

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

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

The following Statements of Fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for May 2005:

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,284.00  
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$380.00  
Sheriff, Fees, \$207.87

The total Miscellaneous Receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of May, 2005:

\$40.50	General Fund - \$ 2,436.33	Social Welfare -
	County Road - \$5,400.00	Highway Dist. - \$14,358.51
	County Park - \$420.00	County Ext. - \$75.00
	Weed Control - \$155.80	Civil Defense - \$746.65
	911 - \$896.80	Wireless 911 - \$917.67

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

The May payroll warrants #27734-27774 were approved from the following funds:

Officer -	General Fund - \$26,752.21	Veteran's Service
	\$241.66	
	County Agent Fund - \$1,334.33	Civil Defense - \$400.00
	911 - \$387.50	Highway Dist. - \$11,322.49
	County Park - \$480.00	Weed Control - \$207.50
	Social Services - \$7,464.25	

The following bills #27802-27880 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv, 38.80; Walter M. Lipp, 87.47; McClusky Gazette, 25.50; McClusky Pharmacy, 35.24; Shirley A. Murray, 91.00; Howard Erdmann, 156.45; West River Telecommunications, 668.84; Joyce H. Dockter, 96.30; N.D. Association Of Counties, 4,529.23; Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender Co., 171.30; Sylvia Schell, 49.49; Gall's Inc., 633.95; Reule's Super Value, 141.55; Eldon Ehrman, 115.50; Burnie's, 21.79; Herb Neuharth Plumbing, 30.36; Fireside Office Plus, 5.45; Office Depot, 470.57; Larry Gessner, 52.92; Cenex Credit Card, 556.89; Birch Telecom, 106.84; Bhg, Inc., 551.19; Information Technology Dept., 750.00; Cellular One, 239.25; Mclean County Sheriff's Office, 2,312.11; Shirley J Jorgensen, 16.74; Institute Of Local Gov't, 180.00; Tesoro Petroleum Company, 35.68; Centre Inc, 480.00; D&J Oil, Inc., 3,598.96; John Deere Credit, 19,073.89; Newman Traffic Signs, 185.39; Kenschak Oil Inc., 8.00; Menard's, 318.92; Napa Auto Parts, 650.30; Bentz Supply Store, 264.76; Drummond American Corp, 287.42; Power Plan, 475.00; Crystal Schaunaman, 169.40; McClusky Postal Service, 24.00; Co-Op Elevator, 5,185.00; NDTC, 20.07; SRT Communications, Inc, 12.88; West River Telecommunications, 491.48; NDACo, 458.84; Arlington Helm, 16.99; Co-Op Elevator, 283.22; Paul E. Stober, 134.04; ABC

Daycare,729.24;Auto Wizard Inc,110.77; BW Doublewood Inn, 135.00;Choice Financial Group,148.00;Cole Papers Inc,163.01;Co-Op Elevator,2,398.84; Dept. Of Transportation,870.40;Doug's Auto Body,161.20;Gladstone Inn & Suite,90.00; H A Thompson & Sons,490.72;Holiday Inn Deadwood,105.84;Lynn Peavey Co.,164.25;Matthew Bender & Co Inc,131.13,McClusky Gazette, 66.55; McClusky Insurance Agency,8,055.00; National Sheriff's Assoc.,50.00;ND Co. Treasurer's Assoc.,60.00;NDSU,39.00;Official Payments Corp.,165.00;Quality Printing Services Inc,205.39;Ri-Tec Industrial Products,135.00;Rockmount ,237.60;Mcclusky Rural Ambulance,20.00;Santa Fe Chemical Co.,235.50;South Central Crime Confer,20.00;Secretary Of State,6.00;Rosenfield Township,199.50; Reinold Zinke,80.89;US Postal Service,400.00

Mike Goos, US Fish & Wildlife representative, met with the board to request permission to construct an approach in section 35-146-76 for access to the Thorson waterfowl production area. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to grant permission for US Fish & Wildlife to construct an approach in section 35-146-76, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman -yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to pay Ronald Reile, Sr. \$9.50 per hr. for part time wages as needed, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the County Liability and Vehicle Insurance Policies for 2005-2006, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Cynthia D. Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to review the agriculture values. All lands in Sheridan County are equalized within a 5% tolerance according to the State Board of Equalization.

Janice Erdmann, County Treasurer, met with the board to discuss concerns of lower revenues being collected compared to the years before and that she will be attending her County Treasurer's Convention in Fargo June 15-17.

Mike Hanson, District Extension Director, met with the board to review the increased County Agent Salary according to the State Extension Office effective fiscal year July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Maximum mill levy limits for the County Agent fund were discussed and that the General Fund is supplementing the County Agent Fund now also. Hanson also reported that the Food and Nutrition Program position is currently being advertised and interviews will be done in July.

Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent, met with the board to present her monthly narrative for May that reported the County 4-H Communication and District Arts Contest was held, maintenance responsibility with the 4-H arena was determined, Consumer Choice Judging, Project Expo, and Fashion Revue will be held at the 4-H building June 28, 4-H Achievement days was set for July 15-16, 4-H Showdeo for July 9<sup>th</sup>, 4-H is eligible for \$20,000 in kind monies from the Bureau to be utilized for a livestock building near the arena area with possibly water, electricity, and concrete installed, constant gardening and planting questions are being answered by her office, Schaunaman accepted to be secretary for the Sheridan County EDC in McClusky, the Sheridan Association producers have finished delivering the registered Steele-ND wheat, and the applications for the part time 4-H youth helper were received and discussed. At this time the 4-H youth worker will not be hired. Rather a part time worker from

the Courthouse will fill in as needed.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Equalization meeting was held. The County Commission Meeting recessed at this time.

The County Commission meeting reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

Centre Inc, representatives met with the board to present the 2 year agreement with Centre, Inc. to manage and enforce terms and conditions of probation of adult offenders as set by the court. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to enter into a 2 year agreement with Centre, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon Roll call - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to report that repairs on the old gravel truck and Cecil's motorgrader need to be done. Tarring the County secondary pavement roads will start as weather permits. Workers have been hired for tarring. Gravel crushing was discussed. Sundre Gravel, Minot, reported that they will crush gravel for the County starting in September. Other contacts will be made to have gravel crushed sooner.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to install carpet in the rear Sheriff's office when the Courtroom carpet is installed, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to correct the April 22, 2005 County Commission minutes to read Timothy Schindler anhydrous bulk plant rather than Melvin Schindler anhydrous bulk plant, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Larry Gessner, Sheriff, met with the board to discuss the alternate disaster emergency site location. Gessner reported that Deputy Axt is working full time for now while Deputy Bauer went to a half-time schedule. Gessner reported on the forensics training class in S.D. that he attended.

The applications for abatement of the 2005 assessments filed by as follows were reviewed and scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as listed:

Lee Boehm on S2NE4,S2SE4; N2SE4; S2NE4,S2NW4 28-148-78 - 1:30 P.M.  
Roger Ketterling on LOT 6 19-148-78 & E2NE4,S2SW4 20-148-78 - 2:00 P.M.  
Tamara & Kieth Lakeman on N2NW4,NW4NE4 20-148-78 - 2:30 P.M

The Courthouse boiler and valve repair estimates were received from the following:

H.A. Thompson & Sons, Bismarck - \$5,859.42  
Sanitary Plumbing & Heating, Mandan - \$4,057.00

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the boiler and valve repair estimate from Sanitary Plumbing & Heating, Mandan, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The Auditor reported that she will be attending the County Auditor's Convention at Lake Metigoshee June 22-24.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to adopt a policy on charging for copy costs to the public as filed in the Auditor's office, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

Chairman

COUNTY EQUALIZATION MEETING JUNE 7, 2005

The Sheridan County Board of Equalization met at 2:00 p.m. Members present were Shirley J. Jorgensen, Eldon Ehrman, and Howard Erdmann. Also present were various township officials, assessors, and the Director of Tax Equalization, Cynthia D. Wahl.

Chairperson Erdmann called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was the equalization of residential property. The assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 394,840. An increase of 4% from last year. No other changes were reported and that the total residential values were within 5% tolerance allowed by State Board of Equalization. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen that no changes be made to the residential property, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon Roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" 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 for a total taxable valuation of 249,709. An increase of 15% from last year which included Polarware's assessment going back on the assessment roll. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. The total Commercial Values were within the 5% tolerance allowed by State Board of Equalization also. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman that no changes be made to the commercial property, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The third order of business was the equalization of agriculture property. The Auditor reported that the 2005 legislature approved lowering the capitalization rate from 9.5% down to 8.9% that would have increased the ag values across the board by up to 6%, however; after the assessors made their adjustments, there was no increase or decrease across the board needed in order to be equalized. The assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 5,344,914 that includes 562,570.97 taxable acres. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. The total Agricultural Values were within the 5% tolerance allowed by State Board of Equalization. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen that no changes be made to the agricultural property, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote Erdman-yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The Senior Citizens Homestead tax credit and disabled tax credit applications were reviewed. The County Auditor reported there were 15 Homestead credit applications in all and 1 blind and disabled

application. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman that the applications be approved as returned by the assessors and City Boards, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call - Erdmann- yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The County Auditor presented the ND State Land Abstract covering 1,351.80 acres for a total True & Full Value of 238,931 subject to assessment in lieu of ad valorem tax and ND Game & Fish Abstract covering 26,389.41 acres for a total True & Full Value of 4,959,226 subject to assessment in lieu of ad valorem tax. Also the Nonprofit organizations for conservation purposes Abstract covering 7,003.43 acres for a total true & full Value of 614,330 that is owned by Nature Conservancy. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve that the ND State Land, ND Game & Fish land, and Nonprofit organizations for conservation purposes be subject to assessment in lieu of ad valorem tax be assessed as per abstracts of valuations on file in the Auditor's Office, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, updated on the detailed soil survey process. A soils committee will need to be organized soon to set modifiers to allow for shelterbelts, rock piles, drainage areas, etc. at a decreased percentage value. Possibly two landowners from each township in the County will be requested to serve on the soils committee. If interested to serve on the soils committee, landowners should contact the Auditor's office to be placed on the list. Byron Zingg, landowner stated the soils committee should be compensated for their time. Brian and Allan Tinker, landowners, discussed crop and non-cropland value issues. Roger Ketterling, landowner, inquired about his increase in value on his land. Assessor James Haux reported that Ketterling did not turn in inundated acres form and reviewed the notice of increase land values with Ketterling.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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County Auditor  
Chairperson