

County Commission Meeting January 5, 2006

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 were read and it was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to rescind the motion from the December 6, 2005 meeting approving to decrease from 6 precincts down to 4 precincts, and that the motion state that the County stay at 6 precincts due to the two legislative district boundaries that split the County, however; to have only 4 polling sites with 4 election boards being it was approved at the last legislative session to allow multiple precincts within one polling location and one election board, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. The corrected precinct boundaries and polling locations for election year 2006 are as follows:

County, Legislative, Precinct Number & Name of Precincts
Polling Place

No. 42-07-01	Martin City, Martin Twp., Martin City Hall	
	Georgetown Twp., Berlin Twp., New Germantown Twp.	Herr Ave.
	Martin, ND 58758	
No. 42-07-02	Strassburg Twp., Rosenfield Strassburg Twp. Hall	
	Twp., Highland Twp., 150-77	Sec. 15- Granville Twp
No. 42-07-03	Holmes Twp., Harris Twp. McClusky City Hall	Lincoln-
Dale Twp., Prophets	Community Room Twp., Mt. City Twp.,	
117 Ave B East Twp.	McClusky, ND 58463	Hellman
No. 42-07-04	Schiller Twp., Fairview Twp., Goodrich City Hall	
122 McKinley Ave	Mertz Twp., Boone Twp.,	

Goodrich, ND 58444
 No. 42-14-05 Pickard Twp., McClusky Twp.,
 McClusky City Hall
 McClusky City, Lamont Twp.,
 Community Room
 Edgemont Twp., Johns Lake Twp.,
 117 Ave B East
 Whittaker Twp.
 McClusky, ND 58463

No. 42-14-06 Denhoff Twp., Goodrich Twp.,
 Goodrich City Hall
 Goodrich City, Sperry Twp.,
 122 McKinley Ave Mauch
 Twp. Goodrich, ND 58444

The following Statement of fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds:

County Recorder, Fees, \$2,227.55
 Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$410.00
 Sheriff, Fees, \$203.20

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

1,194.61	General Fund - \$ 2,734.95	Social Welfare - \$
\$16,338.34	County Road - \$ 2,074.00	Highway Dist. -
\$1,104.12	County Park - \$59.61	S.S. & OASIS -
	Weed Control - \$ 525.00	911 - \$885.40
	Wireless 911-948.05	

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

The December payroll warrants #28786-28804, 28822-28841 were approved from the following funds:

\$241.66	General Fund - \$ 20,820.67	Service Officer -
\$400.00	County Agent Fund - \$1,334.33	Civil Defense -
	911 - \$387.50	Highway Dist. -

\$11,272.49

County Park - \$85.60

Social Welfare -

\$7,404.61

The following bills #28849-28929 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,41.55; Dakota Communications,1,848.60; Bentz Supply Store, 76.62; Auto Wizard Inc,1,076.88; Walter M. Lipp, 86.08; McClusky Pharmacy, 23.69; N.D. Newspaper Association, 150.00; Pitney Bowes, Inc.;338.23; Howard Erdmann,158.08; West River Telecommunications, 658.59; McClusky Ins Agency,1,327.50;Waste Management Of ND,41.54;N.D. Sheriffs & Deputies Assoc,15.00; Maximus, Inc,11,000.00; N.D. State Radio Communication, 120.00;Eldon Ehrman,63.08; Burnie's, 400.60; Fireside Office Plus, 6.85; Office Depot, 228.58; Cenex Credit Card, 358.61;Birch Telecom,103.44; BHG, Inc., 258.68; Information Technology Dept.,375.00;Cellular One,237.93; Shirley J Jorgensen,107.16; OMB/Surplus Property Division,21.00;D&J Oil, Inc.,4,779.48; John Deere Credit, 40,000.00; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,45.41;NAPA Auto Parts,100.07;Co-Op Elevator, 2,793.59;NDTC, 20.28; SRT Communications, Inc,12.88; West River Telecommunications, 510.48; Meckle Excavating,3,266.00; Menards, 2.58;Randy Miller,32.40;Abused Adult Resource Center, 50.00; After School Program, 195.04;Agriculture Communication, 46.00; Animal & Range Sciences, 16.00; Caterpillar Financial Services,37,046.55; Computer Software Assoc Inc,2,658.50; Elisha Page,168.00;Elmer Jesme Conf Of Counties,75.00; Fastenal,192.10;First District Health Unit, 5,448.25; Nat'l Business Furniture, 474.00;Lewis & Clark Regional Dev Council,1,214.00; Lutheran Social Services Of ND, 232.09; Marshall Feland,150.00; Midwest Graphics & Signs,1,025.00; ND Co Recorder Assoc, 75.00;ND States Attorney Assoc, 250.00; ND VSO Association, 40.00; ND Weed Control Assoc,62.00; Redwood Biotech Inc,125.00; Richland Co Auditor, 45.15; Roberts Floral, 26.50;Sanitary Plumbing & Heating, 449.18; Alberta Strobel,112.00;Brandon Mortenson,46.35; Tiffanie Reiser,56.00;Andrew Roubal,46.35;Spencer Roth, 46.35;Marshall & Swift,195.95; South Sakakawea Task Force,4,250.00;Taylor & Francis Group LLC, 201.88;Tyler Post, 46.35; Brandon Whitmire,51.50;N.D. Association Of Counties, 19,810.12; NACo,380.00;Bryles Firearms, 252.98

The first order of business was to elect Chairman and

Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to elect Eldon Ehrman as Chairman of the County Commission for the ensuing year, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes. All voting "Aye" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to elect Shirley Jorgensen as Vice-Chairman of the County Commission for the ensuing year, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - abstained. All voting "Aye" the motion carried.

Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent, met with the board to discuss prices for 4-H Livestock building. Further discussion on the 4-H livestock building will be at the County Park Board meeting.

The Auditor presented to the Board the resignation of Cheryl Jesz from the 3rd District Assessor position. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to accept the resignation effective as dated January 4th, 2006, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. Contacts to other local assessors will be done to find a replacement for the 3rd District Assessor position.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve adding the omitted residential structure of James & Wanda Ebach located on 723'x 723' tract in the NW4 5-149-76 onto the 2006 property tax list, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The Board instructed the County Auditor to publish an ad advertising for sale by written sealed bids government surplus property located at the Sheridan County Courthouse. Bids will be accepted by the County Auditor's Office beginning January 23, 2006 and end at the close of business on February 6, 2006. Sealed bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 7th, 2006.

The time being 11:00 a.m. the County Park Board meeting was held. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Faye Axt, Deputy Sheriff, met with the board to discuss and review the urine sampling proposal to have urine testing done within the Sheriff's office in order to monitor defendants of their possible use of controlled substances and report it to the Court system. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the proposal in charging \$13.00 per urine test, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

At this time James Haux, landowner, met with the board to disagree with the roadside weed mowing bill for the 2nd cutting on the NW4 9-148-77 in the amount of \$50.00. Haux also recommended signs on the Farm to Market road need to be placed on the Farm to Market road not placed on the side Twp. Roads. These issues will be discussed further with the Road Foreman later today.

Arnold Wall, landowner, met with the board to request gravel be hauled on Edgemont Twp. roads. Chairman Ehrman reported that the County has been trying to get gravel crushed in the County for the last two years and that Edgemont Twp. is organized and the County can not authorize any gravel hauled without Edgemont Twp's approval. Wall also disagreed with the 1st cutting roadside weed mowing on minimum maintenance roads. The Board stated that minimum maintenance roads are not included in the roadside weed mowing policy.

The Auditor reported a special Sunday alcohol permit was granted to the Union Grill & Bar to be open on Sunday, New Year's Day.

The time being 3:00 p.m. the discount tank wagon fuel bid letting was held. Bids were received as follows:

	Gasoline	Diesel Fuel	Heating Fuel
Oil	Grease		
	<u>Discount</u>	<u>Discount</u>	<u>Discount</u>
<u>Discount</u>	<u>Discount</u>		
Konschak Oil, Inc., Goodrich	.15 per gal		.15 per gal.
.15 per gal.	.15 per gal.	.15 per lb.	
D & J Bulk, Inc., McClusky	.07 per gal		.07 per gal.
.07 per gal.	.30 per gal.	.10 per lb.	
CO-OP Elevator, McClusky	.09 per gal		.09 per gal.
.09 per gal.	-----		

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to accept the

diesel fuel discount tank wagon price of .15 per gal. off the retail price from Korschak Oil, Goodrich, to supply the Goodrich Shop and Schuh's Motorgrader; and to accept the Diesel fuel discount tank wagon price of .07 per gal. off the retail price, Gasoline discount tank wagon price of .07 per gal off the retail price, Motor Oil discount tank wagon price of .30 per gal off the retail price, Grease discount tank wagon price of .10 per gal off the retail price, all from D & J Oil, McClusky, to supply the Diesel Fuel, Motor Oil, Grease, and half the gas for at the McClusky Shops; and also to accept the heating fuel discount tank wagon price of .09 per gal off the retail price, gasoline discount tank wagon price of .09 per gal. off the retail price, all from the CO-OP Elevator, McClusky for supplying the heating fuel for the Courthouse and half the gas at the McClusky County Shop, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call - Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss the 911 signage, Farm to Market road signs, and roadside weed mowing issues. Suggestions from the board for the road crew to work on was to rip rap a road on the Sperry twp. line while the weather is warm and to build a disc adapter onto the side of the scarifier for breaking up the gravel lumps and ridge as they blade the roads.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the estimate on purchasing and installing the 12 valves for the heating registers on the 1st and 2nd floor in the Courthouse in the amount of \$2,378.00 from Sanitary Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Mandan, 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 approve the Boiler Insurance Policy for 2006, 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 Jorgensen to approve the computer technical support agreement with NDACO in the amount of \$4,080.00 for providing computer technical service of up to 48 hrs for 2006, 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 purchase a HP Pentium 4 computer for the County Auditor's office that includes 3.0 GHz, 512MB, 40GB, Windows XP Pro operating system, Office 2003 standard software, and a 17" flat panel monitor all in the amount of \$1,136.36 after the \$50.00 rebate from the monitor, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erhman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board upon the board's request to discuss the new average agricultural values reported by the State Tax Commissioners Office. According to the State Tax Commissioners Office, the average ag value for Sheridan County should increase by 9% from \$194.01 per average acre from last year to \$210.84 per average acre for this year. Wahl reported some increases in ag sales per acre have been reported throughout the last year in Sheridan County and this could have some affects on why the ag values are increasing more. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to only raise the ag value to 4% and still be within the 5% tolerance that is allowed by the State, 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 Erdmann that the District County Assessors be paid \$275.00 per township for assessor duties for 2006, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann, and carried that the Chairman of the Board, Eldon Ehrman, the County Auditor, and the County Treasurer, be appointed the members of the purchasing board for the ensuing year, 2006. Upon roll call - Erdmann -yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. The County Officials and Janitor are therefore requested to requisition to the Board of County Commissioners at their regular meetings for all larger items such as furniture, equipment, etc. that exceeds over \$100.00 and that they have the approval of the purchasing board on all smaller items.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen, and carried that the Auditor be authorized to pay the following items by Auditor's warrants

during the year upon authorized payrolls, certificates of interest on warrants, workmen compensation premiums, unemployment insurance, withholding tax, welfare office personnel, other welfare vouchers upon approval of welfare board, and county shop, county park, and courthouse electricity and water bills. Upon roll call - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes. All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen, that the following banks be designated as County Depository Banks. Upon roll call vote: Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes. All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The First National Bank of McClusky
 Choice Financial Group of Goodrich
 The Bank of North Dakota

The Pledge of Assets were reviewed and found in order.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen that the County employees be paid .38 per mile for necessary travel, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann that the Elected Officials and Appointed Officials annual Salaries for 2006 be set as follows:

County Auditor	22,800.00	
Sheriff	26,460.00	
County Recorder	22,800.00	
Treasurer	22,000.00	
States Attorney	23,150.00	
County Commissioners	8,400.00 each	
	(Plus mileage and expense)	
Veteran's Service Officer	2,900.00	
Civil Defense Director	4,800.00	
911 Coordinator	4,650.00	
Risk Manager	2,550.00	
Tax Director	13,920.00	
And Salaries of Deputies, Clerk, etc. be set as follows:		
Auditor - Deputy	13,926.00	
Extra help if needed		100.00
Sheriff - Chief Deputy	23,400.00	
Deputy Clerk	21,600.00	
Special Deputies-Signal 100 or		

Similar long situations

5.50 per hr.

Normal-Special Deputies

5.15 per hr.

County Recorder- Deputy	8,735.00
Extra help if needed	2,000.00
Treasurer - Clerk	7.00 - 8.00 per hr.
County Agent Clerk	16,012.00
Janitor & Extra help	13,896.00
Janitor Extra help	1,104.00
State's Attorney Rent	100.00 per mth.
Weed Board Members	50.00 per mtg.
County Park Board Commissioners	10.00 per mtg
Planning & Zoning Board members	10.00 per mtg

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

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann that the Highway employees salaries be as follows for 2006, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES - Salaries - Annually

Salaries for full time experienced operators:

Annual

Foreman and Head Blademan	25,700.00
Head Mechanic and Blademan	24,850.00
Other Blademen and Tractor operators with Over 8 years experience	24,320.00
Other Blademen and Tractor operators	20,510.00
Salary for full time in-experienced operator	19,910.00

Wages for part time inexperienced operators:

Per Hour

Experienced part time operators	8.65
Inexperienced operators begin at	7.60

Common Labor, Tarring Streets, Picking Rocks, etc.
8.00

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to re-appoint the following for the year 2006:

Marlin P. Engen - County Park Commissioner
Arlington Helm - County Park Commissioner
Paul Stober - Veteran Service Officer
Wayne Houston - County Emergency Manager & 911
Coordinator
Larry Gessner - Acting Coroner
Cynthia D. Wahl - Director of Tax Equalization
Tracy Laib - Risk Manager

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

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to re-appoint the following as District Assessors:

James Haux - 1st District Assessor
Sherril Houser - 2nd District Assessor

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 that the County employees that do not arrive for work due to inclement weather, even though the Courthouse is open, shall take a vacation or sick day off at the employee's discretion to compensate for that day, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann -yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman- yes All voting "Aye" the motion carried.

At this time Larry Gessner, Sheriff, met with the board to discuss the County/City Policing Agreement and that it will be presented at the next McClusky City Council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Commission Meeting January 23, 2006

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met with the McLean County Commissioners at the McLean County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. in regards to McLean-Sheridan Water Resource board issues. Sheridan County Commissioners present were Eldon Ehrman, Howard Erdmann, and Shirley J. Jorgensen. McLean County Commissioners present were Ronald Kresbsbach, Julie Hudson-Schenfisch, and Steve Lee. Others present were Walter M. Lipp, Sheridan County States Attorney; Ladd Erickson, McLean County States Attorney; Lynn Odberg, McLean-Sheridan Water Resource Board, Darwin Saari, Turtle Lake Mayor, Deb Torkelson and Allan Tinker, BHG News Service, Leslie Korgel and Lori Foss, McLean County Auditor's office.

McLean County Chairman, Krebsbach expressed his desire for individual county water boards to be separated from the joint McLean-Sheridan Water Resource Board. Hudson-Schenfisch expressed her desire that the membership of the joint McLean-Sheridan Water Resource Board be actual users of the water. The benefits and drawbacks of a cooperative board were discussed. Legal ramifications of all options were discussed. Tax exemption issues were discussed regarding the formation of new separate boards.

It was the understanding that the current intent of both counties is to establish a water district with a user elected board retaining tax exempt status with separate county water boards set by each county. Lipp expressed his concerns that city entities involved should be able to have voting representation to protect their interests. Erickson stated that the county commissioners present only have advisory powers regarding the water district and any motions should be made so that they are clear to the public that this issue is only in the study phase at this current time. Saari stated that the cities involved currently have contracts with the water district to protect their interests.

At this time McLean County Commission made a motion to state the intent of the McLean County Commission is to 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 with both County States Attorneys and to also encourage Sheridan County Commission

to state their intent of support to the McLean-Sheridan Water Resource Board at their next regular Commission meeting.

At this time the Sheridan County Commission adjourned their meeting with the McLean County Commissioners.

Auditor

Chairman