

County Commission Meeting July 1, 2008

The Board of 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 meetings was read and approved.

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

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,227.25
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$365.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$359.00

The total miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of June, 2007:

General Fund - \$ 3,237.64	Unorganized Rd Districts - \$ 999.93
County Road - \$ 356.71	Highway Dist. - \$12,746.14
County Park - \$ 1,090.72	SS & OASIS - \$540.06
County Extension - \$3,555.00	Weed Control - \$ 5,876.27
911 - \$833.15	Wireless 911 - \$678.24

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

The June payroll warrants #33116-33155 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$19,606.68	Service Officer - \$241.66
County Agent - \$789.07	Civil Defense - \$412.50
911 - \$400.00	County Corrections - \$1,000.00
Highway Dist. - \$11,907.49	County Park - \$375.00
Weed Control - \$2,546.50	Social Welfare - \$3,275.63

The following bills #33170-33240 was approved and ordered paid subject to due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv., 43.05; Bentz Supply Store, 100.71; Walter M. Lipp, 129.30; N.D. Newspaper Assoc., 154.50; Howard Erdmann, 53.10; Choice Financial Group, 4,783.00; WRT, 251.24; N.D. Assoc. Of Counties, 271.30; City Of McClusky, 30.50; Eldon Ehrman, 192.15; Tractor Supply Company, 49.47; Janice D. Erdmann, 154.25; Herb Neuharth Plumbing, 20.65; Fireside Office Plus, 90.79; Office Depot, 255.98; Cenex Credit Card, 196.75; Birch Telecom, 107.02; BHG, Inc., 1,436.04; Information Technology Dept., 417.40; Shirley J Jorgensen, 113.85; Institute Of Local Gov't., 1,500.00; C-Store, 98.63; D&J Oil, Inc., 10,896.20; Abused Adult Resource Center, 125.00; Computer Software Assoc Inc., 2,677.19; Ferrellgas, 182.12; Lelm Implement, Inc., 539.19; Kenschak Oil Inc., 127.00; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water, 93.76; Power Plan, 216.70; Alltel, 370.81; Crystal Schaunaman, 100.00; Marshall Feland, 150.00; NDSU Ag Communications, 2.00; State Fire And Tornado Fund, 1,023.94; Mechanics Plus, 167.40; Wal-Mart, 81.22; NCCRC, 110.00; ES&S, 621.36; Interstate Batteries, 29.20; Myron Dieterle, 16.20; Roberts Floral Inc., 46.50; James Haux, 13.50; Jerone Sauter, 20.70; Donald Hausauer, 5.85; Dept Of Insurance, 350.00; David Berquist Septic Tank Ser., 240.00; James Paulus, 32.40; RDO Equipment Co., 2,261.00; Lyle Signs, Inc., 79.77; NDTC, 18.20; SRT Communications, Inc., 12.88; Coast To Coast Solutions, 111.95; Stoddard Flying Service, 16,189.17; Dakota Helicopters, 32,187.10; Action Motor Sports, 219.50; El Rancho Corp., 109.90; Pro Rider, Inc., 109.00; Dremel, 16.70; Badlands Environmental Consult., 495.00; Alicia D Hase, 60.00; Clifford Kahler, 19.80; Verendrye Electric Coop., 71.00; Menards, 39.91

At this time Sherril Houser, McClusky City Assessor, Shirley J. Jorgensen, Whittaker Twp Assessor, and Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to review the questioned assessments from the County Equalization meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to change the regular August County Commission meeting and County Park Commission date to Thursday, August 7th rather than Tuesday, August 4th due to other conflicts, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. The Auditor will publish the notice of change of regular Commission meeting date.

At this time Olena Walleen, Goodrich City resident, was contacted by speakerphone to discuss entering into a contract for deed with the County for purchasing forfeited property due to unpaid taxes located at lots 6-7-8-9, Blk. 3, Jasmann's Addition, Goodrich City. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve entering into a Contract for Deed with Robert & Olena Walleen, Goodrich, for purchase of Lots 6-7-8-9, Blk. 3, Jasmann's Addition, Goodrich City at \$200.00 per mth effective August 1st, 2008, until total purchase of \$5,000.00 plus interest is paid up, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The time being 11:00 a.m. the County Park Commission meeting was held. The County Commission Meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

At this time Herb Bargmann, Engineer for Wold Engineering, Inc., met with the board to review cost estimates for re-grading 3 miles of the 5.75 mile federal aid road project stretch that includes the curves south of McClusky for 2009. Bargmann has inquired to the NDDOT to request federal funding for Sheridan County for the Preliminary and Construction Engineering costs being Sheridan County does not have sufficient funds to pay 100% of the engineering costs and the NDDOT did approve federal funding to Sheridan County to go towards the preliminary and construction engineering costs. The Auditor was instructed to publish a notice in the County official newspaper to receive proposals for preliminary and construction engineering services for the Sheridan County federal aid road project. Commissioner Ehrman inquired to Bargmann about farmers encroaching on the secondary road right of way south of Martin. Bargmann stated that federal funds could possibly be lost if more encroaching is done.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to discuss patrolling County roads and criminal cases within the County.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to present the ND guide to the agriculture valuation procedures that will be shared with the Sheridan County Soils Committee.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Equalization meeting reconvened from last month as stated. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Roger Trautmann, County Blademan, met with the board to discuss his retirement date. Trautmann presented his resignation from the County Blademan position effective August 31, 2008. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to accept Trautmann's resignation effective August 31, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Janice Erdmann, County Treasurer, met with the board to present the Pledge of Assets for the County. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the Pledge of Assets were sufficient as filed in the Treasurers office, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the asbestos abatement proposal for the Courthouse boiler room from Total Control, Inc., Dickinson, in the amount of \$4,800.00 and to also approve the proposal of modifying the existing oil boilers & piping for the Courthouse, as required per boiler inspection in order to be compliant with the ND state standards code, from Johnson's Plumbing Services, Rugby, in the amount of an additional \$11,880.00 from the original electric boiler proposal, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent, met with the board to present and review her quarterly narrative of duties and meetings that she attended that included drought related meetings, Annie's Project planning meeting for 2009, creep feed meeting at the local elevator, Extension Spring Conference in Bismarck, computer-based training on working with the media,

administered pesticide exams, participated in several statewide 4-H related activities including helping at 4-H camp in Washburn and judging on 4-H projects at the Wells County Fair, help plant community flower boxes with SCIPY members and the Whirlybirds group, helped organize a bike safety day for youth with SCIPY members, helped organize the Spring Fling with the Soil Conservation District, and attended a tree workshop in Valley City. Schaunaman stated the 4-H Achievement Day will be held July 10th at the Hoffer Lake Recreation Area. The livestock show and the static exhibit events will be held together in one day. The 4-H building addition is at a standstill until further donations come in and a more accurate bid is received.

The Family & Nutrition Program quarterly narrative was also presented along with the Extension narrative that included coordinating nutritional programming with the County health nurse and the Schools in the County to educate the parents and the students on nutritional habits.

The board instructed the County Auditor to publish a courtesy weed notice to cut weeds along the shoulder right of way on County or Township roads by July 15th, 2008.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss road issues and equipment repairs that need attention. Gross will be taking vacation the 1st week of August 2008. The Auditor was instructed to advertise hiring another County blade operator, due to the resignation of Roger Trautmann. Applications will be reviewed at the August 7th County Commission meeting with interviews to follow at a later date.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the Vehicle Ins. Policy with Choice Financial, Goodrich, and the building insurance policy with the State Fire and Tornado Fund, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the minimum wage increase to \$6.55 effective immediately according to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to increase the County mileage rate to .50 per mile effective with mileage driven after July 1st, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the road mileage certification for organized and unorganized twps to the ND Treasurer's Office be left at a total of 843 miles, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported that she will be attending the ND County Auditor's Convention in Langdon July 9-11th, 2008.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Park Commissioner Meeting July 1, 2008

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

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

It was moved by Park Commissioner Erdmann to sign the Cooperative Agreement with the ND Game & Fish Dept for improving and upgrading public use facilities of South Hoffer Lake Recreation Area, seconded by Park Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Engen – yes, Helm – yes Motion carried.

No report was given on any information on the addition to the 4-H building.

The following bills were approved and paid:

McLean-Sheridan Rural Water, \$41.00; Verendrye Electric, \$63.00; Bentz Supply Store, \$8.99; TSC, \$49.47; C-Store, \$66.79; David Berquist Service, \$240.00; Lyle Signs, Inc., \$79.77; Menards, \$19.99

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman

The Planning & Zoning Meeting

The Planning and Zoning Board met at 2:00 p.m. as per notice. Planning Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Arthur Waltz, Theresa Jorgensen, and Lloyd Bauer. Absent: Bonita Kluck, Thomas Sauter, and Karen Kenschak. Others present were: County Commissioners Shirley J. Jorgensen and Eldon Ehrman; McClusky Gazette Editor, Allan Tinker; States Attorney, Walter M. Lipp; Co. Treasurer, Janice Erdmann; Landowners, James Haux and Wilmer Hoffer; OTESCO representatives, Kirby Anderson and Myron Rader.

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

The 1st order of business was to elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. It was moved by Commissioner Bauer to nominate Howard Erdmann as Chairman and Karen Kenschak as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Arthur Waltz. Upon roll call vote – Theresa Jorgensen – yes, Lloyd Bauer – yes, Arthur Waltz – yes, and Howard Erdmann – yes. Motion carried.

OTESCO representatives, Kirby Anderson and Myron Rader, were present to request a conditional use permit to allow OTESCO to construct wind turbines and related infrastructure on agricultural zoned land. Planning Commissioner Waltz asked how long is the term of the land easement? OTESCO representative Anderson reported the land easement is 99 years for utilities in ND and that other states usually have perpetual easements, however; the ND State law states that if an easement is not used after 5 years, the easement will expire and return back to its full use. Also a plan is required to be on file with the ND Public Service Commission to restore the land back to its original use when the useful life of the wind towers and easements would end. A production tax credit for utilities is offered by the State and Federal governments as incentives to construct wind towers now. Towers are 250 ft tall with two lights at the top and last 40-50 years. Grassland easements are being worked out with the US Fish & Wildlife representatives that have been supportive of wind farms.

It was moved by Planning Commissioner Arthur Waltz to approve the Conditional Use permit to OTESCO for constructing wind turbines and related infrastructure on varied parcels in Denhoff Twp., Harris Twp., Hellman Twp., Holmes Twp., Lamont Twp., Lincoln Dale Twp., Mertz Twp., Mountain City Twp., Pickard Twp., and Prophet Twps., seconded by Planning Commissioner Lloyd Bauer. Upon roll call vote – Arthur Waltz – yes, Lloyd Bauer – yes, Howard Erdmann – yes, Theresa Jorgensen – yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

COUNTY EQUALIZATION MEETING JULY 1ST, 2008

The Sheridan County Board of Equalization reconvened as stated from June 3rd, 2008 meeting. County Commissioners present were Shirley J. Jorgensen, Eldon Ehrman and Howard Erdmann. Others present were – Orville Rhoads, home owner; Allan Tinker, Editor; and Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director.

Orville Rhoads, taxpayer, met with the board to state his grievances of the assessment on his structure located in McClusky City. The Board stated that the assessment will not be changed being there was no evidence to make a determination. An application for abatement of taxes was suggested to Mr. Rhoads to be filed in order to further the process. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to leave the assessment of the Rhoads property as is, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Assessor, Shirley J. Jorgensen reported she met with Roger Roth to go over values considering the age of mobile homes and other structures on his property in Whittaker twp. and that the True & Full values should be lowered from \$106,620 to \$70,992. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the total taxable valuation for Sheridan County less State Centrally assessed property be set at \$6,556,417 rather than \$6,558,987 that included the changes from Roger Roth’s property and one more homestead credit, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman