

County Commissioners Meeting November 7, 2017

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

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order. The minutes 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 \$3,728.50  
Sheriff, fees, \$224.00

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of October, 2017:

General - \$65,806.10	Unorganized Rd. Dist. - \$20,617.19
Secondary Rd. - \$5,288.75	Highway Dist. - \$20,102.55
911 - 1,521.02	

The October payroll warrants #68246-68274 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$35,204.97	Highway Dist. - \$20,382.38
Veteran Service Officer - \$454.86	County Agent fund - \$1,456.00
Weed Control - \$3,856.87	911 - \$625.00
Civil Defense - \$600.00	Veterans Van Service - \$2,267.66

The following bills #68287-68359 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc.,62.29; Bentz Supply Store,279.59;MSA United Way,750.00; Shirley A. Murray,75.40;Howard Erdmann,156.60;WRT,787.50; Co-Op Elevator, 20,210.02; N.D. Association Of Counties,930.00; Uniform Center,128.97; N.D. State Radio Communication, 2,328.00; Cynthia D. Wahl,148.48; Fireside Office Products, Inc.,1.99;Office Depot,892.43; Birch Communications, Inc.,113.81; BHG, Inc.,505.05;Information Technology Dept., 1,113.90; McLean County Sheriff's Office,1,925.00;C-Store,109.08;Kim Saueressig, 5.00; Marco, Inc.,140.00;McLean-Sheridan Rur. Water,124.95;NAPA Auto Parts,22.13;St. Alexius Medical Center,160.00; NDSU,460.78;The Herald Press,124.95;Ramkota Hotel Bismarck, 502.20;Mechanics Plus, 92.00;Alberta Voegelé,253.38; Dakota Central Social Services, 24,869.27;NDLTAP-UGPTI/NDSU,200.00;Productivity Plus Acct., 815.68; McHenry Co. Auditor,41.05;Steve Eisenbeisz, 216.34;Nicole Wardner,868.74;Verizon, 55.93; Alvin Gross, 413.86;Erin Lauer,77.57; James Paulus,633.04; NDTC,24.24;SRT Communications, Inc., 34.16;Michael Axt,102.08;Stein's Inc.,100.92; H.A. Thompson & Sons,4,833.00; RV Enterprises, 30.00;VEC,295.00; Wex Bank, 4.00;Menards,130.74; HACTC,377.29;Third Watch Comm., 6,930.00; Visa,1,058.14;McClusky City, 75.50; Expressway Suites – Fargo,81.90; Holen's Super Valu,92.98;Van Diest Supply Co.,9,024.00; WM Of WI-MN,635.19;Verizon Wireless,408.21;Lynnette Fox,135.44; Ladd Erickson,40.60; Penguin Management, Inc., 1,134.00;Ecolab Pest,94.64;Susag Sand & Gravel, Inc.,5,901.00; WRT, 1,181.20;Kotaco Fuel & Propane,5,108.12; Axon Enterprises, Inc., 384.81;The Door Guy's,4,000.00; Lynn Card Co., 157.00;Mod Tech,95.00; Central Specialties, Inc.,1,500,348.08; Ramada Fargo,240.30; Gooseneck Implement, 9.35;BHG, Inc., 50.60

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to present the City/County Policing agreement with McClusky City. Naser also presented Deputy Lisic resignation. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the resignation of Deputy Lisic, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to approve the City/County Policing agreement with McClusky City for 2018, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Sheriff Naser will be contacting Curt Benson, Harvey, to do a thorough background check in the hiring process of a new Deputy Sheriff. The New Deputy Sheriff's salary will range between \$40,000 and \$46,700 depending on qualifications and experience. Naser reported their office was inspected/audited by NCIC (Federal background checking software for stolen vehicles, etc.) and failed due to office computer terminal is not in a secure area and not segregated from when the public is entering into the Sheriff's office. Naser's suggestion was to provide office furniture with closed off area to the computer terminal area and a locked door with counter barrier so the public so the public can't have access to the computer terminal. Naser presented some estimates for a cubicle, office counter and desk to review from the following vendors: Brown & Senger, Fireside Office Supplies, and Nathan Rhoads. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve Nathan Rhoads estimate, discussion was held. Naser suggested holding off on any action until the December Commission meeting to receive more details on incorporating a desk and countertop to Nathan's estimate. Commissioner Axt withdrew his motion at this time.

Mike Rivinius, Wold Engineering, met with board to review costs of the two north McClusky and south Martin road projects for establishing a new total loan amount with the Bank of ND. Scott Wegner, bonding lawyer for the Bank of ND, was contacted by phone to review the process of the Bank of ND restructuring loan. Part of the loan amount can be drawn now and the remaining drawn down later with the interest starting when loan is closed. Loan can start next year to close on. Wegner reported a 28 yr. loan can't be done as discussed in prior months unless executed to a citizen's vote of the public for general obligation bonding according to NDCC. However, the Commission has authority to levy up to 10 mills for County Road projects Levy #1204 NDCC 24-05-01 besides the 12 mill farm to market road levy. Serious discussion on what road projects to continue to go forward with was held at this time. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to request \$1,260,000 loan for 5 years rather than the previous \$1,400,000 originally requested from the Bank of ND and levy up to a 10 mill County Road levy for the 2019 budget to help repay the loan in the 5 years, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. The Auditor reported 10 mills on a quarter of land valued at \$75,000 would generate \$37.50 increase in taxes. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to instruct Mike Rivinius, Wold Engineering, to start planning for chip sealing the remaining north McClusky road, micro milling and micro surface north of Goodrich pavement and south of Martin pavement projects, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. Rivinius stated the road projects will possibly be bid out in late spring of 2018. The south Pickardville road project will be put on hold at this point.

The Auditor presented a Quit Claim Deed from the County to Mike Leonhart and Bryce Anderson being they redeemed all three years of back taxes for on property located on a tract in SE4 28-146-74. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the Quit Claim Deed on a tract in SE4 28-146-74 to Mike Leonhart and Bryce Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

A group of employees met with the board to request December 26th to close the courthouse for Christmas. The Commissioners granted December 26<sup>th</sup> to close the Courthouse.

The Auditor reported Metlife will not have any increase in life insurance premiums for the 2018 year.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to instruct the Auditor to assess the delinquent 2016 road bills and weed mowing to the 2017 tax roll as filed in the County Auditor's office, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The time being 1:30 p.m. the County Commission meeting recessed for the Planning and Zoning board meeting. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the hearing on the appraisal of real estate forfeited to the County was held. No one was present. A public auction on tax deed properties will be held Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

With the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning board, it was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the Variance Permit to Curtis & Dennis Hauff to construct a building 75ft from the secondary road rather than 200ft, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann- yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The application for abatement of 2016 taxes was filed by James & Wanda Ebach on a tract in NW4 less road 5-149-76 was reviewed and a hearing scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to authorize the Chairman to sign the NDDOT maintenance certification for county federal aid project form, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

Alvin Gross, road foreman, met with the board to discuss some weed mowing issues. Gross also reported Bryon Belile's motorgrader is scheduled to be going to the RDO shop in Bismarck for repair for a couple weeks.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman

Special County Commission Meeting November 16, 2017

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Courthouse. Commissioners Michael Axt, Howard Erdmann, and Steve Eisenbeisz were present. Others present were Nicole Wardner, County Agent and Sandy Felchle, producer

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order. The purpose of the special meeting was to view a live video call with the NDSU State Extension service Director, Chris Boerboom, to review the state budget cutback of \$4.1 million out of the Extension Service as requested by the State Legislature. A draft base policy was reviewed with a 15% cut in operating budgets and to reorganize to get the shared costs back to the 40% County share and 60% state share to help in the budget cut. Some Counties may need to merge County Extension programs together.

Questions were asked from attendee's on the call and suggestions were made. Public meetings will be held in the near future in the County to seek support for continuing to have a County Extension Agent in Sheridan County. Testimonies will be forwarded to the next NDSU State Extension Service meeting in Dickinson on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The meeting adjourned.

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Chairman