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

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meetings were sent in the mail and approved as sent.

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

County Recorder, fees, \$1,029.00 Sheriff, fees, \$325.20

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of October, 2016:

| General - \$68,294.9 | Unorganized Rd Dist \$17,873.92 |
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| Secondary Road - \$15,030.09 | Highway Dist \$18,792.40 |
| 911 - 791.35 | Wireless 911 – 789.45 |

The October payroll warrants #66716-66751 were approved from the following funds:

| Highway Dist \$18,380.68 |
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| County Agent - \$1,456.00 |
| 911 - \$609.33 |
| Veterans Van Service - \$584.50 |
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The following bills 66761-66813 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc.,70.12;Bentz Supply Store,71.73;Shirley A. Murray,75.40;Howard Erdmann,137.46;WRT, 743.33; Fireside Office Products, Inc.,3.49;Office Depot,108.93;Birch Communications, Inc.,86.40; BHG, Inc.,472.65; Information Technology Dept.,494.05; McLean County Sheriff's Office,2,310.00;US Postal Service,574.00; C-Store,52.95; Marco, Inc.,140.00; NAPA Auto Parts,25.98; Laurie Logsdon,209.65;The Herald Press,124.95; Best Western Plus Ramkota, 491.40; Mechanics Plus,45.72;Interstate All Battery Center,19.00; Steve Eisenbeisz,113.10; Nicole Wardner, 1,314.50; NRG,465.00; Electronic Communications, Inc., 58.80;James Paulus, 560.75; Ultramax, 1,360.00; NDTC,29.24;SRT Communications, Inc.,17.08;Mercer Co Sheriff's Dept.,480.00;A&G Trucking,77,512.00; ND Insurance Dept.,9.88;Michael Axt,61.48;Stein's Inc.,114.16;H.A. Thompson & Sons,1,376.90;Wex Bank,4.00;HACTC,210.00;Visa,374.26;Holen's Super Valu,41.95;Turtle Lake Rexall Drug,3.99;Lauren Vietz,75.00; Verizon Wireless,323.21; Orrin Holen,405.00; Lynnette Fox, 87.58; Ladd Erickson,84.68; DS Solutions, Inc.,150.00;Ecolab Pest, 91.44; Susag Sand & Gravel, Inc.,14,535.00;Buechler Oil Co.,3,184.46; St Alexius Medical Ctr., 90.00; Stone's Mobile Radio Inc., 242.43

Kathy Baer, US Fish & Wildlife representative, met with the board to report that Leroy Becker's cattle have been trespass grazing on US Fish & Wildlife property for a number of years. A possible solution is that US Fish & Wildlife request Becker to sell 60 acres to US Fish & Wildlife in part of Lot 1, SW4NW4 Section 32-150-75 while US Fish & Wildlife exchange 55.50 acres so Becker's cattle can cross over for water. Baer reported that the reason she is attending today's meeting is being the land is not an equal amount of acre exchange the County Commission by law will need to approve the sale of US Fish & Wildlife purchasing the extra 4.50 acres. Baer stated the Governor makes the final approval of the land transaction in the end and that this land transaction is in the preliminary stages that may take up to two years until the process is completed. The board gave their blessings at this point to proceed with the preliminary purchase of property exchange. Further information will be gathered and Baer or another US Fish & Wildlife representative will be back for final approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to assess the delinquent 2015 road bills and weed mowing to the 2016 tax roll as filed in the County Auditor's office, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor presented a letter of proposed road crossings in Sheridan County that GDCD is designing for a 72" water pipeline to cross township roads in the southern half of the County to allow water to flow from the Missouri River to the eastern part of the State. GDCD was requesting info on what the County design requirements are or permits are for the road crossings. At this point the board stated no certain requirements are required other than the road be left as it was before project started.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the resignation of Michael Hoffman, equipment operator, effective November 4th, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann - yes, Eisenbeisz - yes Motion carried.

The auditor was instructed to advertise for an equipment operator with closing date on November 28th at 4:00 p.m. Interviews will be held at the December 6th County Commission meeting.

The Auditor reported a building permit was issued to Randy Miller for constructing a 50'x 100' storage building that will be leased to their Flax company in the SE4 25-148-76.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to request purchasing all three video cameras for the three Sheriff's vehicle so all cameras are all consistent and on the same software program being the grant will not be awarded until possibly next July and they need one for sure now. Naser stated the Sheriff's budget would allow for purchases this year yet if grant is not awarded until next year. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to purchase the three new video cameras for in each of the Sheriff's vehicles to be paid out of this year's Sheriff's budget, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve hiring Rath & Mehrer, P.C., Bismarck, to conduct the County audit for 2015 and 2016 years in the amount of \$7,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The time being 1:00 p.m. County Commissioner Michael Axt joined the Commission meeting.

The time being 1:30 p.m. the hearing on the delinquent forfeited property to the County was held. There being no entity present against the minimum prices set, they were left as is. A public auction on tax deed properties will be held on November 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to appoint Laverne Laib to the Planning & Zoning Board, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:00 the County Commission meeting recessed for the planning and zoning board meeting. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the recommendation from the planning and zoning board and approve the conditional use permit to JMAC Resources for mining gravel and sand in a pit located in the NE4 32-145-75 (only the area west of Hwy 14) including hot asphalt operations also, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeis – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor stated that Met Life Ins. Co. reported the county employee Life Ins. policies will see no change in premiums for 2017.

Nicole Wardner, County Agent, met with the board to report on quarterly activities thru their office. The Fall Fling was held with a number of attendants. Wardner attended the North American Manure Expo in Ohio August 3rd & 4th, 4-H Achievement day was held July 11th, and various SCIPY events were held each month. Upcoming events in November are the succession planning (estate planning) and Christmas home decorating events that will be held at the Courthouse.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to report on weed mowing that the County road crew has done in the County. A lot of bales need to removed and electric fences taken down on the road right of ways also.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman