase of (2) Dell Pentium III Computers in the amount of \$2,730.00 that includes 128 RAM, 20 GB Hard drive, CD ROM, and 17" monitors for the Auditor's office., seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Felchle – Yes, Ehrman – Yes, Jorgensen – Yes. All voting "Yes" the motion carried. One of the old Auditors office computers will be moved to the County Agent's Office and the other computer will be moved to the County Commissioners Room for the County Auditor's use during Commission meetings.

Kent Alderin, County Agent, met with the board to report on the Weed tour in the County.

At this time the County department budget requests for the year 2002 were reviewed and considered. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve \$50.00 per mth increase to full time employees and \$25.00 per mth increase to part time employees effective 01-01-02, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Felchle – Yes, Ehrman – Yes, Jorgensen, - Yes. All voting "Yes" the motion carried. The department budget requests were tabled until August 14th meeting.

Sheriff, Larry Gessner, met with the board to request receiving the call waiting telephone service. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve connecting up to the call waiting telephone service, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. All voting "Yes" the motion carried.

At this time Dale Jorgensen was interviewed for the Courthouse Janitor Position. Jorgensen declined the Janitor position at this time.

The time being 2:00 P.M. meeting with Randy Striefel, LeRoy Miiler, land owners, Reuben Miiler, New Germantown Officer and landowner, Alvin Herr, Arlo Dockter, & Elmer Knodel, County Water Board Members, Darren Olin, S.C.S. technician, Cecil Schuh, landowner and blademan met with the board to discuss water drainage issues by Reuben Miiller residence. The culvert was marked by Mike Goos, US Fish & Wildlife where to be cut off and was removed. It was agreed by Reuben Miiller that the 3 ft. extension culvert be added on to the culvert and that the County will pay for extension of culvert. Reuben Miiller was questioned if he did plug culvert on the New Germantown Township road and he did admit to plugging the

culvert. Reuben Miiller was instructed that the culvert on township road be cleaned out. Suggestion by Knodel was that any future maintenance on dam expense be up to Reuben Miiller. The County agreed to pay \$50.00 of legal fees to Reuben Miiller upon submittal of a bill.

After serious consideration, it was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to hire Doris Bertsch for the Courthouse Janitor position effective August 27,2001 with monthly salary starting at \$1,086.66, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – Yes, Ehrman – Yes, Felchle – Yes. All voting “Yes” the motion carried.

A meeting with landowners along the James Haux Road project for signing of road easements was scheduled for Tuesday, August 14,2001 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting recessed until August 14th, 2001.

Auditor

Chairman

COMMISSIONERS MEETING AUGUST 14, 2001

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. as per recess stated. Commissioners present were Gordon O. Felchle, Eldon Ehrman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen.

Chairman Felchle called the meeting to order.

The Auditor reviewed the 2002 Preliminary Budget results with the board. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the 2002 Budget department requests as filed in the Auditor’s office and that the 2002 Preliminary County Budget is approved for publication, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Felchle – yes

The Auditor informed the board of a grant being provided by the State Historical Society for structures on the State Historical Register such as the Courthouse. The Auditor was instructed to apply for the 50% matching grant to update the main electrical unit in the Courthouse and install 9 air conditioner units throughout the Courthouse. Deadline for the grant is August 29, 2001 and project would need to be completed by September 1, 2002.

The time being 10:00 a.m. a meeting with the landowners that adjoins the 3 miles west of the Farm to Market road to go to James Haux residence met with the board. Present were: Clarence and Mae Hoffer, Mabel Tkach, Heinie & Becky Stein, James Haux and States Attorney, Walter M. Lipp. Clarence Hoffer inquired about the number of miles that the route will take and was concerned of the fields being laid back the way it was after construction. The Board informed that the road project will be 3 miles long and fields will be able to be used again up to the road. Also an environmental study does not need to be done being it is an established trail already. The right of way needed is a 75 ft strip and the road will go through the small slues. FEMA will pay up to a cap of 97,459.00 for relocating the current James Haux residence road. Construction will start as soon as all easements are signed. Holen Construction will do the construction work. Those present did sign the easements and the other landowners not present will be sent easements to sign and return.

James Haux requested that 2 cattle guards be placed in the new road and that he would be willing to pay them himself. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve 2 cattle guards be installed in the new road by James Haux residence, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Felchle - yes. All voting “yes” the motion carried.

Altrude Hoffer was contacted by speakerphone to explain the easement form that will be sent to her to sign for in section 9 –148-77.

Kasey Erickson, RDO Equipment, met with the board to discuss the motorgrader quotes he presented. Erickson will investigate further by looking at Cecil Schuh’s motorgrader for trade-in value and will report back at the August 23 meeting.

Myron Boehm, Holen Const., met with the board to discuss the James Haux road project. The road will be built around some of the bigger slues and in other areas the road will go through the smaller slues and not so many culverts will be used as possible.

The meeting was recessed until 1:00 p.m. August 23, 2001.

Auditor

Chairman

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AUGUST 23, 2001

The Board of County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. as per recess stated. Commissioners present were Gordon O. Felchle, Eldon Ehrman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen.

Chairman Felchle called the meeting to order.

The time being 1:00 p.m. the Wireless 911 fee hearing was held. There being no one present for the hearing at this time the hearing was tabled until 2:00 p.m.

At this time a Special County Park Board meeting was held. The County Commissioner meeting reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Kasey Erickson, RDO Equipment, met with the board to present a new JD 772CH Motorgrader quote of \$153,650.00 and with the trade-in value of Cecil Schuh's Motorgrader the price would go down to \$112,760.00. Erickson reviewed a 7 year lease purchase plan with annual payments of \$19,252.46. at 5.40% interest rate. If the County purchased two machines \$3,900.00 more would be deducted. The Auditor was concerned of the NDCC states only a 5 year lease can be allowed. Further investigation will be done.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the Wireless 911 fee hearing was reopened for public comment. Everyone was given the opportunity to be heard. Wayne Houston, 911 Emergency Manager, reviewed the \$1.00 fee service for wireless (cell) phones to be used towards emergency calls statewide and that all cell phones will have a global positioning chip installed in each cell phone in order to be located when a 911 call is placed. This enhanced service will start within 24 months after extending the 911 fee to wireless cell phones. The Auditor reported that contacts were made to Verizon Wireless about better coverage in the McClusky area. Verizon Wireless responded that they would look into another tower being installed for next year's planning; however it depends on the economic factors.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – Yes, Ehrman – Yes, Felchle – Yes. All voting "yes" the resolution was declared adopted.

PROPOSED WIRELESS 911 FEE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, emergency 911 services are critical to the public safety; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of 911 calls initiated through wireless communication devices is now approaching fifty percent in the state of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, wireless 911 calls do not provide the enhanced call-back and location information essential to efficient call management and increased public safety; and

WHEREAS, the monthly 911 fee on traditional telephone exchange access service imposed pursuant to NDCC 57-40.6 is insufficient to implement enhanced 911 for wireless communication services and is unfair in its limited application to landline telephone service only; and

WHEREAS, the 57th Legislative Assembly amended NDCC 57-40.6 to permit the extension of existing 911 fees to wireless communication service by governing board resolution; and

WHEREAS, the nature of wireless communication service and the costs of implementing enhanced wireless 911 make it most cost-effective for all jurisdictions to jointly implement and therefore extend their local 911 fees in a coordinated manner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheridan County Board of Commissioners extends the existing 911 fee on telephone exchange access service to wireless service, consistent with the requirements of federal and state law.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be forwarded to all wireless service providers registered to operate in North Dakota, as notice that the fee shall be added to their monthly billings for all customers with a subscriber service address in this county as soon as practical after the adoption date of this resolution, but no later than October 1, 2001 and that the revenues shall be collected and remitted on a monthly basis to the County Treasurer with each provider retaining a portion of the revenues for their actual costs of fee administration pursuant to the limitations of NDCC 57-40.6-04.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Treasurer shall create a separate Wireless 911 Fund and retain the revenues received pursuant to this resolution separately until such time as NDCC 57-40.6-05 allows them to be combined with all other 911 fee revenue.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2001

Attest:

County Auditor

Chairman, Sheridan County Commission

County Commissioner

County Commissioner

The 2001 FEMA disaster site invoices were paid as on file in the County Auditor's Office.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AUGUST 24, 2001

The Board of County Commissioners met at 11:45 a.m. in special session on call of the Chairman. Commissioners present were Gordon O. Felchle, Eldon Ehrman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen.

Chairman Felchle called the meeting to order.

Contacts were made to Orlan Mertz by speakerphone. Mertz requested that the north and south road from Hwy 200 to the former Davis Ranch (which has previously been purchased by Mertz's now) be closed from the public and turned into a private road. Further investigation will be done. Comments of other landowners wanting their road closed and a lot of money has been put into that road from the Denhoff Twp. and FEMA for road repairs in the past.

Greg O' Shea, Butler Machinery, was contacted by speakerphone to discuss Motorgrader price quotes. Warranty on current machine can be extended to 7,500 hours and the balloon payment can be paid up in annual payments. O'Shea will further investigate and report back at the next regular meeting.

Roger Redfield, Social Service Director, met with the board upon their request to discuss the policy of the absence of board members not attending 3 meetings or more a year with the Social Services Board and other County Boards. Redfield will investigate further on what other County policies state.

Edward Erickson, Attorney General's Office, was contacted by speakerphone about closing the road that Mertz's requested as discussed earlier in Denhoff twp. Erickson stated Denhoff twp could give consent if they wish to close the road or not and then hold a public hearing. After the twp hearing then the County could give consent or not to close the section line being the road is also on a section line and also hold a public hearing. Denhoff Twp. will be informed of the process and Mertz' were contacted on this issue also.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman