

County Commission Meeting August 7, 2018

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. County Commissioners present were Steven Eisenbeisz, Michael Axt and Howard Erdmann. Others present were Sandra Felchle

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was sent in the mail and approved as is.

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

County Recorder, fees, \$1,499.00  
Sheriff, fees, \$355.54

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of July, 2018:

General - \$75,566.98                      Unorganized Rd. Districts - \$ 18,740.80  
Highway Dist. - \$19,494.79      911- \$1,411.34  
Veterans Van - \$2,776.53

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

The July payroll warrants #69529-69566 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$36,722.09                      Highway Dist. - \$18,958.94  
Veteran Service Officer - \$477.60      County Agent fund - \$1,456.00  
Weed Control - \$6,329.32                  Civil Defense - \$643.75  
911 - \$616.67                                  BCI – \$877.82  
Veterans Van - \$2,330.50

The following bills #69578-69656 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc.,127.58;Bentz Supply Store,121.69;Howard Erdmann,127.02; WRT,756.27;Co-Op Elevator,14,375.54; N.D. Assoc. Of Counties, 35.00; N.D. State Radio Communication, 2,328.00; Fireside Office Solutions,1,427.89; Office Depot,515.48; Birch Communications, Inc.,134.32; BHG, Inc.,806.22;Information Technology Dept., 1,108.70; McLean County Sheriff's Office,2,145.00; C-Store,638.44; Lawson Products, 489.09; Newman Traffic Signs,1,994.10; Marco, Inc., 86.00; McLean-Sheridan Rur Water, 210.60; NAPA Auto Parts, 21.99;Village Family Service Center,1,500.00; Intoximeter, 54.00; Power Plan, 203.64; Faul Excavating, 485.00; G&R Controls, Inc., 384.52; Post Board, 25.00; Mechanics Plus,1,887.47; Darrell Grade,8.00;Bill Barth Ford,63.60;NDLTAP-UGTPI/NDSU, 300.00; Steve Eisenbeisz, 277.42; Nicole Wardner,409.95;Verizon, 55.85; Erin Lauer,32.64; NRG,55.00;0David Berquist Septic Tank Ser.,360.00;Kathy Davis Memorial Pool,72.00; James Paulus,165.91; NDTC,8.24;SRT Communications, Inc., 25.76; A&G Trucking,

14,596.00;ND Insurance Dept.,2,396.47;Applied Concepts, Inc.,310.00; VEC,923.00; Menards,188.74; Third Watch Comm, 574.00; Visa,749.58;McClusky City,75.50; ES&S, 438.83; Holen's Super Valu,153.11;WM Of WI-MN,785.56; Matthew Bender & Co Inc., 120.81; Verizon Wireless,481.32;Mayola Holen,744.00; Bryon Belile,12.00; Lynnette Fox, 83.52;Ladd Erickson,84.68; McLean Family Resource Center,75.00;Deere Credit, Inc., 37,786.00;Quality Electric, LLC,437.50; Ecolab Pest, 97.95; Susag Sand & Gravel, Inc., 267.00;Tom & Mark Abrahamson,204.00; Wold Engineering, PC, 34,334.55; Kotaco Fuel & Propane, 1,972.34; Purchase Power,1,203.57;Axon Enterprises, Inc., 370.00; Gooseneck Implement, 9.69; Office Of Atty General- 65.00;Mid States Wireless,105.50; ND Dept. Of Trust Lands,30.00; Double Tree West Fargo, ND,334.80; Mayo Construction Co, Inc., 493,984.10; Morris Sealcoat & Trucking,170,518.45; Laser Technology,558.00; Drake Tire & Auto,30.00; Lindsay Wold,104.04

Doug Straus, G & R Controls, called by conference call to report a surge suppressor is needed by the electric boiler in the basement also, being G&R Controls is already going to install a backup unit and suppressor by the air conditioning system on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve installing a surge suppressor for \$506.00 by the electric boiler in the Courthouse basement, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The County Auditor presented the County preliminary budget for 2019. An estimated increase of 28.83% on taxes was calculated mostly to adding the County Road 10.00 mill levy on for paying the Bank of ND loan of \$266,066.84 annually for 5 years for chip sealing and micro-surfacing the paved County farm to market roads throughout the County. When comparing the County portion of 2016 mill levies and taxes to the 2018 taxes there would be a net increase of only 12% in taxes being Human Services was being levied then and not in 2017. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the preliminary budget as filed in the Auditor's office, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. The County budget hearing was set to be held September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Courthouse.

Nicole Wardner, County Agent, met with the board to report that she will be conducting a home alone children's workshop this week. Wardner will also be attending a manure conference next week. A Soil Health Field Day will be held at the Hwy 200 & Hwy 14 junction on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. Wardner requested to have a public meeting on updating with the NDSU Extension legislative funding issue. The public meeting was scheduled for Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 after the 2019 County Budget hearing. Wardner requested approval for purchasing two printers in the Extension office – one smaller printer for \$99.00 and a color printer for \$199.00. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to purchase two printers for the Extension office out of their County Agent budget in the total amount of \$300.00, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote- Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The time being 11:00 a.m. the County Park Board meeting was held. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 11:55 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve Verendrye Electric Cooperative to bore underground electric cable line along 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and 6<sup>th</sup> St NE, McClusky, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

At this time Michael Axt left the meeting due to other conflicts.

Lynnette Fox, County Treasurer, met with the board to report on banks in Harvey she contacted for interest rates on County accts. as per requested from the last meeting. Discussion on depositing County acct. into a CD acct rather than a money market acct and earn higher interest rates with other financial companies was considered. Fox will investigate further and report back at the September meeting.

Todd Weber, Harvey Sand & Gravel, met with the board to request hauling rocks on the last 6 miles from the north end of the farm to market road in Strassburg twp. that would weigh up to 93,000# at most. It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to approve a haul road agreement with Harvey Sand & Gravel to haul rocks on north farm to market road in Strassburg Twp. and to restore the road as was when started, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss graveling some unorganized twp. roads this month and weed mowing along road right of way will be held off until after October 1<sup>st</sup> due to most mowing has been done by local farmers that needed the hay.

It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to adopt the following Resolution to place a 911 fee increase measure on the November 2018 County ballot, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

SHERIDAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA  
RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE EXISTING  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS (9-1-1) FEE

WHEREAS, the emergency services communication (9-1-1) system is critical to public safety in Sheridan County; and

WHEREAS, the \$1.00 monthly 9-1-1 fee on “assessed communications services” (telephone exchange access service, wireless service, active prepaid wireless service, and voice over internet protocol service) imposed pursuant to North Dakota Century Code 57-40.6 is essential to the operation and maintenance of the emergency services communication system (9-1-1); and

WHEREAS, the current fee limited to \$1.00 per month per “communication connection” (telephone access line, wireless access line, unique voice over internet protocol service connection, or functional equivalent uniquely identifiable by a number, internet address, or other designation) was implemented by resolution of this board and approved on November 8, 1994 by the voters of Sheridan County; and

WHEREAS, the revenue from the current fee is insufficient to adequately fund the maintenance and operations of the emergency services communications (9-1-1) system, it is proposed that the maximum fee be increased to \$1.50 per “assessed communication service” however the county commission could impose an amount less, but no more than that maximum; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota during the 2017 legislative session mandated an additional \$.50 fee on top of the local 9-1-1 fee to be remitted to the State Treasurer for implementation of a statewide interoperable radio network, and

WHEREAS, North Dakota Century Code section 57-40.6-02 provides a process of imposing 9-1-1 fees by governing board resolution and approval of the voters of up to one dollar and fifty cents per month per assessed communications service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sheridan County Board of Commissioners proposes an increase of the existing monthly fee up to \$1.50 to appropriately fund operation of the emergency services communications system, and directs that the following measure be placed on the county ballot for the statewide general election scheduled for November 6, 2018 and shall become effective January 1, 2019.

Sheridan County Measure #1

Should the current emergency services communication (9-1-1) fee of \$1.00 per month per assessed communications service be increased to a maximum local collection of \$1.50 per month per assessed communications service for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the 9-1-1 emergency services communications system for this County?

Voter approval would allow a fee, not to exceed \$1.50 per month per “communication connection” to become effective January 1, 2019, with revenue dedicated to maintaining and operating the emergency services communication (9-1-1) system as required by State law.

A “YES” vote means you approve the proposed increase of the fee to \$1.50 per month

A “NO” vote means you do not approved the fee increase and it would remain at \$1.00 per month

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

Approved:

Attest:

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Sheridan County Commission Chairman

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Sheridan County Auditor

The County property insurance policy with the State Fire and Tornado Fund was approved as filed in the County Auditor’s office.

The Auditor reported the 2018 Primary Election cost was \$15.59 per vote with 588 total votes cast. 67% of the votes’ cast was by mail ballot.

The following building permits were issued from the Auditor’s office:

Crown Castle USA, Inc., adding equipment onto cell antenna, Section 20-146-74  
Shannon Lauer, 34'x56'x12' garage in Outlot D in NE4NW4 12-146-77  
Ducks Unlimited, 45'x75' garage, 6-145-75

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve purchasing a power edge T440 Server for the Courthouse computer network and installation from NRG Technology Services in the amount of \$9,965.24, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The meeting recessed until Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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Auditor

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Chairman

County Commission Meeting August 9, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. as set. County Commissioners present Steven Eisenbeisz and Howard Erdmann. Absent: Michael Axt Others present were NDACo Executive Director, Terry Traynor; NDACO President, Devra Smestad; NDCCA President, Reinhard Hauck; Communications Manager, Jeff Eslinger; Steve Reiser, Dakota Central Social Service Director; Lynnette Fox, County Treasurer; Kathleen Mindt, County Recorder

The County Commission and the Auditor welcomed the NDACo and NDCCA Presidents' tour to Sheridan County with some kuchen from the local grocery store.

Township road maintenance costs and motorgrader price increases were discussed. Fox stated the farm exemption status needs some clarifications. The Sheridan County budget comparison sheet without Human Services levy was shared by the Auditor and reviewed, however adding in County Road 10 mill levy this year to pay for road projects will be a substantial increase this year. Sheridan County has greatly benefited that State pays for Human Service costs and encourages the State to continue to cover it. Traynor stated "Operation Prairie Dog" has been in the news for the state to pay to political subdivision for road projects with continuing oil monies if bill passes in the next legislative session. Chairman Eisenbeisz asked if those state monies will be available for the County to help pay down the current Bank of ND loan or if state monies will have certain criteria to follow or have to spend on only new road projects. Traynor hopes the state will have broad loose reins on road project funding and that the legislative session will be followed closely. Extension funding was discussed to keep watch on in the next legislation session also. Sheriff costs and prisoner expenses were discussed. Fox inquired how the wind turbine property is valued in Ward County, if commercial and is it still in landowners possession just leased. Ward County Auditor stated the Ward County tax director would need to be contacted for correct answer.

The County Commissioner was recessed until August 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

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County Auditor

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Chairman

County Commission Meeting August 14, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners met at 1:30 p.m. as per set. Commissioners present were Steven Eisenbeisz, Howard Erdmann, and Michael Axt

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to review the insurance estimate of McClusky Shop, changing County budget hearing date & time and consider a variance permit

The estimate of insurance repairs on the McClusky county shop were reviewed from the State fire and tornado fund. The County Commission stated no signing off on the insurance form until a contractor will give the County an estimate first.

Eisenbeisz stated the culvert beneath county road 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NE between Section 10 & 11 149-74 will take too long to manually flush out according to the road crew. Another alternative may need to be looked into.

The Auditor reported the McClusky and Goodrich Schools both have their meetings on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> in the evening the same time the County budget hearing was to be set at. The County budget hearing was re-scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The time being 2:00 the County Commission meeting recessed for the County Zoning & Planning Board hearing. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the recommendation of the County Zoning and Planning board to approve the Variance permit to Doug Houser for construction of a 16'x48'x75' structure on the NW4 14-146-78 to be 33' from the State road right of way rather than 250' from the State road right of way, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

The hoop barn canvass repairs were discussed again and will not be turned into insurance being the cost of canvass repairs will be less than the \$1,000.00 deductible.

Terry Weltz, met with the board to discuss having the County gravel his driveway. The board stated he would need to pay for the gravel on his own being it is his personal driveway.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman