

County Commissioners Meeting June 7, 2012

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. County Commissioners present were Eldon Ehrman and Howard Erdmann. Absent was Michael Axt

Chairman Ehrman called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was read as sent out and corrected to read McLean Resource Center rather than McLean Abused Resource Center.

The following Statement of fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for May, 2012:

County Recorder, Fees, \$2,172.47
Sheriff, Fees, \$578.00

The total miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of May, 2012:

General - \$6,308.08	Unorganized Rds - \$51.00
County Road - \$4,827.89	Highway Dist. - \$18,963.22
County Park - \$1,375.00	County Agent - \$423.36
Weed Control - \$3,000.15	Civil Defense - \$982.28
911 - \$1,504.80	

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

The May payroll warrants #39822-39859 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$26,945.28	Highway Dist. - \$12,682.85
County Park - \$1,736.10	Service Officer - \$337.50
County Agent - \$673.97	Weed Control - \$946.50
Civil Defense - \$487.50	911 - \$475.00

The following bills 39868-39948 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Dakota Communications,73.50; Bentz Supply Store,219.35; McClusky Gazette,95.42;Shirley A. Murray,72.80;Howard Erdmann,193.20;WRT,1,725.24;CO-OP Elevator,141.25;City Of McClusky, 69.72; Nat'l Sheriff's Assoc.,50.00;Sylvia Schell,20.00;Waste Management Of ND, 111.65;Secretary Of State, 2,004.20;Eldon Ehrman,15.68; Cynthia D. Wahl,95.76;Janice D. Erdmann,77.28; Fireside Office Products, Inc., 4.45; Office Depot,175.34; Birch Communications, Inc.,120.46;BHG, Inc.,374.03; Information Technology Dept., 413.60; Mclean County Sheriff's Office, 330.00; US Postal Service,450.00;Centre Inc., 480.00; C-Store, 269.35; D&J Oil, Inc., 6,682.14;Konschak Oil Inc., 6,687.96; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water, 56.60; NAPA Auto Parts,471.90;Power Plan,440.86;Marshall Feland,150.00; ND States Attorney Assoc., 250.00; The Herald Press,60.76;Mechanics Plus,1,418.98;Sybil Peterson, 10.00; First District Health Unit, 6,048.75; Bill Barth Ford, SCSCD, 112.50;Redwood Biotech Inc., 222.65;NRG, 282.50;Electronic Communications, Inc.; 28.00;James Paulus,168.35; Tractor Supply Credit Plan,24.99; Streicher's,339.95; Wayne Houston, 70.56; NDTC,18.30; SRT Communications, Inc., 21.28; Statewide Services,4,258.00;A&G Trucking,21,962.00; Johnson's Plumbing Service,985.00;Stein's Inc., 77.02;Applied Concepts, Inc., 110.00;VEC,246.00; Menards,595.92;Bismarck Tribune,191.22;Frey Insurance Agency,148.00; Visa, 383.88; McClusky City,45.50; ES&S, 645.98;WM Lamp Tracker, Inc., 69.95;Emily Kline,801.18; Matthew Bender & Co Inc.,290.02; Verizon Wireless,277.55;Uniform & Access. Warehouse, 45.85; Main Stay Suites, 79.50; Ladd Erickson,145.35; Don Ebach,140.00; Kathy Mindt, 22.00; DS Solutions, Inc.; 60.00;Daniel Wicklander,73.68; Northern Plains Equipment, 29.87; Taser International,38.95;American Tire South,494.30;Mid Dakota Lumber & Supply, 246.46;ND Assoc Of Oil & Gas, 20.00;Access Elevator & Lift, Inc.,3,135.00; Farmers Union Oil, 7.50

Janice Erdmann, Treasurer, met with the board to report that the weed board hearing was cancelled being the landowner paid the bill. Also Erdmann requested that some filing cabinets have been left in the former social service worker office that the weed board could use for maps and office use. The Commissioners agreed that the weed board can use the former social service worker filing cabinets and office as their main office.

The time being 10:00 a.m. Jason Canales interviewed for the blade operator position in the Goodrich area. Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss road issues and getting gravel crushed in the County. The board will make contacts to land owners who would be interested in having a gravel pit extracted and a contractor to crush the gravel. Purchasing plastic culverts rather than steel culverts was discussed. The price difference is around \$8.00 per ft less and much lighter to handle for two people. The board suggested ordering some plastic culverts to try them out. Gross requested to take the first week of August off for vacation. The board approved. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to offer the blade operator position to Jason Canales at an annual salary of \$24,710.00, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdamnn – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The time being 11:00 a.m. the County Park Board meeting was held. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board by speakerphone to discuss the front wheel bearing repairs were completed on the 2005 Ford Expedition. The rear wheel bearing is out also on the 2005 Ford Expedition and will be advertised to sell as is. The 1996 Ford Crown Victoria police car will also be advertised to sell. Bids will be opened on Friday, July 6th at 10:00 a.m. Naser also stated a resolution needs to be drawn up for the McLean Family Resource Center to receive part of the Domestic Violence fines. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to adopt the following resolution for the McLean Family Resource Center, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

McLean Family Resource Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sheridan County Commissioners, which is the governing body of Sheridan County that in the judge's discretion, to assess a fee as a part of a sentence imposed on the defendant who pleads guilty to or is convicted of a criminal offense for which the maximum penalty that may be imposed by law for the offense includes imprisonment.

The fee assessed is in addition to any fine, penalty, costs or administrative fee prescribed by law. The district judge may assess the fee when sentence is imposed or when sentence is suspended or imposition of sentence is deferred, unless the defendant is indigent and unable to pay the fee.

All fees that have been collected in the past and have been paid to the County must be deposited monthly in the County Treasury and also fees thereon collected. The allocation by the governing body of Sheridan County is to be paid to the McLean Family Resource Center in Washburn on a quarterly basis, by the County Treasurer.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2012.

ATTEST:

Auditor

Chairman

Commissioner

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve adding the following escaped property to the 2011 tax list and to approve the 2011 & 2012 tax abatements that is eligible for homestead tax credit as follows, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes; Ehrman – yes Motion carried

Escaped Properties from taxation

Lot 5, Blk 18, Mauch's Addition, Goodrich City = \$19.93 in taxes

Lot 4-5, Blk 1, Doerring's Addition, Goodrich City = \$231.93 in taxes

Lot 17, Blk 3, Original Addition, Goodrich City = \$32.59 in taxes

Homestead Tax Credit

E 12ft of Lot 1, Lot 2-3, Blk. 3, Doerrings Addition 2011 year (60% credit) 2012 year (80% credit)

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Equalization meeting was held. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the WRT utility permit to bury communication line crossing twp roads between section 11 & 14 in Lamont Twp., seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to authorize the Weed Board to spray all woody plants and leafy spurge in the unorganized road districts in Sheridan County for 2012, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor was instructed to compensate the primary election board and county canvassing board members after the county canvassing board is completed.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the Auditor and Chairman to sign a County Deed to Rick Reiswig purchasing Lot 5, Blk. 4, Goodrich City and Dustin Abraham for Lot 5, Blk. 3, Original, Goodrich City, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call- Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The application for abatement of 2011 taxes filed by Loren Isaak for on the SW4 8-150-76 and Ted Heitzmann for on SE4SE4 31-150-75 and NE4SW4, SW4SE4 6-149-75 for inundated acres was reviewed and forwarded onto the Director of Tax Equalization. Loren Isaak abatement hearing will be held Thursday August 9th at 1:00 p.m. and Ted Heitzmann hearing will be held Thursday August 9th at 1:30 p.m.

The Nodak Mutual Ins Policy for insuring the County equipment was reviewed and approved.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Park Commissioners Meeting
June 7, 2012

The Board of County Park Commissioners met at 11:00 A.M. County Park Commissioners present were Arlington Helm, Eldon Ehrman, and Howard Erdmann.

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

Helm reported the new mower is working really well and covers a lot of area faster. The Belarus tractor is broke down and is getting repaired. Helm also reported that extra garbage that is not from people camping is being dumped in the Hoffer's Lake dumpsters. A fine or sign will be investigated further to be enforced.

The Auditor reported that Scot Hettinger, Bureau of Reclamation rep, was contacted to inquire about federal funding available for adding more camper pads to Hoffer's Lake Recreation area. Hettinger stated for 2012 there is no funding left, however; an agreement could be drawn up with GDCD for 2013 to be reimbursed for some of the camper pad project. This will be investigated further.

The following bills were approved and paid:

Bentz Supply Store, \$32.96; CO-OP Elevator,\$70.23; City of McClusky, \$69.72; C-Store, \$219.11; SCSCD, \$112.50; TSC, \$24.99; Northern Plains, \$29.87

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman

COUNTY EQUALIZATION MEETING JUNE 7TH, 2012

The Sheridan County Board of Equalization met at 2:00 p.m. Members present were County Commissioners Eldon Ehrman, and Howard Erdmann. Absent: Michael Axt Others present were Cynthia D. Wahl, Tax Director; Allan Tinker, McClusky Gazette Editor and landowner; Myron Pfennig, Egdemont Twp.; Byron Zingg, McClusky Twp.; Roger Strobel, Hellman Twp; Roger Roth, Whittaker Twp.; Roy Kensmoe, Jr., Prophets Twp.; Sheldon Weltz, Georgetown Twp.; Rueben Miiller, New Germantown Twp.; Lavern Axt, Prophets Twp.; Pat Faul, Lamont Twp.; Rosemary Grupp, Goodrich City Assessor; Jason Reule, McClusky City Assessor; Dallas Pfennig, Whittaker Twp.; Dwight Helm, Johns Lake Twp.; Sally Martin, Strassburg Twp assessor; Shirley Jorgensen, 3rd District Assessor; Earl Garbina 2nd District Assessor; James Haux, 1st District Assessor; Michelle and Robert Frank, Denhoff; Loren Duchsher, Schiller Twp.

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was the equalization of residential property. The residential assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 576,001. This is an increase of 3% from last year. The Tax Director, Cynthia Wahl, reported the residential tolerance factor is at 100%. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the residential values as is, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The second order of business was the equalization of commercial property. The commercial assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 342,749. This is an increase of 22% from last year mostly due to the new McClusky elevator and storage buildings. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. Wahl reported the total Commercial Value factor was at 100%. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the commercial values as is, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The third order of business was the equalization of agriculture property. The agriculture property was assessed by detail soil type for the first time. After the detail soil values were transferred over, the average per acre value is still at \$254.44. A 31% increase on all agriculture values would be needed to reach the \$333.58 per acre as reported by the State Tax office to be equalized. The State Board of Equalization changed the tolerance for this year to be within 10% rather than 5% as previous years. A minimum of 21% increase or more on all agriculture values was suggested to the board of County Board of Equalization. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. Cynthia Wahl reported on the soil types and showed each soil type value. Wahl suggested to land owners to discuss with the soil committee members if they have concerns on certain soil types that a modifier (or a deduction) could be considered. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve a 21% increase on the ag values and reconvene the County Equalization meeting until the increase is applied, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote Ehrman-yes, Erdmann – yes, Motion carried.

(1) Veteran Service Credit and (12) Senior Citizens Homestead tax credit & disabled tax credit applications were filed as approved by the City boards. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman that the applications be approved as returned by the assessors and City and Twp. Boards, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call – Erdmann- yes, Ehrman – yes, Motion carried.

Other business reported was that the FEMA invoices need to be turned into the Auditor's office by this fall for last year's disaster in order to be reimbursed.

The County Equalization meeting recessed until June 19th, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Auditor

Chairman

County Commission and Equalization Meeting June 19th, 2012

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. as per recess stated. County Commissioners present were Eldon Ehrman and Michael Axt. Absent: Howard Erdmann Others present were: Allan Tinker, McClusky Gazette Editor

Chairman Ehrman called the meeting to order.

The County Liability Insurance policy with Unity Ins., McClusky, and the County Vehicle Insurance policy with Frey Insurance, Harvey were reviewed and approved.

The following bills were paid as follows:

Frey Insurance, \$7,370.00
Unity Insurance, \$6,992.00

The auditor reported on the 21% ag increase raised the per acre value to \$307.85. The State average per acre for Sheridan County should be at \$333.58. Sheridan County is within 8.36% so it is below the 10% tolerance allowed by the State Board of Equalization. The total taxable Value of ag land is \$8,500,307. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the agriculture values as is, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The auditor reported the total taxable value not including utilities is \$9,408,298. When estimated utilities are added in the total taxable value would be \$9,626,530 or \$9,626.00 per mill and increase of \$1,561.00 from last year. So being the mill is worth more, there will not be as many mills needed to generate the same amount of money as the entities budget's request.

The Auditor also reported a 21% increase was also added to the Game and Fish abstract acres of 27,682.76 for a total of \$6,861,929 in True and Full value on top of the detailed soils and same with the In lieu of taxes for the State Land the True and Full Value was set at \$684,055, and the Non-Profit Conservation acres of 9,475.63 was set at \$2,151,102. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the increase in the In Lieu of abstracts, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman