

County Commission Meeting June 4, 2013

The County Commissioners met at 11:00 a.m. County Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann and Eldon Ehrman. Absent: Michael Axt

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

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

County Recorder, Fees, \$2,543.69  
Sheriff, Fees, \$293.00

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of May, 2013:

General - \$6,641.73	Unorganized Rd. - \$347.55
Secondary Road - \$41,055.91	County Road - \$4,912.55
Highway Dist. - \$19,650.30	County Park - \$940.00
County Agent - \$334.40	Weed Control - \$156.27
Civil Defense - \$1,871.35	911 - \$1,599.80

The May payroll warrants #61349-61395 were approved from the following funds:

General- 30,315.91	Highway Dist. - \$14,984.35
County Park - \$964.20	Veteran Service Officer - \$367.92
County Agent - \$741.30	Weed Control - \$1,331.92
911 - \$536.58	Civil Defense - \$522.17
County Corrections - \$2,789.17	Policing - \$637.50
BCI - \$3,968.00	

The following bills #61407-61465 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc., 46.62; Bentz Supply Store, 246.30; Howard Erdmann, 105.45; WRT, 495.48; Doug's Auto Body, 686.77; N.D. Assoc. Of Counties, 260.00; Trent Naser, 357.60; Gall's, LLC, 55.25; Tracy Stein, 107.40; Eldon Ehrman, 198.36; Cynthia D. Wahl, 147.52; Janice D. Erdmann, 152.76; Fireside Office Products, Inc., 2.89; Office Depot, 348.86; Birch Communications, Inc., 117.89; BHG, Inc., 364.28; Information Technology Dept., 413.60; Mclean County Sheriff's Office, 495.00; US Postal Service, 192.00; D&J Oil, Inc., 3,965.69; Lawson Products, 614.70; Power Plan, 675.95; NDSU Extension, 196.00; Delbert Hoffmann, 198.00; Atco International, 112.00; Mechanics Plus, 333.70; Marshall & Swift, 544.20; Alvin Gross, 21.88; NRG, 282.00; Rath & Mehrer, PC., 6,200.00; David Berquist Septic Tank Ser., 150.00; James Paulus, 227.49; Streicher's, 35.00; Gooseneck Implement, 70.97; Donna's Patchwork Cottage, 26.50; Wayne Houston, 62.70; NDTTC, 18.30; Johnson's Plumbing Service, 128.18; Stein's Inc., 34.10; Northwest Tire, Inc., 155.96; Wex Bank, 560.80; Menards, 1,607.77; Steven Murray, 20.00; HACTC, 2,805.00; Frey Insurance Agency, 6,175.00; Visa, 458.48; McClusky City, 32.00; WM Of WI-MN, 127.31; Verizon Wireless, 268.42; Orrin Holen, 153.00; Pharm Chem, Inc., 63.00; Topcon Positioning Systems, 299.40; Quality Trenching Services, 3,420.00; Joey Belile, 74.10; American Ins. Center, 6,958.00; Dakota Fire Arms, 1,200.00; Ottmar & Ottmar, P.C., 45.00; Esco Bismarck, 20,967.60; RV Enterprises, 380.00; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water, 57.98

Frank Teumer, Contractor, met with the board to discuss options on remodeling the jury box in the courtroom. Ladd Erickson, States Attorney, was present on the speakerphone and made suggestions to remodel the jury box by taking the wooden panels out between the jury box rows and suggested changing the Judge & Clerk of Court bench area around at a slant so the jury can look straight on to the Judge and also adding in an area for the Court reporter. Erickson and Teumer will meet tomorrow before court and look over the courtroom area together.

Sherri Grade and Melissa Uhlich, representing Morris Lounge, Drake, met with the board to present beer & liquor applications to serve beer and liquor at a wedding dance located in the

4-H building at Hoffers Lake August 31, 2013. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the beer & liquor applications to Sherri Grade and Melissa Uhlich for Morris Lounge to serve beer & liquor in the 4-H building at Hoffers Lake Recreation Area on August 31, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Motion carried.

Herb Bargmann, Wold Engineering rep, met with the board while Michael Axt was present on the speakerphone and reported that the state is recommending to finish up the last 2.5 miles south of McClusky in order to tap into 80% federal funding yet by November 1st and to possibly repave a spot south of Martin. Bargmann stated a few paving contractors will be in the area this summer with other state road projects going on. The board instructed Herb Bargmann to go forward with having the 2.5 miles included in the November 1<sup>st</sup> State bid letting.

Ralph Volson met with the board and Herb Bargmann, Wold Engineering, questioning the bench mark starting measurements for the water elevation on the New Germantown 2011 FEMA site. Bargmann will investigate further with his crew and re-check on measurements.

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

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to report there is around a dozen roads under water currently and they are waiting for the rain to quit enough to repair roads and catch up on blading the roads. The Commission authorized the road foreman to have his crew work on weekends and take time off on rainy days in order to catch up on blading roads and road repairs. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to authorize Gross to order two new front tires for the 1976 International army truck, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, met with the board to present a Flood Disaster Declaration. A number of roads have been closed due to heavy rains and water over the roads. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the flood disaster declaration as follows for Sheridan County, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Sheridan County, North Dakota  
Flood Disaster Declaration  
June 4, 2013

WHEREAS, Sheridan County, North Dakota has received significant precipitation since May 20, 2013, which has resulted in widespread flooding and high water levels in Sheridan County; and

WHEREAS, soils are saturated and spring runoff has resulted in damage to agricultural land, roadways, and farmsteads; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the rain and runoff threatens the health, well-being and public safety of the citizens in Sheridan County including the cities of Goodrich, Martin, and McClusky; and

WHEREAS, the expense and time of cleanup, repair and replacement is in excess of available county and private resources and budgeted funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners declares a flood disaster exists in Sheridan County, North Dakota, and orders the activation and utilization of the county Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices to monitor the situation, alleviate hardship and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impact of this emergency upon the citizens of Sheridan County.

Dated at McClusky, Sheridan County, North Dakota this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

ATTEST:

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Auditor

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Chairman

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Equalization meeting was held. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to discuss the Denhoff twp. road accident that could have been avoided by installing signs along Hwy 14. Naser has contacted the NDDOT and will contact the Denhoff twp. to install a sign along Hwy 14 that Hwy 200 is over the hill. A silent auction on courthouse surplus property items and sealed bids on items at the County Shop will be received June 24<sup>th</sup> thur July 1<sup>st</sup> up until 2:00 p.m. Sealed bids will be opened on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the County Commission meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to accept the resignation of Eric Kuckarski, as Laborer/Blademan effective May 21, 2013, and to hire Gerald Bertsch in place of Kuckarski, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved Commissioner Erdmann to approve the 2013 County vehicle and County Liability insurance policies as filed in the County Auditors office, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported the new 2013 JD Motorgrader payment schedule will be \$20,054.95 each year up to May 15, 2017 at 3.55% interest rate with a balloon payment of \$141,600.00 in 2018 with RDO Equipment Co.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve extending the special use permit from US Fish & Wildlife for constructing a temporary reroute onto Sheridan County Grassland Easement 459C around the South Pickardville farm to market road due to flooded road, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported building permits were issued to Ron Bartz to construct a 30'x 20' horse barn and a 48'x 60' storage building on a tract in the SE4NE4 22-150-74.

John Halcrow, land owner, was contacted by speakerphone to discuss his request on crossing the road with a private water line between the NW4 Section 26 and SW4 Section 23 145-77 and that that road was is in the plans to be graveled so now would be a good time to dig across the road. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve John Halcrow's request to dig across the Johns Lake Rd as long as road is constructed back to what is was prior to digging, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The 2011-2012 County Biennial report was reviewed that was conducted by Rath & Mehrer, P.C. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the County Biennial audit report for 2011-2012, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman

County Equalization Meeting  
June 4, 2013

The County Equalization Board met at 2:00 p.m. County Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann and Eldon Ehrman. Absent: Michael Axt Others present were: Cynthia D. Wahl, Tax Director, and Rachelle Presser, editor.

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was the equalization of residential property. The Auditor reported there was some omitted properties that need to have assessments completed yet and Goodrich City's assessor just resigned last week and had not completed any update of assessments, so the Director of Tax Equalization is scrambling to get residential properties assessed correctly. The same goes for any commercial assessments.

The auditor also reported on the Ag values that a 13% increase across the County was applied that brought the average ag land value to 347.40 per acre which is still 7% lower than the state ag value of 371.60 that Sheridan County is to be equalized at. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to increase 1%-2% more in order to be under the 5% state tolerance that is allowed by the State Tax Commissioners office and recess the County Equalization meeting until July 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. to finalize the equalization of assessments in Sheridan County when the Tax Director has completed the omitted assessments.

The meeting recessed until July 2, 2013.

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Auditor

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Chairman

County Park Commission Meeting  
June 4, 2013

The Board of County Park Commissioners met at 11:00 a.m. Park Commissioners present were Arlington Helm, Howard Erdmann, and Eldon Ehrman. Others present were Rachelle Presser, Editor, and Debbie Deseth.

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

Debbie Deseth stated that there were rodent issues when she rented the 4-H building on May 18<sup>th</sup> and that something needs to be done about it. It was moved by Park Commissioner Ehrman to contact Ecolab to eradicate the rodents from the 4-H bldg., seconded by Park Commissioner Helm. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Helm – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Deseth also requested her rent amount back. Helm stated he still had to mop up the floor after Deseth rented the 4-H building. No action was taken on returning the 4-H bldg. rent.

Ehrman reported that Commissioner Axt called in earlier by speakerphone to state that he is waiting to hear back from the Bureau of Reclamation if the County can place the electrical line and water line in the ground but above the plug going across the road, otherwise the cost will increase by \$8.00 per ft. to dig bi-directional under the plug in order to get the electrical line across to the new camper pad addition. Also the Bureau will possibly need to do a cultural study depending on the depth of the installation of the electrical and water lines.

It was moved by Park Commissioner Ehrman to have no motorized vehicles (including ATV's) driving on the grass within the ditches and campground, seconded by Commissioner Helm. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Helm – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Helm will talk to the road foreman, Alvin Gross, about getting signs to stay off the grass.

The following bills were approved and paid:

David Berquist Septic,\$150.00; Waste Management,\$69.24; Bentz Supply Store, \$190.61; Menards, \$1,146.00; Quality Trenching, \$3,420.00

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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Chairman