

County Commissioners Meeting November 4, 2014

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

Chairman Axt 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, \$3,782.00  
Sheriff, fees - \$344.00

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

General - \$95,918.68	Unorganized Rd. Dists. - \$43,546.01
Secondary Road - \$102.00	County Road - \$1,009.70
Highway Dist. - \$22,307.72	County Park - \$1,652.57
911 - \$676.40	Wireless 911 - \$760.95

The October payroll warrants #63623-63656 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$ 28,170.43	Highway Dist - \$17,983.75
County Park - \$414.20	Veteran Service Officer - \$408.33
County Agent - \$778.37	Weed Control - \$1,903.95
Civil Defense - \$563.41	911 - \$548.28
County Corrections - \$2,333.33	Policing - \$200.00
BCI - \$3,000.00	

The following bills #63668-63724 were approved from the following funds:

Ameripride Services Inc., 50.27; Bentz Supply Store, 327.24; Shirley A. Murray, 74.10; N.D. Newspaper Assoc., 331.92; WRT, 3,572.96; Co-Op Elevator, 337.50; N.D. Assoc. Of Counties, 116.00; Tracy Stein, 68.40; Eldon Ehrman, 68.40; Janice D. Erdmann, 84.36; Fireside Office Products, Inc., 937.00; Office Depot, 273.29; Birch Communications, Inc., 128.59; BHG, Inc., 1,317.45; Information Technology Dept., 451.15; D&J Oil, Inc., 8,343.17; Kenschak Oil Inc., 3,750.00; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water, 20,738.00; Power Plan, 376.70; Diane Fyelling, 74.10; Dept. Of Transportation, 1,274.93; Laurie Logsdon, 88.07; G&R Controls, Inc., 10,970.00; Best Western Plus Ramkota, 298.80; Gordon L. Malatere, 129.92; Mechanics Plus, 40.70; Sybil Peterson, 200.00; Hagemeyer North America, 52.68; Dakota Central Social Services, 16,220.82; Erin Lauer, 252.00; NRG, 448.76; Chase Drug, 654.60; James Paulus, 818.67; Tractor Supply Credit Plan, 55.99; Streicher's, 99.89; Wayne Houston, 35.34; NDTC, 29.22; A&G Trucking, 9,491.80; Kingdom Construction, Inc., 27,517.00; Michael Axt, 145.92; Wex Bank, 66.13; Menards, 101.60; HACTC, 195.00; Visa, 392.42; McClusky City, 32.00; ES&S, 51.00; WM Of WI-MN, 822.31; Verizon Wireless, 273.55; Teresa Naser, 25.28; Susag Sand & Gravel, Inc., 1,209.00; RV Enterprises, 112.80; Bobby Martin, 65.56

The following transfers were approved:

\$2,046.60, From Mt. City Rd Dist. to Secondary Road for crushing gravel  
\$1,870.00, From Pickard Rd. Dist. to Secondary Road for crushing gravel  
\$378.84, From Mertz Rd Dist. to County Road for culvert  
\$4,455.50, From Schiller Rd. Dist. to Secondary Road for crushing gravel  
\$393.41, From Schiller Rd Dist. to County Road for culvert and culvert band

The time being 10:00 a.m. a meeting was held with Ryan Norrell, Executive Director of ND Missouri River Stakeholders, that gave a presentation on his organization's purpose. Thomas Sauter, Sheridan County Water Board Chairman, and Gable Rhoads, reporter was also present. Norrell reported that NDMRS interests are to collectively educate, advocate, understand, or respond to Missouri River issues and challenges and also to provide more of a voice at the

federal level. A workshop is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> in Bismarck at BSC National Energy Center of Excellence Building for anyone to attend.

Thomas Sauter, County Water Board Chairman, reported on tiling projects for water issues going on currently in the County.

The time being 10:30 a.m. the hearing on the minimum sale prices were held. No one appeared. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the minimum sale prices of forfeited land to the County as set, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt –yes Motion carried.

A conditional use permit application was filed by Verizon wireless to construct a cell phone tower 1 1/2 miles north of McClusky. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to schedule a hearing with the planning and zoning board on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. to consider the conditional use permit application, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve NRG to install the Datto backup computer device and service rather than the Dakota computer backup service for one time cost of \$1,399.00 for the device and \$184.29 per mth for the monthly service for a savings of over \$1,700.00 for the first year and almost double that each year after that, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve Rath & Mehrer, P.C., Bismarck, to conduct the County bi-annual audit for years 2013-2014, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman –yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

The time being 11:00 a.m. an interview with Brian Engle, Goodrich, for the county equipment operator/truck driver position was held at this time.

Another interview at 11:30 with Lee Wahl ,Williston, for the county equipment operator/truck driver position was held at this time.

Alvin Burghart, Highland Twp Supervisor, met with the board to discuss section line issue that has not been resolved yet. The Auditor was instructed to send a letter one last time to the landowner to notify them that the County will be hiring to have fence removed and billing the landowner.

Douglas Straus, Engineer for G & R Controls, Fargo, met with the board upon the board's request to discuss the air conditioning project on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the courthouse. Some of the ducting will still be covered for sharp edges and the remaining cleaning G & R Controls will hire the courthouse janitor to clean after Courthouse hours or off County time. The equipment can't be tested for air conditioning until next spring when temperatures reach above 60 degrees and anything that is not working correctly at that time will still be covered by G & R Controls. Straus will request a letter of guarantee from his supervisor to go with the last billing to still return for testing of air conditioning system in the spring.

The ND Dept. of Trust Lands requested an appraisal on E2NE4, N2SE4 Section 12-147-74 that is ND state land that has an interest to be sold. The board reviewed the appraisal with the Tax Director, Cynthia Wahl and recommended \$1,370.00 per acre. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the recommended \$1,370.00 per acre appraisal to the ND Dept. of Trust Lands, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes. Motion carried.

The time being 2:00 p.m. Allan Tinker met with the board to discuss the gravel pit area they own has not been assessed correctly for many years and has requested that the District Assessor, James Haux adjust their land valuation and gravel pit area needs to be reclaimed by the County being the County mined gravel out of it. Also the township road going east of their farm to the Secondary road is wash boarded and eroding away in areas and should be built up. More information will be gathered to follow up.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, requested if a Home Ins. link should be allowed on the County website. The board stated not to allow any advertising on the County website. Houston reported the state emergency management office completed the emergency management audit for the county and files were all found in order. Houston reported that the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) that the ND Emergency Management provides 85% if program is needed and the County would need to match the 15%. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve 15% County match in case the HMGP would be needed in the future, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to hire Brian Engle as Equipment Operator/Truck Driver position effective January 1<sup>st</sup> at 15.00 per hr., seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman

County Commission Meeting November 13, 2014

The board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in special session on call of the Chairman. County Commissioners present were Michael Axt, Howard Erdmann, and Eldon Ehrman.

Chairman announced the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the resignation of Rodney Lindsey, Goodrich blade operator, hire new blade operator/truck driver, cancel road mowing bill, pay out 2011 FEMA bills and election cost bills.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to accept the resignation of Rodney Lindsey as equipment operator for the Goodrich area effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

Commissioner Ehrman reconsidered his motion from November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and amended it to hire Brian Engle as the equipment operator for the Goodrich area as soon as he can start rather than January 1<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Erdman. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to hire Lee Wahl as equipment operator/truck driver effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at \$14.00 per hr, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to cancel the 2013 mowing bill in the amount of \$62.50 for on the NE4 section 26-145-78, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

The road foreman was contacted to bring a motorgrader into McClusky City on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> for Roger Trautmann’s funeral, if the family approves, in memory of him as long time motorgrader operator for Sheridan County.

The following bills were approved:

Strassburg Twp., \$104,252.50, 2011 Large Project FEMA site  
Election cost bills, \$932.77, Election workers

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman