

County Commissioners Meeting March 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 February, 2006:

County Recorder, Fees, \$923.00
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$705.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$364.40

The total Miscellaneous Receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of February, 2006:

General - 6,115.07	Social Welfare - \$
4,554.48	
Unorganized Rd. Dist. - \$ 4,315.00	County Road -
\$384.50	
Highway Dist. - \$15,257.48	SS & OASIS -
\$522.82	
County Ext. - \$5.00	Weed Control -
\$1.05	
911 - \$869.25	Wireless 911 -
\$548.12	
Senior Citizens - \$4,047.49	

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

The February payroll warrants #29137-29169 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$ 20,435.92	Service
Officer - \$241.66	
County Agent - \$1,334.33	Civil Defense -
\$400.00	
911 - \$387.50	Highway Dist. -
\$11,322.49	
Social Welfare - \$7,832.17	

The following bills #29193-29250 were approved for March and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv, 41.55; Dakota Communications,77.78; Bentz Supply Store,81.17; Walter M. Lipp, 38.60; McClusky Pharmacy,33.89; Howard Erdmann,136.42;West River Telecommunications,880.39;N.D. Association Of Counties,5,367.36;City of McClusky, 26.50; Sylvia Schell,53.20;Waste Management Of ND, 38.76;Gall's Inc.,1,439.97; Secretary Of State,7.00; Eldon Ehrman,160.74; Fireside Office Plus,3.68;Office Depot, 569.97; Cenex Credit Card, 254.90;Birch Telecom,100.62; BHG, Inc., 406.98;Information Technology Dept., 375.00; Cellular One, 216.30;Shirley J Jorgensen,79.42;Centre Inc, 480.00;D&J Oil, Inc., 2,231.86; Ri-Tec Industrial Products,95.00;Lawson Products,50.80;Newman Traffic Signs,3,392.05;Porter Bros., 20.08;M&C Repair,3,673.16;NAPA Auto Parts,36.87; ND TTT Center,200.00;Gross Aeration Sales,10,000.00; Nodak Agency Inc,30.00; General Equipment Co, 47.99; ND Assoc. Of Co. Engineers,125.00;Bernard Richter, 152.76;Ace Industrial Supply,119.90;Julie Hudson-Schenfisch, 9.84; Dakota Prairies RC & D, 250.00; BW Seven Seas Inn, 110.00; ND St Agency For Surplus, 16.00; NDSU-Gail Hokenson, 70.00;Crystal Schaunaman, 210.52; NDSU Ag Communications, 4.00; Sanitary Plumbing & Heating, 2,389.00; NDTC,20.28; SRT Communications, Inc,12.88;3-D Specialties,190.66; First District Health Unit,470.00;Garrison Diver Conserv Dist,2,616.89; Alberta Strobel,128.00; Elisha Page, 64.00;Tiffanie Reiser,16.00; Power Plan, 6,088.80

The following transfer of funds were approved as follows:

\$40,011.60, Unorganized Rd. Districts to County Road - Annual Road Maintenance

Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent, met with the board to present her monthly report of activities in their office. A couple of 4-H clubs in the County have gained new members. Schaunaman stated the 4-H livestock hoop building has been delivered. The remaining balance of the building in the amount of \$10,000.00 needs to be paid at this time. A couple of estimates will be received to dig posts and erect sidewalls of the new 4-H building; otherwise the remainder of the building will be erected by a group of volunteers. The Shooting Sports Club received a \$2,000.00 grant from Friends of NRA (National Rifle Association). This grant will purchase rifle and archery

equipment for the new 4-H club. The Shooting Sports Club is to teach 4-H and other youth groups shooting safety. The Sheridan Assoc. hosted the Crop and Livestock Forum in conjunction with local Insurance agencies. Roger Johnson, ND Ag Commissioner was the keynote speaker. Other speakers discussed no-till, lowering nitrogen cost, manure utilization in cropping systems and hoop barns for hogs. Ladies Night Out was held in conjunction with the Soil Cons. Dist. and the Family and Nutrition Program Agent. They focused on water quality, a food demonstration, and house decorating tips by using unique treasures from your own home. Forty Two pesticide applicators were re-certified in February by attending the pesticide classes. Other meetings that Schaunaman attended was a swine furrowing facility near Cando for Extension Agents only, ND Crop Improvement and Seed Assoc. in Minot, and Identity Preserved conference in Carrington. The Economic Development Corp. held their annual meeting with the current slate of officers re-appointed with the addition of Larry Gessner as President. The Prophet Mountain Log Homes is now renting the EDC building but is letting EDC stay at no charge to them.

The Nutrition Education Agent report for March was reviewed. Julie Hudson-Schenfisch has been attending both schools in the County once a week and conducting nutrition programs and food safety with the pupils. Julie was one of the speakers at the Ladies Night Out on a food demonstration illustrating the food pyramid with over 40 in attendance. Also some one-on-one counseling with families on budgets, meal planning, and meal purchasing has been done throughout the month.

The NDDOT District Engineer, Kevin Levi, contacted the County Commissioners by speakerphone in regards to the letter the board sent to request continued widening of Hwy 200 from Mercer to Hurdsfield. The engineer stated a public meeting will be advertised later this Spring in the McClusky Gazette for input on all highway issues. Also Chairman Ehrman aired concern to the State Engineer of the weight increase to 105,000# that will be allowed on the State Highways when the Counties are trying to keep the repairs at a minimum on the County and twp roads at 80,000#. This will cause confusion to the public and cost more to upkeep the County roads if the County allows the same weight increase as the State.

At this time Roger Trautmann, road crew employee, met with the board to discuss employee and road issues.

Cecil Schuh, road crew employee, met with the board to discuss road issues.

Bernard Richter, road crew employee, met with board to discuss road issues and the board instructed Richter that he start training to run the motorgrader and work on the north County route.

Kenneth Korschak, road crew employee, met with board to discuss road issues in his route. Korschak stated that ND Game & Fish should provide monies towards maintenance of roads during hunting season. Commissioner Erdmann reported he contacted ND Game & Fish about this issue and they reported that the federal monies can only be spent towards wildlife.

Jeff Martwick, met with the board in regards to Dave Martwick's property that the abatement hearing is scheduled for in the afternoon if there were any questions due to Dave Martwick can not attend the hearing.

The time being 1:00 p.m. Raymond Stair, road crew employee, met with the board to discuss road issues on his route. The board recommended to Stair that blading improvements need to be done within the next few months and if not Mr. Richter will be blading in the northwest route.

The time being 1:30 p.m. the hearing on the application for abatement and settlement of 2004 and 2005 taxes filed by David Martwick for the residential structure located on Lots 1 & 2, Blk. 3, North, McClusky City was held. Sherril Houser, McClusky City Assessor, and Cynthia Wahl, Director of Tax Equalization were present. David Martwick was not available. Houser stated the residential structure is not livable and the true and full value should be lowered from 3,671 down to 100. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the 2004 and 2005 applications for abatement of the residential structure to be set at a value of \$100, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the hearing on the application for abatement and settlement of 2004 and 2005 taxes filed by Morris Bauer for on Lots 10-11-12, Blk. 6,

Hamilton's Addition, McClusky City was held. Sherrill Houser, McClusky City Assessor stated Bauer is eligible for 100% Homestead Credit for 2004 and 2005 tax years. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the applications for abatement of taxes for 2004 and 2005 due to Bauer has met the criteria for Homestead Credit. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The time being 2:30 p.m. the hearing on the application for abatement and settlement of 2005 taxes filed by Clinton and Nancy Neff on the S2NW Lots 3&4 4-146-76 was held. Clinton and I. Mary Neff were present to object on the increase of the true and full value from 31,660 to 40,060 and presented a NRCS map of the property. Commissioner Jorgensen stated the average County value is based on cropland acres and noncropland acres. Wahl stated the detailed soil survey is not being used currently however; the County is striving to get it completed and then modifiers set by a soils committee will be used for reductions. Currently the 140 acres of Neff's cropland is valued at 190.75 per acre and the 15 acres of Neff's noncropland is valued at 58.57 per acre. The County average value for cropland in 2005 was 253.74 per acre and noncropland was 76.80 per acre, so their values are still well below the County average values. The abatement was tabled for a later date until the assessor does further investigation.

The time being 3:00 p.m. the County Commission Meeting recessed for the County Planning and Zoning Meeting. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss road issues and presented pictures of the disk that other Counties use on their motorgraders for crushing the road side ridges while blading. Vendors have not sent prices to Gross yet on renting a tractor for mowing weeds. Gordon Schoonober, with Zircon Const., Inc., Bismarck, was contacted by speakerphone to discuss crushing gravel this Spring for Sheridan County. Schoonober will be in McClusky Thursday to meet with the Commissioners to look at the Gravel Pits where to crush gravel. This year's phase of 911 signs was installed last month also.

Trent Naser, Deputy Sheriff, met with the board to

present an estimate of rebuilding the transmission for the Deputy Sheriff Chevrolet Impala vehicle from Leo's Transmission, Bismarck, in the amount of \$1,724.30. Commissioner Ehrman will receive another estimate for the transmission repairs. Naser reported that he will run for Sheriff this Election year also.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to instruct the Auditor to respond back to Centre, Inc., that the County can not afford the agreement any longer with Centre, Inc., which provided juvenile probationary services to Sheridan County, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Commissioner Erdmann will be in contact with Merwyn Krein, Auctioneer, to consign some County equipment to be sold on the Community auction sale in Goodrich April 22nd.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to adopt the following Load Limit Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

LOAD LIMIT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, County and Secondary Roads in Sheridan County, North Dakota, are being damaged and are in danger of being destroyed by reason of snow, rain, and climatic conditions, and;

WHEREAS, It is necessary that load restrictions be made limiting the weight of loads on said County and Secondary Roads,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, North Dakota, that no loads shall be hauled over or upon said highways or roads when the same are properly staked as provided in Section 39-12-03 of the North Dakota Century Code as follows: Where the weight exceeds - Single Axle - 300 pounds per square inch width of tire, plus 2000 pounds, not to exceed 12,000 pounds. Tandem axle - 300 pounds per square inch of width of tire, not to exceed 12,000 pounds per axle.

ATTEST:

Auditor

Chairman
Commissioner
Commissioner

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen as recommended by the County Auditor to appoint the following Election Inspectors for the following polling places/precincts for the 2006 election year, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

<u>Number & Name of Precincts</u>	<u>Inspectors</u>	<u>Polling Place</u>
No. 42-07-01 Hall Twp., Berlin Twp., 24	Martin City, Martin Twp., Arlene Bender Herr Ave. New Germantown Twp. Martin, ND	Martin City Georgetown P.O. Box Martin, ND
58758		
No. 42-07-02 Twp. Hall Twp., St E	Strassburg Twp., Rosenfield Cindy Hunter Sec. 15-150-77 Granville Twp Kief, N.D.	Strassburg Twp., Highland 460 29th
No. 42-07-03 Hall	Holmes Twp., Harris Twp. Delila Reile Lincoln-Dale Twp., Prophets 7805 th Ave NE 117 Ave B East Hellman Twp.	McClusky City Community Twp., Mt. City McClusky, ND McClusky, ND
58463		
No. 42-07-04 City Hall	Schiller Twp., Fairview Twp., Luann Rauser Mertz Twp., Boone Twp., 1521 14 th ST NE	Goodrich 122 McKinley Ave Goodrich, ND
58444	Goodrich, ND	
No. 42-14-05 Hall	Pickard Twp., McClusky Twp, Delila Reile McClusky City, Lamont Twp.,	McClusky City Community

Room 7805thAve NE
Edgemont Twp., Johns Lake Twp., 117 Ave B
East McClusky,ND
Whittaker Twp. McClusky, ND
58463

No. 42-14-06 Denhoff Twp., Goodrich Twp., Goodrich City
Hall Luann Rauser
Goodrich City, Sperry Twp., 122 McKinley Ave
1521 14th ST NE Mauch Twp.
Goodrich, ND 58444 Goodrich, ND

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to appoint Cynthia Wahl to the RCD Board, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman to re-appoint the following to the Planning & Zoning board. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Karen Konschak - 4 yr. term
Tom Sauter - 4 yr. term
Arthur Waltz - 4 yr. term

The Auditor reported the County Recorder fax machine is not working properly and has been repaired a couple of times already. Estimates will be received from different vendors for a new fax machine.

The Auditor and Deputy Auditor were authorized to attend the Election Conference at the State Capitol in Bismarck with the Secretary of State's Office on March 22nd & 23rd.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

County Commission Meeting March 24, 2006

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

Chairman Ehrman called the meeting to order.

Sheriff, Larry Gessner, met with the board to discuss personnel issues within his dept. Gessner will instruct Deputy Axt to take a week off from work.

Gordon Schoonover, with Zircon Const. Inc., Bismarck, met with the board to discuss crushing 7/8" gravel of approximately 100,000 yds at \$2.50 per yd. Gravel crushing will be done in a couple of pits throughout the County and some of the Bureau pits upon approval. Walter M. Lipp, States Attorney, met with the board upon the board's request to draw up an agreement with Zircon Const. Inc., for a 3 year payment plan at \$95,000 per year plus any gravel sold to organized townships with the remaining balance paid in 2008. Schoonover offered 1.35 per yd for the 1st 3 miles of hauling gravel than an extra .20 per mile thereafter and .25 per yd for loading the graveling with payment made upon delivery.

Deputy Axt, met with the board to state her issues within the Sheriff's Office.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman