

County Commission Meeting February 7, 2006

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

Chairman Ehrman 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, 2006:

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,446.75
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$260.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$167.00

The total miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of January, 2006:

General - \$28,717.86	Human Services
- \$1,188.48	
Unorganized Rd. - \$11,667.69	Secondary Road
- \$86.40	
County Road - \$1,364.20	Highway Dist.
- \$20,526.42	
County Park - \$1,143.00	County Ext. -
\$10.00	
Weed Control - \$102.05	911 - \$874.95
Wireless 911 - \$551.92	

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

The January payroll warrants #28971-29004 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$21,049.52	Service
Officer - \$241.66	
County Agent Fund - \$1,334.33	Emergency
Manager - \$400.00	
911 - \$387.50	Highway Dist.
- \$11,451.49	
Weed Control - \$400.00	Human Services
- \$7,237.55	

The following bills #29028-29095 were approved and

ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv, 41.55;Bentz Supply Store,88.52; Auto Wizard Inc 289.02;Walter M. Lipp,37.25;Pitney Bowes,Inc.,338.23; Howard Erdmann, 85.50;West River Telecommunications, 683.70; Official Payments Corp,165.00; Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender Co., 126.30; Waste Management Of ND; 38.61; Reule's Super Value, 84.72; US Postal Service, 500.00; ND Clerk Of Court Assoc, 60.00; Eldon Ehrman,114.00; Butler Machinery Company, 16.54;Tractor Supply Company,12.13; Herb Neuharth Plumbing,182.13; Fireside Office Plus, 3.34;Office Depot,124.62; Goodrich Ambulance Service,13,784.92;Cenex Credit Card,108.00; Birch Telecom, 97.65; BHG, Inc., 290.88;Information Technology Dept.,375.00; Cellular One, 231.08; Haroldson Office Supply,77.97; Mclean County Sheriff's Office,75.00;Shirley J Jorgensen,10.26; Interstate Engineering Inc,1,601.87; NDEMA, 30.00;D&J Oil, Inc.,1,472.49; Lawson Products,401.19; NAPA Auto Parts, 99.94;Power Plan,117.42; Mandan Supply & Equipment Inc, 206.90; Farmers Union Oil Co, 440.64; Heringer Lumber,14.31; Decatur Electronics Inc, 67.00; SD DCI Forensic Laboratory,15.00; Turtle Lake Memorial Hospital, 25.00; RDO Mack Sales & Service Inc,18.03; ND TTT Center, 200.00; Crystal Schaunaman, 256.04;Lutheran SS Of ND, 30.00; ND Weed Control Association, 200.00; Myron Dieterle, 382.64; Marilyn Schneider, 296.34; ND 911 Assoc, 10.00; ND County Auditors Assoc, 75.00; Chemsearch, 554.57; McClusky Merchants, 20.00; NDTC, 20.28; SRT Communications, Inc, 12.88; ND State Radio Communications, 938.40; Jake's Auto Glass, Inc, 46.30; 3-D Specialties, 374.40; American Income Life Ins Co,7.80; Holen Construction,1,125.00; Menards,372.87;Alberta Strobel, 152.00; Elisha Page,176.00;Tyler Post, 30.90; Brandon Whitmire, 30.90;Brandon Mortenson,15.45; Tiffanie Reiser, 80.00;Andrew Roubal,46.35

The time being 10:30 a.m. the County surplus property sealed bids were opened as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dell PC'S</u>	<u>Gateway P2 PC</u>	<u>Gateway P3 PC</u>	<u>Monitor</u>
Cheryl Jesz	-	-	-	\$10.00
Richard Bauer	\$300.00	-	\$250.00	-

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Tom Saueressig	\$101.99	-	-	-
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Cynthia Wahl	\$100.00	-	-	-
	\$20.00			
Rita Bertsch	-	-	-	\$10.00
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Faye Axt	\$60.97 ea.	\$50.97	\$50.97	-
	\$20.97			
Susan Ebach	-	-	-	-
	\$20.00			
Nancy Crimmins	\$75.00	-	-	-
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	\$50.00			
James Haux	-	-	\$150.00	-
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Phyllis Dieterle	\$150.00	-	\$ 75.00	-
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It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the top bids of \$300.00 for one of the Dell PC's and \$250.00 for the Gateway P3 PC to Richard Bauer, the top bid of \$150.00 for the other Dell PC to Phyllis Dieterle, and the top bids of \$50.97 for the Gateway P2 PC and \$20.97 for the Printer to Faye Axt, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Being there was a tie bid on the computer monitor, a coin flip was later conducted with Cheryl Jesz and Rita Bertsch present. Jesz spoke for heads. Sheriff, Larry Gessner, conducted the coin toss that landed heads up. Cheryl Jesz was the top bidder of \$10.00 for the computer monitor by flip of the coin.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to request attending workshops in regards to the agriculture values and Geographic Information Systems in Bismarck at the NDACo office and the annual winter continuing education classes for tax directors with the State Tax Commissioners Office. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve Cynthia Wahl to attend the Tax Director continuing ed and agriculture values/GIS classes in Bismarck, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. The minimum amount of hours per week to work off the farm and still qualify for exemption of

property taxes was discussed.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to appoint the following Assessors for the 3rd District for a 4 yr term:

Shirley Jorgensen - Whittaker Twp.
Sherril Houser - Lamont & Hellman Twps.
Clifford Kahler - Sperry Twp.
Mary Feickert- Schiller & Mertz Twp.

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

James O. Haux, landowner, met with the board to still disagree on a weed mowing bill stating that if the County did cut it, it was a patchy and a poor job. Haux went on to say that the gravel ridges are taller than the weeds so there still would be snow problems. The County Commissioners tabled the weed mowing bill until they inspected it and talked to the road crew.

At this time a delegation of Twp. Supervisors met with the board to discuss graveling issues. Twp. Supervisors present were Lewellyn Tewksbury, Edgemont Twp., William Voegele, Pickard Twp., Charles Netzloff and Steve Kensmoe, Prophets Twp. Mr. Tewksbury inquired if a contract with Sundre Gravel, Minot, for 1.80 per yd for crushing gravel has been signed or if the County can hire another contractor. Chairman Ehrman stated that Sundre has a good price for crushing gravel that both parties signed on 3-1-05 for 1.80 per yd and that the County would keep contacting them to come out this Spring. Also other contacts to crushing gravel vendors have been made and they have stated that they would come and crush also for a higher price per yd, however; no one else has shown up yet either. Chairman Ehrman asked the Twp. supervisors if they think the County road maintenance is being completed to their expectations. The twp. supervisors stated that after hunting season the roads should have been maintained more, they were a mess, however; there was not much for gravel for the maintainers to work with. The Chairman stated the new road crew employees and the road foreman will be attending a gravel maintenance class next week to get updated on graveling issues. Also a disk to be attached to the scarifier on the maintainer is being investigated by the road crew. This will break up the

clumps in the ridges while the road crew is blading, therefore; help to mow the road right of way easier. The road crew will be contacted to meet with the County Commission for next month to discuss improvements that they can do on maintaining the roads better, etc.

Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent, met with the board to present monthly reports from October thru January due to she was off on maternity leave. Schaunaman reported that the 4-H Livestock bldg. has been ordered. It will be a hoop building from Pro Tec Engineered bldgs and will be delivered the end of February and constructed this Spring. Schaunaman will also apply for a grant through Friends of the National Rifle Assoc. for the local Shooting Sports club to help fill their equipment needs. Schaunaman was still active in facilitating some events in the County during her leave like the Beef Quality Assurance meeting and the Sheridan Association's annual meeting. The Spring Crop and Livestock Forum were planned and will be held February 22nd with Roger Johnson as the main speaker. Schaunaman attended the Crop Improvement and Seed Association meeting in Minot, the local Conservation Security Program meeting by the NRCS, and the Animal Ag Summit in Bismarck. The Sheridan County In Partnership with Youth (SCIPY) had a couple of training events during this quarter and a fun event with their ice skating party in January. Economic development ideas with the bio-diesel plant being constructed at Washburn area was discussed with the board also.

Walter Filler, member of the Lincoln Valley Irrigation District, Herbert Sprenger, landowner, met with the board upon the board's request to discuss the purpose of the Lincoln Valley Irrigation District. Filler stated that Sheridan County never had qualified irrigation acres to be in an irrigation district to begin with, therefore; the Lincoln Valley Irrigation District should be dissolved. Walter M. Lipp, States Attorney, and Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent and Secretary of the Lincoln Valley Irrigation District, met with the board to report on the process of dissolving the Lincoln Valley Irrigation District. Lipp stated that according to the records filed in the Auditor's office, Walter Filler and Calvin Helm are the last surviving members of the Lincoln Valley Irrigation District that were elected in 1992. Lipp continued to report that an executive meeting of the Lincoln Valley Irrigation District needs to be done first to appoint the vacated member and

then have a regular Lincoln Valley Irrigation District board meeting to adopt a resolution or a motion to conduct an election to dissolve the Lincoln Valley Irrigation District. An election dissolving the Lincoln Valley Irrigation District will need to be held with the landowners that are only included in the district involved. Schaunaman and Filler will continue the process with the notice of Election published in the paper of dissolving the Lincoln Valley Irrigation District.

The January Nutrition Education Agent Narrative was read and filed.

Walter Lipp, States Attorney, also reported on the McLean-Sheridan Water Resource Board changes that were discussed at the McLean County joint Commission meeting that can be done according to the NDCC. Further contacts will be made to the McLean County States Attorney. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen that Sheridan County encourage and support the McLean-Sheridan Water Resource Board to study the establishment of a user-elected governing board for the district while allowing them to retain their tax exemption status, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The Auditor presented prices from Holen Const. to do gravel work for 2006. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the gravel and hauling prices of Holen Const and to adopt the gravel hauling rates for the County to haul gravel starting at \$2.60 per yd within 3 miles and additional .40 for each additional mile plus gravel royalty, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to send a letter of concern to the Department of Transportation to widen HWY 200 from Mercer to Hurdsfield like Hwy 200 is from Underwood to Mercer so that the DOT includes it in their future priority list for upcoming State Highway improvements, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to report that the White tractor repairs have been figured out by M&C Repair. A new hydraulic pump will be installed on

the White tractor. The 3020 JD tractor also needs repairs. Gross was instructed to check on renting tractors from RDO Equipment, Butler Machinery, and Krider Equipment. Gross explained how the disk attachment to the scarifier on the blade can be built. Gross will check with the McLean County Road Dept. on the disk attachments that they have built. Gross will provide a list of County equipment at the next County Commission meeting that could be sold on the County surplus property sale. Gross and the three newest hired blademen were instructed to attend the gravel maintenance workshop coming up in February. The Board will meet with the Road Crew at the next County Commission meeting to review road maintenance issues.

The Auditor reported a building permit was issued to Forrest Strobel and Sandra L. Criddle for moving a 28' x 52' manufactured home on Parcel 1 of unplatted Lots 13-22, Blk. 9 Denhoff.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve entering into an agreement with the NDDOT for installing 911 signs on the NDDOT State highway stop signs located within Sheridan County, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The applications for abatement and settlement of 2004 & 2005 taxes filed by David Martwick for Lots 1 & 2, Blk. 3, North, McClusky City; Morris Bauer for Lots 10-11-12, Blk. 6, Hamilton's Addition, McClusky City; and only 2005 taxes filed by Clinton & Nancy Neff for S2NW4, Lots 3-4 4-146-76 were reviewed and forwarded to the their assessor and the Director of Tax Equalization. The hearings were scheduled as follows:

David Martwick - Tuesday, March 7, 2006 @ 1:30 p.m.
Morris Bauer - Tuesday, March 7, 2006 @ 2:00 p.m.
Clinton Neff - Tuesday, March 7, 2006 @ 2:30 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to instruct the County Auditor to send a letter to the State Court Administrator to approve that Sheridan County elect to enter into an agreement with the Supreme Court to provide clerk of district court services for Sheridan County, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to amend the County beer and liquor license regulations to increase the Sunday alcohol permit to \$25.00 and to allow the County Auditor to approve issuing the special permits upon recommendations from the Sheriff's Office, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "Yes" the motion carried.

The Auditor reported there is training on the new election equipment, the Automark, with Election Systems & Services Feb. 27 thru March 2nd in Bismarck. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve that the Auditor, Deputy Auditor, and Election Inspectors attend the election training classes Feb 27 thru March 2nd in Bismarck, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. The Deputy Auditor and Election Inspectors are not required to attend all days.

Sheriff, Larry Gessner, met with the board to present the City\County Police Service contract that was approved by McClusky City. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the City/County Police Service Contract with McClusky City in the amount of \$12,500.00 annually, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. The transmission in Deputy Axt police vehicle is possibly going out according to Auto Wizard, of Bismarck. Gessner will receive estimates on rebuilding the transmission. Gessner stated that he will not be running for Sheriff this election year. Gessner also reported that the Narcotic Task Force is requesting more funding. The 1996 Crown Vic and the 1992 Ford Bronco police vehicles will be striped of their radio equipment and sirens that will be added to the road crew equipment sale on sealed bids. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve purchasing 3 respiration packs within the amount of \$1,365.00 for the Sheriff's Office out of the Homeland Security fund, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. The Auditor also presented the Centre, Inc. Community Service Program letter requesting more funding is needed due to the ND Dept. of Corrections will discontinue funding after July 1, 2006. Sheriff Gessner will investigate further with

other Community service alternatives that would be provided for juveniles at less cost.

At this time, Sheriff Larry Gessner, introduced Brian Lang, newcomer who is running for County Sheriff. Mr. Lang discussed his interests in Sheridan County and will be planning to move to the McClusky area later this year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

County Auditor

Chairman