

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

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

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

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,389.00
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$460.00
Sheriff, Fees, None

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

\$3,573.20	General - \$37,224.74	Human Services -
\$92.40	Unorganized Rd. Dist. - \$10,966.07	Secondary Road -
\$612.02	County Road - \$4,338.00	Highway Dist. - \$14,072.58
	County Park - \$40.00	S.S. & OASIS - \$577.67
	County Ext. - \$ 3.00	Civil Defense -
	911 - \$884.45	Wireless 911- \$124.36

The April Payroll warrants #27599-27632 were approved from the following funds:

\$241.66	General Fund - \$22,167.17	Service Officer -
	County Agent - \$1,334.33	911 - \$387.50
	Civil Defense - \$400.00	Highway Dist. - \$11,322.49
	Human Services - \$7,834.11	

The following bills #27655-27716 were approved and paid subject to due or delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Dakota Communications, 76.00; Denise Melom, 45.50; Walter M. Lipp, 82.59; McClusky Pharmacy, 22.81; Pitney Bowes, Inc., 338.23; Howard Erdmann, 102.90; West River Telecommunications, 659.10; N.D. Association Of Counties, 476.72; Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender Co., 87.10; Waste Management Of ND, 174.31; Tracy Laib, 45.50; Maximus, Inc, 25.00; Eldon Ehrman, 50.40; Fireside Office Plus, 17.34; Office Depot, 66.83; Cenex Credit Card, 237.54; Birch Telecom, 94.62; BHG, Inc., 392.68; Information Technology Dept., 375.00; Cellular One, 239.25; Mclean County Sheriff's Office, 1,600.00; Shirley J Jorgensen, 146.65; Chief Supply, 52.45; OMB/Surplus Property Division, 267.30; Cass County Treasurer, 67.00; D&J Oil, Inc.; 9,695.00; Farmers Union Oil Company, 34.86; Menard's, 18.91; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water, 71.87; Bentz Supply Store, 107.07; Power Plan, 70.02; Crystal Schaunaman, 223.60; Diane Fylling, 38.50; NDSU Extension Service, 10.00; NDTC, 20.07; SRT Communications, Inc, 12.88; West River Telecommunications, 488.48; NDACO, 62.18; Bismarck Truck & Farm, 274.00; Capital Trophy, 56.25; Chemsearch, 409.05; Comfort Inn, 45.00; Dakotas Division, 45.00; Election Systems & Software, 300.00; Emineth & Associates, 319.60; Fred Pryor Seminars, 115.00; Ghost Ride Productions, Inc, 540.00; Great Plains Directory, 322.00; Mathison Co, 87.20; Midway Diesel & Electric, Inc, 23.25; ND State Surplus Property, 250.00; NDSU Ext. Pesticide Program, 364.00; St Aloisius Medical Center, 60.00; Tractor Supply

Co,25.82;US Postal Service,37.00;Viking Office Product,39.17;Viking Screen Prints,50.76

Greg O'Shea, Butler Machinery representative, and Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss used Wheel Loader price options. A 50/50 warranty on the 1996 CAT 938F Wheel Loader power train for 200 hours was proposed by O'Shea. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve purchase of a 1996 Cat 938F Wheel Loader in the amount of \$76,300.00 with the trade-in of the old Terex County wheel loader for \$10,000.00 for the down payment and annual payments of around \$17,046.55 at 4.25% over the next 5 years starting January 15, 2006, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. Gross stated a beacon light should be installed on the CAT Wheel Loader. O'Shea stated the beacon light will be installed on the 1996 CAT Wheel loader before delivered. Road issues were also discussed with the Road Foreman.

Steve Murray, City of McClusky Maintenance Man, met with the board to inquire about the 48"x 6' used cement culvert that the City of McClusky may be interested in and what the price is. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to set the used cement culvert price at \$150.00, 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 applications of abatements that are scheduled for the afternoon.

At this time the County Auditor presented her Deputy, Denise Melom's resignation that is effective May 5th which was sooner than what was stated in previous April minutes due to Melom will be starting a new job earlier than what was planned. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve Denise Melom's resignation from the Deputy Auditor/Risk Manager position effective May 5, 2005, 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 hired Tracy Laib as the new Deputy Auditor/Risk Manager effective May 1st, 2005.

Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent, met with the board to present her monthly narrative. The 4-H Communication Arts contest was in Goodrich on April 21st with 9 4-H members participating. Schaunaman has also spoke at local FCE clubs on Xeriscape which is planting flowers with low-maintenance. The Sheridan Association finished up delivering the registered Steele-ND wheat. The part time FNP position was discussed and will be advertised by NDSU in the major newspapers through out North Dakota. The part time summer 4-H position was discussed further. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve local advertising for a part time summer 4-H position at \$7.00 per hr. not to exceed \$1,600.00 budget, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. Application deadline for part time summer 4-H position was set for June 1, 2005 with interviews to follow later.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the application for abatement of 2004 taxes filed by Stephen Galik on Lot 3, Block 4, East, McClusky City was held. The letter from Mr. Galik was read and reviewed. The Tax Director, Cynthia Wahl and the McClusky City Assessor, Sherril Houser, recommended that the T & F valuation be set at 9,087 reduced from 11,311. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve that the T & F value be set at 9,087 for 2004, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The time being 2:30 p.m. the application for abatement of 2004 taxes filed by Freida Wahl for on the SW4 11-146-77 was held. Freida Wahl stated she has 45.5 acres of inundated acres that should be accounted for to reduce the agriculture value on that quarter of land. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve reducing the T & F value from 27,940 down to 17,650 for 2004 due to the inundated acres, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The time being 3:00 p.m. the application for abatement of 2004 taxes filed by Orlan Mertz for on the Commercial structure located at the NE4SE4 10-146-75 was held. Orlan and Ted Mertz were present and inquired about different tax reduction options on commercial structure in question and disagreed with the valuations compared to when the stated structure was located in Goodrich. Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director and Sherril Houser, Denhoff Twp. Assessor, reviewed the State formula per sq. footage as per assessor's manual for the commercial lodge structure and explained that the T & F value can be based also upon an income approach if presented by applicant. No action was taken at this time.

The County Commission meeting recessed for the County Housing Authority meeting at this time.

The time being 3:30 p.m. the Sheridan County Housing Authority board met in conjunction with the County Commission Meeting. Housing Authority members present were Walter Filler, Armin Erdmann, and Arthur Waltz. Absent: Thomas Sauter and La Dora Schuessler Others present were County Commissioners Shirley J. Jorgensen, Howard Erdmann, and Eldon Ehrman.

Vice-Chairman Armin Erdmann called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The Auditor presented the 2004 Sheridan County Housing report at this time that was faxed from Marcia Schneider, Executive Director, of the Wells-Sheridan County Housing Authority as follows:

The checkbook balance as of 12-31-04 is at \$2,020.61 and the savings balance is \$1,271.76. The total housing assistance paid out in 2004 was \$56,993.00. There were 25 vouchers paid out for the entire year of 2004 with four families from Sheridan County and Twenty one families from Wells County. In addition three families from Wells County were subsidized by Eddy County being they had extra vouchers not used. Currently there is 8 families on the waiting list - one from Sheridan County and 7 from Wells County.

The administration plan was reviewed in December with the following changes made:

The minimum gross rent each tenant is responsible for is \$50.00 a month.

A tenant must be on the housing assistance program for 12 months before they will port them to another housing authority. If they do port, they will only subsidize them at the fair market rent values (as stated in the brochure).

Priority will be given to the elderly, the disabled, single parents and victim of domestic abuse on the waiting list. If none of these are

applicable, it is first come, first serve.

The one bedroom fair market rent was raised in Sheridan County for 2005 also.

The housing report from Executive Director, Marcia Schneider, was approved as is.

It was moved by Housing Authority Member Waltz to re-appoint Thomas Sauter as Chairman and Armin Erdmann as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year of the Sheridan County Housing Authority, seconded by Housing Authority Member Filler. Upon roll call vote - Filler - yes, Waltz - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

There being no further business the Housing Authority meeting adjourned.

The County Commission meeting reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board on road and tree issues. Gross has not been able to find laborers to help tar County roads. Tarring will be put on hold until after school is done to hire eligible students. Roger Trautmann, motorgrader operator, met with the board to report that the Goodrich shop fuel pump is not working. Gross will investigate further.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to cancel the leftover 1998 and 1999 taxes on the unplatted tract in SW4 8-146-75, Lot 6 & W2 of Lot 7, Block 2, Grethens, Goodrich City, and lots 12-13-14-15, Block 5, West, Goodrich City being these parcels were County Tax Deed property and have been sold, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Joyce H. Dockter, County Recorder, met with the board to report that she will be attending the Clerk of Court convention May 4-6 in Jamestown. Dockter stated that the Courtroom inspector stated a beeper system should be installed in the Courtroom for assistance from the Sheriff's Office in case of emergency. Further investigation will be done for homeland security.

Sylvia Schell, Courthouse custodian, met with the board to report that only one boiler is working in the Courthouse and that a H.A. Thompson representative, Bismarck, came out and stated that the fuel pump is out on that boiler. Thompson will send a cost estimate on a fuel pump and other furnace repairs that need to be completed before starting the furnace up next fall.

Larry Gessner, Sheriff, met with the board to report on Homeland Security Grant monies and that computers have been purchased in the Sheriff's office to go towards the law enforcement homeland security grant portion. More patrolling of the load restrictions on the north secondary road from McClusky was requested by the board. Deputy Axt's patrol car was taken into a car dealer for repairs. More meth labs have been reported and are being investigated. Alternate disaster emergency site locations were discussed and will be further investigated. Another emergency management planning meeting was set for May 18th. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve purchase of a new cage and graphics to be placed in and on the new Ford Expedition patrol vehicle, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The meeting was recessed until 11:00 a.m. May 4, 2005.

Auditor

Chairman

County Commissioners Meeting May 4, 2005

The Board of County Commissioners met at 11:00 a.m. as per recess stated. Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann and Shirley J. Jorgensen.

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to reappoint LaDora Scheussler to the Sheridan County Housing Authority board for a five year term effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

At this time Commissioner Ehrman attended the County Commission meeting.

After serious consideration, it was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to partially reject the application for abatement of 2004 taxes filed by Orlan Mertz for on the NE4SE4 10-146-75 as the applicant requested due to the applicant did not have proof of an appraisal of stated property to compare to the assessor's values, however; the T & F value was recommended by the Assessor and the Tax Director to be lowered from \$194,980 down to \$175,280, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Phone contacts were made to State agencies to help find funds to repair a road that is under water in New Germantown Twp. State agencies reported that no funds are available at this time. The Bureau will be contacted also.

The County Equalization meeting was set for June 7, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

The Auditor was instructed to publish a display ad in the McClusky Gazette and Harvey Herald for a \$500.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who are responsible for vandalizing road signs within Sheridan County.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to appoint Tracy Laib to be the Wellness Coordinator for Sheridan County effective immediately in order to receive a premium discount through NDPERS, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The Auditor reported the NDPERS Health Insurance premiums will be increasing July 1, 2005 by 13%. The single premium that the County pays will increase by \$32.81 per month for each employee. The family premium portion that the employee pays will increase by \$48.17 per mth.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Commissioner Meeting May 20, 2005

The Board of County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. on call of the Chairman. County Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann and Eldon Ehrman. Absent: Shirley J. Jorgensen

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order.

Tax Director, Cynthia Wahl, met with the board to discuss the new capitalization rate for the agriculture value per acre was decreased from 9.5% to 8.9% by the legislature and the new revised average per acre is at 194.10 for Sheridan County. The Auditor reported with the new assessor's adjustments of agriculture values posted to date the average is at 188.75 so Sheridan County is within the 5% tolerance allowed by the State Equalization Board. No percentage change on ag values was approved by the County Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve that the County continue to pay the single employee health insurance premiums for this year and when budgeting for health insurance premiums for the County employees for next year other options will be considered, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to amend the following County Beer & Liquor license regulations by removing to have a public hearing when considering Beer & Liquor applications and the public notice to be published in the official newspaper and also to adopt subsection 3. to the License - Term of as follows:

3. If an application is made for a license hereunder during the license year for a period of 7 consecutive days or less, the applicant shall set out in the application the period of time for which the license is requested and the license will commence and end on such day as approved by the County Commission. The fee thereof for on and off sale of beer and also on and off sale liquor license or any combination thereof approved by the County Commission shall be the sum of \$25.00.

Seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The Auditor presented applications for a Beer and Liquor License from Gary Berg, McClusky for an event to be held at the 4-H building at Hoffers Lake for June 18-19th, 2005. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve a Beer and Liquor License to Gary Berg for June 18th & 19th, 2005, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The Auditor reported that Rath & Meher, PC will be conducting the bi-annual County Audit for years 2003 and 2004 the week of May 31st.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to repair the lights in the outer Sheriff's office, install an outlet in the Sheriff's vault and to

also install a new light above the entrance to the Community Room steps by MEC services, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman