

County Commission Meeting June 3, 2014

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

Vice-Chairman Ehrman called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meetings were sent out in the mail and approved as sent.

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

County Recorder, fees, \$2,320.50  
Sheriff, fees, \$49.00

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of May, 2014:

General - \$10,136.46	Human Services - \$281.45
County Road - \$7,094.36	Highway Dist. - \$19,670.44
County Park - \$1,690.00	Insurance Reserve - \$841.34
County Agent - \$265.02	Civil Defense - \$1,072.43
911 - \$1,534.25	

The May payroll warrants #62975-63010 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$30,814.54	Highway Dist. - \$16,510.15
County Park - \$2,117.02	Veteran Service Officer - \$408.33
County Agent - \$778.37	Weed Control - \$588.28
Civil Defense - \$563.41	911 - \$548.28
County Corrections - \$1,767.64	Policing - \$150.00

The following bills #62865-62934 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc., 49.36; Bentz Supply Store, 153.42; Howard Erdmann, 66.69; WRT, 1,137.06; ND Treasurer's Assoc., 200.00; Uniform Center,83.98; Gall's/Quartermaster,135.96; Eldon Ehrman,94.05;Janice D. Erdmann,45.00;Fireside Office Products, Inc., 4.39; Office Depot,140.66;Birch Communications, Inc.,122.91; BHG, Inc.,250.63; Information Technology Dept.,419.35;C-Store, 112.84; D&J Oil, Inc.,5,201.36, Newman Traffic Signs, 662.35;Konschak Oil Inc.,3,180.15; Spectrum Communications, 813.00;McLean-Sheridan Rur Water ,104.22; American Ins. Center,7,043.00;Village Family Service Center, 900.00;Intoximeter, 32.00; Hewlett- Packard Company,3,040.00; New Security Technology, Inc.,972.41; NDSU Extension, 151.20; Atco International, 97.25;North Country Bank,11.85;Roberts Floral Inc., 39.50;Alvin Gross, 20.65;NRG,246.79;James Paulus, 253.46; NDTC,31.86;Statewide Services,3,832.00; Johnson's Plumbing Service, 8.98; Comfort Suites, 84.00;Wex Bank,4.00;Menards,114.80; Visa,803.31;McClusky City,122.00;Access Printing Solutions, LLC.,265.99;Washburn Family Clinic,160.00; WM Of WI-MN,212.65;Verizon Wireless,493.10; DS Solutions, Inc.,150.00; Topcon Positioning Systems,299.40;Sarah Crimmins,469.58

The following transfer of funds were made:

\$353.00, Granville Rd. District to County Road, for hauling pit run  
\$844.80, Harris Rd. District to County Road, hauling pit run and rocks  
\$1,957.37, Holmes Rd. District to County Road, sign and hauling pit run and rocks  
\$184.00, Mertz Rd. District to County Road, sign and hauling pit run  
\$709.08, Mt. City Rd. District to County Road, culvert and sign  
\$93.00, Schiller Rd. to County Road, hauling pit run  
\$709.80, Hellman Rd to County Road, Culvert & Sign

Doug Straus, G & R Controls, called by speakerphone to request the board's decision of installing a steam coil for air exchange in the courtroom or not. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to only accept the extended air conditioning to the south offices on the third floor of the Courthouse in the amount of \$9,800.00 and not install the steam coil at this

time, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Straus reported he has everything else ordered and will be delivered in 4-8 weeks.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to report on the misfiring of Deputy Lisic’s gun at his residence. Naser has reprimanded Deputy Lisic by extending his probation another 6 mths and 4 days of no pay and to attend a gun safety class. Naser reported on criminal cases within the county. Naser purchased a security camera system to place in areas where needed to watch video for vandalism, etc. in the amount of \$972.41. Naser requested to purchase two more security camera systems to record video for night vision and far distances, a patrol rifle, and bulk ammo in the amount of \$5,340.00 that would be available in the Sheriff’s budget. A taser assurance program (TAP) is available to the Sheriff’s office that rotates out their old taser guns over a 5 year period with a trade in of the old taser gun of \$175.00 per gun each year that includes warranty over a 5 year period. A new taser gun needs to be purchased first to get a free taser gun in order to get on the TAP. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve purchasing two new taser guns, two security camera systems, a patrol rifle, and bulk ammo all together in the amount of approximately \$7,360.00, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the gravel royalty contract for sale of gravel with Kim Saueressig for \$1.00 per yd for on the NW4 Section 27-147-77, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the County liability insurance policy with American Insurance Co. and equipment insurance policy with Nodak Mutual Ins., seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the Homestead Credit application for Lots 16-20, Blk. 4, Dahl & Neff, McClusky City, for 40% reduction in taxes allowed, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Equalization meeting was held.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to appoint Jeffrey Martwick as assessor for the unorganized twps. of Johns Lake, Hellman, Lamont, and Mt. City twps., seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported David V. Martwick was approved a building permit to move a 24’x 14’ cold storage structure onto the NW4NW4 12-146-77.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss road projects and repairs. Advertising for a laborer/blademan and part time laborers will be published in the local newspaper asap. Closing date for applications to be in the auditor’s office by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to take off the load restrictions June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Vice-Chairman

County Equalization Meeting  
June 3, 2014

The Sheridan County Board of Equalization met at 2:00 p.m. Members present were County Commissioners Howard Erdmann and Eldon Ehrman. Absent: Michael Axt. Others present were: Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, James Haux, Twp. Assessor; Jeffrey Martwick, Twp. Assessor; Allan Tinker, editor; and Duane Ziegler, landowner.

Chairman Ehrman 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 631,955. An increase of 4.02% from last year. The Tax Director, Cynthia Wahl, reported the residential tolerance factor is at 99.4%. 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 373,802. This is an increase of 3.96% from last year. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. Wahl reported the total Commercial Value factor was at 100.50%. 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. The total taxable acres in Sheridan County are at 551,241.03 with a total taxable value of 9,768,368. The average per acre came in at \$354.41 which is 17% below the average value per acre that the State Tax Commissioner’s office is requesting the average ag land be valued at \$417.06 per acre in Sheridan County. Vice-Chairman Ehrman stated they are protesting to increase by 17% and will see what the State Board of Equalization will instruct to do at the August meeting. At this time the board tabled the ag values. All present were given the opportunity to be heard.

(1) Veteran Service Credit and (10) Senior Citizens Homestead tax credit & disabled tax credit applications were filed as approved by the City boards. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann that the applications be approved as returned by the assessors and City and Twp. Boards, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call – Erdmann- yes, Ehrman – yes, Motion carried.

The Auditor reported the Game and Fish abstract values and the Non-Profit Conservation acres will stay the same as last year until the State Board of Equalization meets in August to know the ag value increase amount.

The auditor reported the total taxable value with estimated utilities would be \$11,003,220 or \$11,003.22 per mill and increase of \$58.32 from last year.

Other business was Allan Tinker requested that her former gravel pit should be re-classified and re-assessed. James Haux and Cynthia Wahl will investigate further on property.

There being no further business the meeting recessed until after the State Board of Equalization meets in August.

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Auditor

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Chairman

Special County Commission Meeting June 19, 2014

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 2:00 p.m. as set by the Chairman. Commissioners present were Michael Axt, Howard Erdmann, and Eldon Ehrman. Others present were: Orrin A. Holen, landowner; and Dale Honsey, Pinky's Excavating; Allan Tinker, McClusky Gazette editor

Chairman Axt called the meeting to order. Axt stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss gravel crushing and road crew compensation issues.

Honsey stated he could crush more gravel at the Holen pit if needed. The board stated there is enough gravel crushed near that area already. Crushing would be \$3.50 per ton or \$4.90 per yd. Crushing could be done in another site also. No action was done at this time.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to report a road is under water in Mt. City Rd District after last night's downpour. The board instructed the auditor's office to send out a reminder on no personal cell phone usage while at work or driving a county vehicle. The road crew employee's compensation amounts were reviewed at this time. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the road crew salary schedule as follows effective July 1, 2014:

Road Foreman - \$18.00 per hr.  
Blade Operator III - \$16.00 per hr.  
Blade Operator II - \$14.00 per hr.  
Blade Operator I - \$12.50 per hr.

and a 40 hr. work week with up to 5 hrs. paid overtime if over 40 hrs. has been worked – no comp time anymore, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried. The Auditor was instructed to send a notice to the road crew to attend the July 1<sup>st</sup> County Commission meeting that new road crew pay rates and work hours will be explained. Probationary penalties will be ordered to employees at that time.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman

County Park Commissioners Meeting

June 3, 2014

The Board of County Park Commissioners met at 11:00 a.m. County Park Commissioners present were Eldon Ehrman, Howard Erdmann, Marlin P. Engen, and Arlington Helm. Absent: Michael Axt

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

Helm reported that the water lines are all unfrozen now at all camping sites, however; the line was cut to open up the frozen lines at the new camping addition and Axt has a tool to repair the pex water line tubing. Helm requested 12 tire rims be placed at the new camping addition for fire pits. Engen will provide the tire rims. Helm did pick up a 15 cu ft upright freezer from Sears in the amount of \$295.00 to place in the kitchen of the 4-H bldg. and a new table at Menards. A culvert and material need to be placed by the new camping addition by camper sites #11 and #1.

The Auditor was instructed to order a sign stating "Rod Hill Addition" for the new camping addition to the west of the main park in memory of Rod Hill's insight for starting the Hoffer Lake Recreation Area back in 1992.

The following bills were approved:

McLean-Sheridan rural water, water usage for May, \$49.00; Menards, supplies, \$82.31; WM of WI-MN, garbage services, \$146.06; Bentz Supply Store, supplies, 103.47; C-Store, fuel, 91.32; Visa, freezer, table and park supplies, \$799.89;

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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Chairman

Special County Commission Meeting May 29, 2014

The board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 4:00 p.m. in special session as set by the Chairman. Commissioners present were Michael Axt, Eldon Ehrman, and Howard Erdmann. Others present were: Allan Tinker, McClusky Gazette editor, and Tracy Stein, Deputy Auditor.

Chairman Axt called the meeting to order. Axt stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the air conditioning modifications on the third floor of the Courthouse with G & R Controls and to meet with some of the road crew on pay issues.

Doug Straus, with G & R Controls, called by speakerphone to present air conditioning modifications to the courtroom plans, due to the mechanical engineer has been changed and to bring costs down to be within the grant budget. The board recommended to Straus to proceed with the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor air conditioning project in the Courthouse as blueprints filed in the Auditor's office showing the air ducts going along the east wall of the courtroom. Options to add in a steam coil to allow cold fresh air in that will in turn into a room temperature fresh air in the courtroom would be an additional \$4,000.00 added above the grant. Also to add ductwork to the south county office rooms would be an additional \$9,800.00 above the grant. A final decision will be made on the options at the regular June 4<sup>th</sup> commission meeting.

Gerald Bertsch and Josh Baker , road crew, met with the board to discuss pay differences to the new blademen hired from what they (Bertsch & Baker) are currently receiving for pay. Axt stated the new blademen pay was based on experience and the performance they have done in the temporary position they have held so far. The board stated when the County budget is considered there will be pay adjustments based upon performance of their job and or evaluation by the supervisor. Bertsch stated his grievances and is done waiting and will be turning in his resignation.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman