

Commissioners Meeting February 3, 2015

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

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was read as sent in the mail and corrected to read Commissioner Eisenbeisz made a motion to accept fuel bids from D&J Bulk and Kenschak Oil, Inc. rather than Ehrman.

The following statement of fees were collected and submitted to their appropriate funds:

County Recorder, fees - \$1,395.96
Sheriff, fees - \$435.00

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of January 2015:

General - \$100,602.82	Unorganized Rd. Dist. -\$32,072.03
County Road -\$619.50	Highway Dist. - \$30,338.97
Insurance Reserve - \$367.00	County Ext. - \$44.11
Weed Control - \$4,571.10	911 - \$1,513.35

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

The January payroll warrants #64040-64066 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$29,707.09	Highway Dist - \$18,387.14
Veteran Service Officer - \$428.75	County Agent - \$817.29
Civil Defense - \$591.58	911 - \$575.69
County Corrections - \$2,750.00	BCI - \$3,000.00

The following bills #64078-64125 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Bentz Supply Store,104.73;Walter M. Lipp, 689.10;Shirley A. Murray,85.84; Howard Erdmann, 161.82;WRT,605.80; N.D. Association Of Counties,1,243.40; Andrea Lauer,28.62;Uniform Center,12.98;Mclean County Treasurer, 28,000.00;N.D. State Radio Communication,170.00; Office Depot,471.99; Birch Communications, Inc.,125.77; BHG, Inc.,601.20;Information Technology Dept.,414.05; D&J Oil, Inc.,3,750.90; Beaver Creek Archeaogy,4,685.00;Marco, Inc.,32.00; Kenschak Oil Inc.,1,952.00;Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water, 51.07;Farmers Union Oil Co., 456.50;Dakota Praires RC & D,300.00;Great Plains Directory, 90.00;Mechanics Plus, 126.80;Vern's Heating & Air,1,314.00;Steve Eisenbiesz,12.18; Emergency Comm. Network, LLC.,532.35;Nicole Wardner,303.12; Bismarck District Office, 263.22; NRG,1,399.00; Electronic Communications, Inc., 57.75;James Paulus,170.87;NDTC, 58.44;SRT Communications, Inc.,17.08; Office Of Attorney General,1,590.00; Severin, Ringsak & Morrow, 1,800.00;NDACVSO,50.00;Wex Bank, 178.83; Visa,434.74;McClusky City,63.50; Holen's Super Valu,42.60; WM Of WI-MN, 402.29;Verizon Wireless, 322.21; Quality Electric, LLC, 907.50; Zuercher Technologies, LLC,1,687.50; Martin City,15.00; ND State Radio Communications, 2,114.28

The following transfers were approved for February as follows:

\$60,760.00, Unorganized Road Districts to County Road, for annual road maintenance & snow removal

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to appoint Damon Tessman to the Water Board effective immediately to fulfill the unexpired term until 12-31-2016, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to report that Deputy Hoffman's Sheriff's vehicle has a dent in the fender that is unknown how it got there. Naser reported there is a \$250 deductible and Doug's auto body was not available last week for an estimate. The board

recommended finding out what the estimate comes in at. Naser also reported that a weight enforcement program on County roads with assistance of the McLean County Sheriff's office was discussed with the new McLean County Sheriff with a favorable response that will be discussed further with specific needs and costs. The board and Sheriff stated a weight enforcement program will help from having heavy truck loads abuse the roads and keep road maintenance costs down plus have safe roads to drive on. Naser presented a salary issue with the starting deputy sheriff's in the state are rising so fast that his office salaries are way out of line from what is being offered in other small agencies that are not even in the oil patch. This salary issue will be discussed further in the year during the budgeting process.

The Auditor presented an email and read that the Holmes Twp. site 5 was incorrectly written by the FEMA Project Specialist and now will only be approved for \$16,083.30 rather than \$62,213.82 for the mile that is inundated. It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz that the County will hold off any repairs until the road comes out of the water and instruct FEMA to re-inspect the road at that time, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The auditor reported a special Sunday alcohol permit was issued last month to the Union for Super Bowl Sunday February 1st, 2015.

An application for abatement of 2014 taxes was considered for Lots 22-23-24, Blk. 5, Original Addition, McClusky City. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the application due to the applicant is eligible for Homestead Credit, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann - yes Motion carried.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss that the bobcat skidster needs to be sold as abandoned property as soon as the States Attorney starts the process. Gross reported on equipment repairs that have been completed while snow removal has been slow so far this year.

Nicole Wardner, County Agent, met with the board to report that she has been busy in the last month with assisting farmers allocate their acres to the new USDA farm program that NDSU has set up an excel spreadsheet for.

The County surplus property silent auction will be held Friday, February 13th thru Friday, February 20th. Bids will be closed at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 20th.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the hearing for 2014 abatement of taxes for Melvin Schalfman on the property located in Johns Lake and Mt. City twps. was held. No one was present. The tax director's recommendation was lowering the true and full values from 158,996 to 129,768 due to 131.19 eligible inundated acres. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the abatement as recommended by the Tax Director, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:10 an online webinar was held with NDDOT representatives Matt Knight and Jim Redding for HSIP federal funding to cover road safety projects on farm to market roads that may include white roadway 4" edging, intersection signage, chevrons around curves, and street lighting. The draft plan and map of Sheridan County was reviewed. The board will respond back to NDDOT at the March meeting with the priority of the final draft plan. An application will be available in October to send in and projects will be approved in 2016 thru 2019.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

Planning & Zoning Meeting December 2, 2014

The Board of Sheridan County Planning Commissioners met at 1:30 p.m. County Planning Commissioners present were Arthur Waltz, Thomas Sauter, Roberta Hunt, and Howard Erdmann. Others present were County Commissioners Michael Axt and Steve Eisenbeisz, Barbara & Gerald Lauer, landowners and Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director.

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

Justin Owen, with Verizon Wireless, was on speakerphone to present the conditional use application for constructing a 250' cell phone tower and radio shelter on the SE4 35-147-77. A question was asked to Mr. Owen of how far coverage will be provided from the tower. Owen replied there will be coverage within a 10 mile radius, even though the height of the tower is only 250' that does not mean coverage is less, a study was conducted that the tower needs to be at 250' for the McClusky area to give the best service. Timeline for cell tower to be constructed was between March 2015 and October 2015. A building permit will need to be applied yet for the radio shelter.

It was moved by Planning Commissioner Thomas Sauter, seconded by Planning Commissioner Waltz to approve the conditional use permit to allow the construction of a 250' cell phone tower and radio shelter to be built. Upon roll call vote – Sauter – yes, Waltz – yes, Hunt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. A question was asked to Mr. Owen if Verizon contacted AT&T that they could utilize their tower. Owen replied AT&T's rent would have been twice as much so Verizon decided to build their own cell phone tower.

At this time Karen Kenschak, Planning Commissioner, was called by speakerphone to be available for the 2:00 p.m. hearing.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the variance hearing for the McClusky CO-OP Elevator was held to request the setback requirement to be less than 125' for placing a 30,000 gallon propane tank along the twp. road in the NE4 Section 11-146-77 that will provide fuel for drying grain products. Brian Larson, CO-OP Elevator Manager, presented the project details and that their property insurance required having the propane tank 75ft away from the building in order to still receive insurance coverage. The 30,000 gallon propane tank would be within 60ft from the road rather than the 125ft as zoning regulations stated. It was moved by Planning Commissioner Hunt to approve the variance permit of allowing the propane tank to be 60 ft. from the Twp. road, seconded by Planning Commissioner Sauter. Upon roll call vote – Hunt – yes, Sauter – yes, Kenschak – yes, Waltz – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported Planning Commissioner Earl Garbina moved out of state, so there is a Planning Commissioner vacancy. It was moved by Commissioner Kenschak to recommend to the Sheridan County Commissioners to appoint Eldon Ehrman to fill the vacancy, seconded by Commissioner Sauter. Upon roll call vote – Kenschak – yes, Sauter – yes, Hunt- yes, Waltz – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman