

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2003

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners present were Eldon Ehrman, Shirley J.

Jorgensen, Howard F. Erdmann.

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

The following Statements of Fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for January, 2003:

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,447.75
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$295.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$68.20

The total Miscellaneous Receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of January, 2003:

General - \$27,602.06	Social
Welfare - \$780.77	
Unorganized Rd. - \$10,103.77	County Road -
\$1,323.08	
Highway Dist. - \$21,045.42	County
Ext. - \$990.00	
Weed Control - \$450.81	911 - \$931.95
Wireless 911 - \$532.50	

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

The January payroll warrants #22809-22841 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund - \$19,486.58	Service
Officer - \$229.16	
County Agent - \$1,234.33	Civil Defense
- \$375.00	
911 - \$375.00	Highway Dist.
- \$11,719.13	
Weed Control - \$105.00	Social
Services - \$8,354.51	

The following bills #22862-22948 were approved and

ordered paid subject due delinquent or any other
indebtedness owing the County:

AMERIPRIDE LINEN & APPAREL SRV,26.75;DAKOTA
COMMUNICATIONS, 650.00;WALTER M.
LIPP,85.00;MCCLUSKY GAZETTE,69.38;MCCLUSKY
PHARMACY,19.10;HOWARD ERDMANN,96.10;WEST RIVER
TELECOMMUNICATIONS,589.66;N.D. ASSOCIATION OF
COUNTIES,3,281.00; BONNIE HELM,10.50;REULE'S
SUPER VALUE,122.69;ELDON EHRMAN,
104.16;LTM BUISNESS CONCEPTS,1.87;RELIABLE,147.69;N.D.
SAFETY COUNCIL,45.00;OFFICE DEPOT,493.97;CENEX AMPRIDE
CREDIT CARD, 363.31;IONEX
TELECOMMUNICATIONS,78.88;BHG, INC.,226.29; INFORMATION
TECHNOLGY DEPT.,374.00;CELLULAR ONE,87.40;
GMAC,609.43;SHIRLEY J JORGENSEN,56.42;CHIEF SUPPLY,101.94;
KYOCERA MITA AMERICA INC,144.00;CASS COUNTY TREASURER,
62.00;D&J OIL, INC.,1,722.57;MENARD'S,28.75;BUTLER
MACHINERY CO.,252.00;CECIL SCHUH,96.64;NAPA AUTO
PARTS,585.52,WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER,1,425.88;BENTZ SUPPLY
STORE,66.47;DRUMMOND AMERICAN CORP,163.81;POWER
PLAN,432.45;KENT ALDERIN,353.10;DIANE FYLLING,
144.77;BHG, INC,27.00;MARILYN
SCHNEIDER,207.30;NDTC,20.07;SRT COMMUNICATIONS,
INC,12.88;WEST RIVER TELECOMMUNICATIONS,193.66;
NDACO,266.25;HOLEN CONSTRUCTION, INC,4,847.30; HOLEN
CONSTRUCTION INC,46.80;HOLEN CONSTRUCTION,INC.,25.00;HOLEN
CONSTRUCTION INC,4,215.50;ASAP SOFTWARE,346.30;CAPITAL
TROPHY, 24.00;CELLULAR
ONE,14.99;CHEMSEARCH,164.75;COLONIAL RESEARCH CHEMICAL
CRP,107.64;COMFORT INN,42.00;BENJAMIN DOCKTER
CONSTRUCTION,280.00;EIDE FORD,346.09;EIGHT LINKS,201.72;
FARMERS UNION OIL CO,396.27;FIRST DISTRICT HEALTH
UNIT,30.00; GARY'S PLACE,169.44;GREAT PLAINS FOOD
BANK,30.00;INTERSTATE ENGINEERING INC,6,407.50;JACK'S
UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT,73.55; LOWE'S
FLORAL,30.00;MARSHALL & SWIFT,157.95;METROPOLITAN LIFE INS
COMPANY,178.20;ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, 84.00;ND COUNTY
AUDITOR'S ASSOC,50.00;ND STATES ATTORNEY'S ASSOC,250.00;ND
WEED CONTROL ASSOC ,70.00;NDSU EXTENSION PESTICIDE PROG,
33.00; NODAK AGENCY,96.00;LAWRENCE
REISWIG,60.00;ROGER'S PAINT SHOP,
21.33;ALBERTA STOBEL,312.00;DORIS FISCHER,216.00;EVAN LAIB,
185.40;JEREMY TKACH,46.35;EDEN MELOM,123.60;SKEELS ELECTRIC
CO 1,352.81;SOUTH CENTRAL CRIME
CONFERENCE,25.00;SOUTH SAKAKEWEA
NARCOTICE,2,500.00;SWANSTON EQUIP CORP,5,250.00;US POSTAL

SERVICE,500.00;VIKING OFFICE PRODUCTS,197.26;NAPA AUTO
PARTS, 172.81

Jack Wagner, McClusky, met with the board to present an estimate on constructing new cement rear entrance steps for the courthouse. Wagner reviewed his estimate with safety concerns in mind. Wagner will return with an estimate showing other safety features.

The 2002 Annual Pioneer Historical Society report was reviewed and approved.

Edward Baker, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss the new Sander and the invoice from Big State Industrial. The States Attorney will be contacted to write a letter to Big State Industrial disputing the invoice.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to adopt a Tobacco Free (Smoking and Copenhagen) atmosphere at the County Shop effective March 1, 2003, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The time being 1:30 p.m. the hearing for the application for abatement and settlement of 2002 taxes filed by Richard Bentz for on the S2SW4 32-149-76, SE4 Section 10 and S2NE4, SE4NW4 Section 15 148-77 was held. James Haux, District Assessor, met with the board to present the correct true and full valuations should be set at \$63,984 rather than \$68,310, due to less cropland acres. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the abatement with the true and full value set at \$63,984 for 2002, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The time being 2:00 p.m. a meeting with the township Chairman was held.

Chairman Ehrman requested from the township officials any input on how to get adjoining landowners to mow their weeds along township roads. Township officials present were from Boone Twp., Fairview Twp., Goodrich Twp., New Germantown Twp. and Martin Twp. Twp Officers suggested that the County do the weed mowing along twp roads and contract out with the twps who wish to contract with the

County. The Chairman stated that if the County was to do weed mowing, rather than County purchasing better equipment possibly hiring out contractors to mow along twp right of way roads was discussed. Another suggestion was to send a letter along with the tax statements to all landowners stating that the landowner is responsible to cut weeds along road right of way by the deadline. Twp Officers stated the July cutting needs to be done in order to do a good short cut in the fall and that the Blademen need to spread the gravel windrow out on the road more so a landowner can make a decent cut without wrecking mowing equipment. Ehrman stated an ad to advertise for weed mowing contractors will be published to check on contracting prices and to see if there is interest of anyone wanting to be hired to contract out. Information will be sent out later to the twps if weed mowing contractors are hired on.

The twp. officers felt that the weed spraying is being handled well and did not have any complaints. The Auditor was instructed to send a letter to Twp. Chairman for changing twp road miles for Annual maintenance of blading and snow removal to all the organized twps for 2004.

At this time the Weed Board members, James Haux, Marilyn Schneider, and Myron Dieterle and County Agent, Kent Alderin met with the board. Dieterle stated they had concern about the County Board member attendance policy that was set by the County Commission. Some of the Weed Board members have not been attending past meetings. Dieterle also spoke of their interest in hiring weed officer employees for the upcoming season; however they have not had a quorum of a Weed Board to act on it yet.

Commissioner Jorgensen will contact a few landowners in her area to appoint a new Weed Board member in Area #5 and Howard Erdmann will contact a few landowners to appoint for Area #3 to replace the board members who do not attend meetings.

At this time the Snow blower and Floor stripper bids were opened. The following bids were received as follows:

Snowblower Bids:

Reinold Zinke - \$65.00

Howard Erdmann - \$185.00

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to accept the high

bid of \$185.00 for the snowblower, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - abstained All voting "yes" the motion carried. No action was done on the floor stripper being there were no bids received.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to accept the annual agreement with NDACo for technical and hardware support with computers, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Applications for abatements and settlement of 2002 taxes were filed by Beatrice Froehlich, McClusky, for the W 82' of Lot 6 & S 38' of W 82' of Lot 5, Blk. 12, Orig, McClusky City and the Feed Factory c/o First National Bank for on railroad right of way lease site, McClusky City. Applications were reviewed and forwarded to the Director of Tax Equalization. The Feed Factory hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. March 4, 2003 and the Beatrice Froehlich Hearing will be held at 2:30 p.m. March 4, 2003

The Weed Board members met with the board again at this time. Weed Board members requested approval of hiring Marlin Livingston, Tuttle, at \$14.00 per hr and spouse Joy at \$8.00 per hr. and Marilyn & Irvin Schneider to make any repairs on boom and truck at \$25.00 per hr. Being no objections from the County Commissioners, the Weed Board will hire as stated above.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to purchase 8 mini-blinds for the Community Room in the Courthouse from Menards, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to adopt the following resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen -yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the following resolutions were declared adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners oppose HB1209 that would establish multi-county districts to the North Dakota Century Code;

WHEREAS, this bill would be devastating if passed for the rural counties of North Dakota, due to the financial impact and County services that would be lost to public in the rural areas;

WHEREAS, County Courthouses that would be closed would still need to be maintained that are listed on historical register, therefore; still costing the taxpayers;

WHEREAS, there would be no savings in consolidating the County government due to there still needs to be the same services provided to the public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we the Sheridan County Commissioners recommend a DO NOT PASS in Committee and Vote NO on the House Floor for HB 1209.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2003.

ATTEST:

Chairman, County
Commissioners

Auditor

County Commissioner

County Commissioner

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners oppose HB1307 that would amend the North Dakota Century Code to entitle nonresidents to hunt waterfowl statewide for one of two consecutive 10-day periods in the first 20 days of the season and allow only a cap of 10,000 non-resident licenses to be issued;

WHEREAS, this bill would be devastating if passed for the rural counties of North Dakota, due to the financial impact that the non-residents provide by purchasing hunting supplies, lodging, and meals when coming to the rural communities to hunt waterfowl;

WHEREAS, the non-resident hunting licenses should not have a cap limit of licenses issued, it is not any different than if you would put a cap on nonresident tourists to come visit our State;

WHEREAS, the non-resident hunters that come to Sheridan County treat the local land owners with respect and wish to come back year after year to hunt waterfowl;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we the Sheridan County Commissioners recommend a DO NOT PASS in Committee and Vote NO on the House Floor for HB 1307.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2003.

ATTEST

Chairman, County
Commissioners

Auditor

County Commissioner

County Commissioner

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman