

County Commissioners Meeting February 5, 2008

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

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 January 2008:

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,001.25
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$200.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$189.60

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

General - \$39,350.46	Unorganized Rd. Districts - \$15,349.68
County Road - \$583.80	Highway Dist. - \$19,451.19
S.S. & OASIS - \$279.52	County Extension - \$27.50
Weed Control - \$26.37	911 - \$820.80
Wireless 911 - \$218.07	

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

The January payroll warrants #32406-32438 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$20,270.68	Service Officer - \$241.66
County Agent - \$789.07	Civil Defense - \$412.50
911 - \$400.00	Highway Dist - \$11,622.49
Weed Control - \$512.00	Human Services - \$3,610.46

The following bills #32451-32524 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,43.30;Dakota Communications,508.00;Bentz Supply Store, 65.86; Walter M. Lipp,75.60;McClusky Rexall,8.65;Howard Erdmann,63.00;WRT,1,535.49; N.D. Association Of Counties,4,414.23;Waste Management Of ND, 41.33; N.D. State Radio Communication,1,213.20;Eldon Ehrman,32.40;Office Depot,645.52;Cenex Credit Card, 451.61; Birch Telecom,97.50; BHG, Inc.,434.83;Information Technology Dept.,417.40;Shirley J Jorgensen,61.20;McClusky Postmaster,314.00;Institute Of Local Gov't.,2,822.00;NDEMA, 30.00;Lawson Products,34.22;Midway Diesel & Electric,Inc.,392.70;Konschak Oil Inc., 3,512.10;Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,43.45; NAPA Auto Parts,110.31;Farmers Union Oil Co., 557.52;Alltel,187.91;Hewlett-Packard Company,96.00;Crystal Schaunaman,281.70;Diane Fylling,117.00;NDSU,63.00;ND States Attorney Assoc.,250.00;NDSU Ag Communications, 4.00;The Union Grill And Bar,149.78; The Harvester,112.04;Zircon Construction Inc., 69,022.50; Mechanics Plus,129.23;NCCRC,1,265.00;First District Health Unit,25.00; North Country Bank,32.50;Tony Volochenko Jr.,556.50; ND Surplus Property,129.80;Bob's Photo, 29.90;ND Weed Control Association, 230.00;Myron Dieterle,282.50;Marilyn Schneider, 449.75;ND 911 Assoc.,10.00; ND County Auditors Assoc.,75.00;Chemsearch,187.55;James Paulus,368.84;Tractor Supply Credit Plan,18.59;Dakota Hydra-Power & Mach.,1,070.00; Streicher's,370.00; Comfort Inn,159.00;NDTC,18.20;SRT Communications, Inc.,12.88;Menards, 9.88;Cathy Palczewski,61.65;Jeff Axt,162.00;Josh Baker,192.00;Kenneth Peterson,132.00; Leslie Rhoads,192.50;Alberta Strobel,132.00;Tyler Post,125.78;Debra Mortenson,128.00; Jerica Jesz,93.60;Brittany Pfennig,11.70;Laura Logsdon,64.00;Sheldon Bennett, 200.00;TL Trucking, 200.00;Tom Houser,80.00;Choice Financial Group, \$5,202.17

The following transfer of funds was approved as follows:

\$42,400.00 Unorganized Rd. Districts to County Road – Annual Road Maintenance

The Auditor reported that the Court Facilities Improvement Grant was awarded in the amount of \$5,111.25 to Sheridan County. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to accept the Court Facilities Improvement Grant supported by the Advisory Committee with the ND Supreme Court, for purchasing and installing 12 jury base chairs in the amount of \$6,815.00 from Fireside Office, Bismarck, with the County's share being \$1,703.75 and the State's share being \$5,111.25, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve paying the remaining balance of Zircon Const's crushing gravel bill in the amount of \$69,022.50 to complete the 3 yr contract payment plan, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor presented the inspection report from the ND Historical Society for the south exterior wall of the Courthouse that BRADCo repaired. BRADCo did not meet the Secretary of Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation required by State Historical Society of North Dakota; therefore, the SHSND will not pay the remaining \$3,000.00. BRADCo was notified of this also.

The Auditor presented the 2007 County Financial Statement to the Commissioners for review and was found in order.

Bob Sitzmann, Otter Tail Power Co. representative, met with the board to review the bid specifications for installation of a new electric steam boiler for the courthouse and still have dual heat of a heating fuel boiler in place when needing to switch for off peak electric control. Otter Tail's target control rate for off peak is to not be over 10% of the season. A considerable savings of over \$15,000 per year would be seen if switching to the off peak electrical steam boiler even if a slight increase in electricity rates. Payment plans and interest rates will be investigated with local banks for a tax exempt lease. Bids will be published as one bid for the entire project. Bid packets and walk through with contractors would need to be scheduled with Otter Tail Representatives at the Sheridan County Courthouse prior to contractors bidding. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to instruct the Auditor to advertise bids for a new electrical boiler system for the Courthouse to be opened March 4, 2008 at 1:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to discuss the 2008 police service contract with the City of McClusky. The contract stayed the same as last year. The stolen items from the drug bust are slowly being identified and are being returned to the rightful owners. If stolen property is not identified and left behind by the set time allowed from the Court, the County can forfeit the stolen property/equipment through the Court and sell the stolen property/equipment by auction to recoup County expenses incurred with this case. Ammunition for guns has really increased in price and will be investigated further through other vendors.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Commission meeting recessed for the County Planning and Zoning meeting.

The County Commissioner meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has adopted an amendment to the Sheridan County Zoning Plan to add wind turbines and related infrastructure (that also includes the met towers - wind monitoring units) to 4.4.1.c as per application requested by Otter Tail Energy Services Co. as filed in the County Auditors office;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has held a public hearing on February 5, 2008 and adopted the amendment of adding wind turbines and related infrastructure (including met towers – wind monitoring units) as a conditional use for agriculture zoned land;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Sheridan County, by and through the County Commissioners, adopts the amendment to add wind turbines and related infrastructure (including met towers –wind monitoring units) as a conditional use for agriculture zoned land to 4.4.1.c of the Sheridan County Zoning Plan as filed in the County Auditor’s Office.

ADOPTED: February 5, 2008

BY: Sheridan County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to report the roads are clean from the new snow so far until the wind comes up. Other equipment maintenance issues were discussed also.

The 2007 application for abatement or refund of taxes filed by Herman Bertsch for on Lots 19 & 20, Blk.4, Dahl & Neff Addition, McClusky City was reviewed and forwarded to the Tax Director. The hearing was scheduled for March 4th at 10:30 p.m.

The Auditor presented the 2007 application for abatement or refund of taxes filed by Linda Ochoa for on Lots 22, 23, & 24, Blk. 5, Original, McClusky City to the Board of County Commissioners for their action. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the 2007 application of abatement or refund of taxes filed by Linda Ochoa for 80% homestead credit as based on the Tax Director’s findings, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Park Commission Meeting January 3, 2008

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

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

The 1st order of business was to elect a Chairman and Vice-chairman for the ensuing year. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to elect Arlington Helm as Chairman and Howard Erdmann as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Helm –yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Helm stated he ordered \$150.00 worth of trees from SCD and received quite a few trees for that amount. The trees will be planted this summer.

The Auditor reported that the Monarch outdoor vault toilets, Minot, are not handicapped accessible at this time for the required 60” turn around space for a wheel chair from the stool to the door entrance and therefore is not accepted by the Bureau. Boom Concrete, S.D., was contacted and faxed information on their vault toilets that meet handicapped accessible requirements and the proposed amount for (2) outdoor vault toilets was \$15,000.00 plus digging costs. The Monarch Co. was contacted by phone to request if they will be changing their jig soon to be ADA compliant. Brad from Monarch will get back to the Auditor in the next day or two after investigating further. A special meeting may be held later in the month to finalize the grant application process to the ND Game & Fish Dept for an outdoor vault toilet.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman

County Park Commission Meeting January 15, 2008

The Board of County Park Commissioners met at 11:30 a.m. in special session as posted. Park Commissioners present was Arlington Helm, Howard Erdmann, Shirley J. Jorgensen, and Eldon Ehrman. Absent: Marlin P. Engen Others present were: Allan Tinker, Editor, McClusky Gazette.

Chairman Helm called the meeting to order. Helm stated the purpose of the special meeting was to finalize the grant for constructing an outdoor vault toilet to be placed at the west point of Hoffer's Lake Recreation Area.

The Auditor reported that she contacted Monarch, of Minot, and they will not be changing their jig that is not handicapped accessible compliant. The Auditor presented estimates from Boom Concrete, S.D., for (1) uni-sex outdoor toilet in the amount \$7,500.00 and an estimate from Meckle excavating for digging the hole and backfill in the amount of \$600.00 for a grand total of \$8,100.00. It was moved by Park Commissioner Jorgensen to instruct the Auditor to apply to the ND Game & Fish Dept for a grant for (1) uni-sex outdoor toilet that includes the digging in the amount of \$8,100.00 of which the 75% grant would cover \$6,075.00 and the local County share of 25% would be \$2,025.00, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Helm – yes Motion carried. Timeline was set for the outdoor toilet to be installed by June 30, 2008. Grants from the ND Game & Fish Dept will be considered in February for approval.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman

Sheridan County Planning & Zoning Meeting February 5, 2008

The Sheridan County Planning and Zoning Board met at 2:00 p.m. as hearing notice stated. Planning Commission members present were Howard Erdmann, Theresa Jorgensen, Arthur Waltz, & Thomas Sauter. Absent: Lloyd Bauer, Karen Konschak, & Bonita Kluck Others present were County Commissioners Eldon Ehrman and Shirley J. Jorgensen; States Attorney, Walter M. Lipp; McClusky Gazette Editor, Allan Tinker; Otter Tail Energy Services representatives, Kirby Anderson, Myron Rader, and Tom Belmont

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order. Erdmann announced the purpose of the hearing was to consider amending the County Zoning Plan to add wind turbines in agricultural zoned areas as a conditional use.

Otter Tail Energy Services Co. representatives requested that wind turbines be added in the agricultural zoned areas in Sheridan County as a conditional use to enable development of Sheridan County's wind energy resource for the generation of electricity to benefit the landowners, Sheridan County residents, electricity consumers, Otter Tail Energy Services Co. and the environment. OTESCO representatives reported that the majority of land easements with the landowners have already been purchased for the wind farm areas in Sheridan County. One met tower (wind monitoring station) would be placed in Sheridan Ridge I that consists of Mertz, Hellman, Denhoff, Lamont, and Lincoln Dale twps. and two met towers would be placed in Sheridan Ridge II that consists of Pickard, Prophets, Holmes, Harris, and Mountain City twps for a total approximately acreage of 72,000 acres involved in wind farm development. 1-2 years of wind data is requested before construction of wind turbines can begin. A total of 100 (1.5) megawatt wind turbines may be installed for both Sheridan ridges. After 5 years, if no wind

development has started, the wind development easements on the land with the land owners are null and the full land use goes back to the landowner. If all permits and state and federal regulations are approved, by 2010-2011 construction of roads, wind turbines, and infrastructure would begin. The transmission line going through the Sheridan ridge II up to near the north Sheridan County line and to Harvey is at 230 kv and does not need to be updated it will hold all the voltage generated from both Sheridan ridges. OTESSCo would hire on 10-12 full time employees to maintain wind turbines, etc. once wind farm is up and running. Added valuation to the County tax base at around 2 million per wind turbine would be seen after the wind farm is up and running.

It was moved by Planning Commissioner Thomas Sauter to amend the zoning plan to add wind turbines and related infrastructure to the agricultural zoned areas as a conditional use in 4.4.1.c of the Sheridan County Zoning plan, seconded by Commissioner Waltz. Upon approval – Erdmann – yes, Sauter – yes, Waltz – yes, and Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Planning Commissioner Theresa Jorgensen, seconded by Planning Commissioner Thomas Sauter that the wind monitoring stations be added as part of the infrastructure of the wind turbines. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen - yes, Sauter - yes, Waltz – yes , and Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported the next step for OTESSCo is to apply for a conditional use permit with the County Planning & Zoning Board. A conditional use application was given to OTESSCo to complete and return back to the Auditor’s office. Another hearing will be held after the conditional use application is received.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman