

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING JUNE 5, 2001

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

Chairman Felchle 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:

Register of Deeds, Fees, \$1,039.25  
Clerk of Court, Fees, \$437.00  
Sheriff, Fees, \$235.00

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

General Fund - \$17,838.51	Social Welfare - \$12,901.59
County Road - \$2,757.18	Highway Dist. - \$12,662.06
County Park - \$360.00	SS & OASIS - \$612.19
County Extension - \$240.00	Weed Control - \$1,657.24
Civil Defense - \$626.22	911 - \$893.00

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

The May Payroll warrants #19292-19328 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund - \$19,551.90	Highway Dist. - \$11,119.13
County Park - \$382.50	Veteran Service Officer - \$216.66
County Agent Fund - \$1,134.31	Civil Defense - \$350.00
911 - \$350.00	County Corrections - \$520.00
Social Welfare - \$8,284.07	

Warrants #19323-19441 were paid out from the following funds and were approved for the month of June, 2001:

General Fund - \$8,418.85	Social Welfare - \$6,067.96
Human Services - \$748.93	Unorganized Rd. - \$1,910.70
Secondary Road - \$13,856.27	County Road - \$26,266.15
Highway Dist. - \$57.21	County Park - \$9,006.41
Insurance Reserve - \$14,968.65	Veteran Service Officer - \$125.46
Health District - \$5,575.66	County Agent Fund - \$182.93
County Extension - \$508.80	Weed Control Fund - \$1,016.18
Civil Defense - \$191.62	911 - \$250.32
County Corrections - \$1,397.78	

\$2,293.69, Transfer from Unorganized Rds. To County Road, Hauling Pit Run & installing culvert

A listing of itemized expenses and transfers are on file at the County Auditor's Office for review.

The time being 10:00 A.M. the application for abatement of settlement of 1998 taxes filed by Todd Lasher for on all of Section 25-146-77 was reconsidered as scheduled. An assessment analysis was presented by Todd and Vickie Lasher. Cynthia D. Wahl, Tax Director, stated the cropland and noncropland acres are gradually being reassessed for each township in order to equalize the County. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the McClusky Township recommended True & Full value assessment from \$100,926 to \$74,548 due to use of land is used for grazing instead of cropland, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon Roll Call vote --Jorgensen – Yes, Ehrman – Yes, Felchle – Yes All voting "Aye" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to authorize the County Auditor to pay out the remaining year 2000 15% FEMA amounts to the organized townships when received from the State Emergency Division, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. All voting "Aye" the motion carried.

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

At this time the pre-job construction conference was held for the 4.5 miles north of Goodrich and .56 of a mile south of McClusky. Present were Thomas Sprenger, NDDOT, Bob Allen, NDDOT, Curt

Grudniewski, Border States Paving Inc., Ed Baker, Road Foreman, Holly Beck, Wold Engineering, Mack Susag, Susag Sand & Gravel, Punch Becker and Herb Bargmann, Wold Engineering. Start of Construction will be scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July. Completion deadline is October 20, 2001. Subcontractors are Pioneer Sand, Susag Sand, Border State Paving, Inc., 3-D Specialties, J & J Coating, Mann Trucking. The City of McClusky and Dave Martwick will be doing some patchwork paving with Border States Paving.

Mike Goos, US Fish & Wildlife, met with the board to present the wetlands payment in the amount of \$8,695.00 to be distributed to townships and school districts. Goos reported the wetlands payment has decreased some from last year.

James Haux, landowner, met with the board to discuss that the township road to his residence is near being under water and requested that FEMA consider building road up going along the east section lines. Further investigation and contacts with FEMA will be done.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, announced the President of USA declared North Dakota a State of Disaster for 2001. A FEMA briefing meeting will be held at the Harvey High School at 2:30 p.m. The County Commissioners and Mr. Houston will be attending.

The time being 2:00 P.M. the County Equalization Meeting and at 2:30 P.M. the Redistricting Board Meeting was held. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 3:00 P.M.

Bennie Martin, Strassburg Twp. Officer, and Ed Baker, Road Foreman, met with the board to report that Dean Kolschefski, Kief, has a stack of bales on two approaches along the Farm to Market road right of way. The States Attorney will be contacted to send a letter of removal of bales.

Ed Baker, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss road sites that are damaged and culverts that need to be installed. Commissioners encouraged Mr. Baker to start mulching road sides.

At this time County Employees were called to meet with the County Commission to organize a Parade Float committee for the Centennial Goodrich Parade and McClusky Mid-Summer Fest Parade. Float Committee consists of Denise Melom, Janice Erdmann, Eldon Ehrman, Larry Gessner, and Matthew Johansen. Wayne Houston is in charge of Banners.

Kent Alderin, County Agent, met with the board to report on monthly events, SCIPY picnic was held, Home Economist position is being advertised, and the Grazing Conference was held. Alderin also reported that the new Weed Control Officers hired were Craig Zimprich and Patrick Fyelling and that they purchased a new sprayer tank for the 4-wheeler that was broke.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve Joyce H. Dockter to attend the Register of Deeds Convention at Devils Lake June 7 & 8, Shirley A. Murray to attend the County Auditors Convention in Bismarck, June 14 & 15 at Bismarck, and Janice Erdmann to attend the County Treasurers Convention June 13,14,&15 at Bottineau, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. All voting "Aye" the motion carried.

Larry Gessner, Sheriff, met with the board to report that his office entered into a lease purchase for a Kyocera copy machine for 3 years at \$61.00 per mth with Fireside Office Products. Commissioners recommended prior Commission approval before any major purchases are made in the future.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to re-appoint Arthur Waltz to the Sheridan County Housing Authority Board for another 5 year term, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. All voting "Aye" the motion carried.

The County Auditor reported that the following building permits were issued in May for in rural Sheridan County:

William E. Voegele, Trailer House, NW4 14-146-78  
Alden Hollenbeck, Warehouse, Pickardville, Lot 13, Blk. 2

The Veteran Service Officer Report for March and April were reviewed and filed.

The 1999 and 2000 Bi-annual Audit Report of Sheridan County from Rath and Mehrer, CPA, was reviewed and found in order.

The County Liability, County Equipment, and County Vehicle Insurance Policies were reviewed and found in order.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman

SHERIDAN COUNTY EQUALIZATION MEETING  
June 5, 2001

The Sheridan County Board of Equalization met at 2:00 as set. Members present were Gordon O. Felchle, Eldon Ehrman and Shirley J. Jorgensen. Also present were various City and Township Officials and Assessors and the Director of Tax Equalization, Cynthia D. Wahl.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Felchle.

The first order of business was the equalization of residential property. The assessments were as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor and discussed. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director recommended to the board to decrease the residential Structure values by 2% to stay within the 5% tolerance allowed by the State and that all cities within the County conduct a reassessment on all residential structures in their cities in order be equalized. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the 2% decrease on Residential Structures across the County in order to stay within the tolerance allowed by State and ordered the Cities within Sheridan County to conduct a reassessment on their residential structures for next years assessment period, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon Roll Call Vote – Jorgensen – Yes, Ehrman – Yes, Felchle – Yes All voting “Aye” the motion carried.

The second order of business was the equalization of commercial property. The assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards was reported by the County Auditor and discussed. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director reported that the total Commercial values were within the 5% tolerance allowed by State. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen that no changes be made to the commercial property, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon Roll Call Vote Jorgensen – Yes, Erhman –Yes, Felchle – Yes All voting “Aye” the motion carried.

The third order of business was the equalization of agriculture property. The assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor and was discussed. The Tax Director reported there was inundated acres reported in Prophets and Mountain City Twps that decreased the values for those townships, and the ag values were increased by 4% across the County as requested by State and that Harris twp. reassessment of the whole township is still being conducted according to the Soil Survey and will hope to be completed by February 1, 2002. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. No other changes were reported. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman that no changes be made, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote. Ehrman – Yes, Jorgensen – Yes, Felchle – Yes All voting “Aye” the motion carried.

The Senior Citizens Homestead tax credit and disabled tax credit applications were reviewed. The County Auditor reported there were 16 applications in all and 1 Blind and disabled application. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman that the applications be approved as approved by assessors and City Boards, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll Call vote Felchle –Yes, Jorgensen – Yes, Ehrman – Yes All voting “Aye” the motion carried.

The County Auditor presented the State Land and ND Game & Fish land subject assessment in lieu of ad valorem tax for a total True & Full Value of \$5,286,802 with the 4% ag increase added on to last year’s values. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve that the State Land and ND Game & Fish land subject to assessment in lieu of ad valorem tax be assessed as per abstract of valuations on file in the Auditor’s Office, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All voting “Aye” the motion carried.

Other business discussed was the issues of Weed Mowing. Townships can assess weed mowing charges against the land owner by sending in the assessed charges to the County Auditor’s office by November 1<sup>st</sup> with the land description to be charged.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

REDISTRICTING BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 5, 2001

The Redistricting Board Meeting met at 2:30 p.m. Present were Gordon O. Felchle, Chairman, County Commission, Walter M. Lipp, States Attorney, Reuben Miller, Township Supervisor Representative, and Melvin Schindler, McClusky City Representative. Others present: Other twp. supervisors and assessors

Chairman Felchle called the meeting to order.

The Auditor reported a citizen at large needs to be appointed in order to have a complete County Redistricting Board.

Gordon Felchle nominated James Haux from the audience as citizen at large to serve on the County Redistricting Board, seconded by Walter M. Lipp. All voting "Aye" motion carried.

At this time the County Auditor presented the 2000 Census results and were examined and discussed. The following figures show the 2000 population of each County Commissioner District to be as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> District –	561
2 <sup>nd</sup> District –	524
3 <sup>rd</sup> District –	<u>625</u>
Total	1,710

It was moved by Walter M. Lipp to approve the population of each district as is, being the population of each district must be equal or within ten percent of the average, said average is 570, and therefore all three districts fall within the ten percent variance according to Section 11-07-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, seconded by James Haux. All voting "Aye" the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING JUNE 12, 2001

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 11:30 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.

Sundre Sand & Gravel were contacted by speakerphone to set up a time to look at crushing gravel site areas. Sundre will get back to the County Auditor with a scheduled time.

Herb Bargmann, Wold Engineering, was contacted by speakerphone to set up a date and time to meet with Dave Leftwich, N.D.D.O.T., to appeal emergency secondary road Site #1, North of McClusky and Site #3, South of Goodrich, in order to receive federal highway funding to repair roads. Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. was set up for County Commissioners and Wold Engineering to meet with Dave Leftwich.

Jeff Hase, Martin City Mayor, was contacted by speakerphone to discuss the inquiry that Martin City would like to store City supplies in the County Shed at Martin. A suggestion was made by the County Commission, if Martin City paid for the mowing maintenance around the County Shed, they could store their supplies in there. Mr. Hase will propose the suggestion to the Martin City Council and respond back at the next regular County Commission Meeting in July.

The meeting was recessed until Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for the 2001 FEMA Disaster kickoff meeting.

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Shirley A. Murray

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Gordon O. Felchle

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING JUNE 14, 2001

The Board of County Commissioners met at 10:00 A.M. as per recess. Commissioners present were Gordon O. Felchle, Eldon Ehrman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen. Others present were Tom Doerring and Loren Ford, FEMA representatives, and Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager.

FEMA damage sites throughout the County were discussed. FEMA procedures and timelines were reviewed. At this point for the 2001 disaster FEMA will reimburse 75%, State 10%, and the local entity the other 15% of the approved disaster amounts. FEMA records must be kept for 3 years. The 2001 disaster effective date is March 1<sup>st</sup> and not sure when ending disaster period is yet. There must be a minimum of \$1,000.00 of damage in a township in order to be eligible for FEMA funds for each township. FEMA representatives will be meeting with organized twp supervisors for their reported damages. A hydrologist must be contacted before installing any culverts

The almost inundated township road to the James Haux residence was discussed. Possibly constructing a road 3 miles straight East of James Haux on section line trail to the north McClusky secondary road was considered. Estimates of construction will be requested from Holen Const. Estimate is to be faxed to the State Emergency Management office.

The meeting was recessed until Tuesday, June 19, 2001.

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County Auditor

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Chairman

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JUNE 19, 2001

The Board of County Commissioners met at 1:30 p.m. as per recess. Commissioners present were Gordon O. Felchle, Eldon Ehrman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen.

Chairman Felchle called the meeting to order.

James Hausauer, First District Health Unit, and Larry Gessner, Sheriff, met with the board to report that Larry Laskewitsch, Homestead Café owner, was ordered by First District Health Unit to close his café doors.

Myron Boehm and Ryan Holen, Holen Const, met with the board to present estimate on requested 3 miles of township road construction straight East of James Haux on section line trail to north McClusky secondary road. Dave Rice, State Emergency Public Assistance Director, was contacted by speakerphone and stated that the estimate needs to be faxed into FEMA for approval and a letter of request to change alternate route to the East 3 miles due to emergency vehicles would have 1 mile less to respond by going this route and is already an established trail.

The County Auditor presented the resignation of Mathew Johansen effective June 30, 2001. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to accept the resignation of Mr. Johansen, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. All voting "Aye" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve that the Courthouse will be closed Friday afternoon July 6, 2001 to allow County employees to attend the Goodrich City Centennial Celebration, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon Roll Call vote Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – Yes, Felchle – Yes All voting "Aye" the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING JUNE 22, 2001

The Board of County Commissioners met at 11:45 on call of the Chairman. Commissioners present were Gordon O. Felchle, Eldon Ehrman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen. Others present were Tom Doerring and Robert Fetterly, FEMA Representatives

Chairman Felchle called the meeting to order.

FEMA damage sites were discussed at this time.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, met with the board to report that he attended the Hazard Mitigation Meeting in Harvey and the new culvert installation legislative guidelines at to be in affect after May 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The State DOT is not sure of the administrative regulation process yet.

The County Auditor presented a letter from U.S. Senator Kent Conrad in regards to the maintenance of abandoned cemeteries in the County. Further investigation will be done on this issue.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Chairman