County Commissioners Meeting March 7, 2023

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 12:30 p.m. as set. County Commissioners present were Sandra Felchle, Shannon Dieterle and Roddy Schilling. Others present were Allan Tinker, McClusky Gazette Editor

Chairperson Felchle called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meetings were emailed out to the board. It was moved by County Commissioner Dieterle to approve the minutes as sent, seconded by the County Commissioner Schilling. Upon roll call vote – Dieterle – yes, Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes Motion carried.

The following statement of fees were collected for the following funds and approved for the month of February, 2023:

Sheriff, fees, $460.50

County Recorder, fees, $1,237.00

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of February, 2023:

General - $38,886.44 Unorganized Rd. Dist. - $2,929.98

Highway Dist. - $18,117.54 Civil Defense - $1,743.16

911 - $1,891.40

An itemized listing of miscellaneous receipts are on file at the County Treasurer’s Office.

The February payroll warrants #79031-79061 were approved from the following funds:

General - $38,948.34 Highway Dist. - $16,165.08

Veteran Service Officer - $546.88 Weed Board - $668.48

Emergency Manager - $678.39 911 Coordinator - $652.30

Veterans Van Service - $1,483.00

The following bills #79078-79123 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Aramark,196.97; Bentz Supply Store, 732.29; Dept. Of Corrections And Rehab, 2,279.84; ND Flag Pole Guy, 319.32; Frontline Warning Systems, 800.00;Locator Supplies Inc., 179.45; CO- OP Elevator, 766.00; ND Association Of Counties, 171.60; ND Sheriffs And Deputies Assoc., 400.00; ND Clerks Association, 100.00;Butler Machinery Company, 80.88; Dakota Fire Extinguishers, 659.50; ODP Business Office Solutions, 758.53; Nodak North Publications, 152.00; ITD, 1,371.10;Lawson Products, Inc., 348.09; McLean Sheridan Rur. Water, 64.96; NAPA Auto Parts, 50.98; Power Plan, 1,395.05; NDSU, 80.00; The Herald Press, 48.91; Mechanics Plus, 68.39; First District Health Unit, 9,537.25; NRG, 296.10; Selensky Services, 19,210.50; GDCD, 55,139.22;NDTC,8.24;SRT Communications Inc., 8.68; Ottertail, 4,130.92; Mercer Co Sheriffs Dept., 240.00;Dennis Bertsch, 100.00; Visa, 1,694.68; McClusky City, 44.00;Van Gaurd Appraisels, Inc, 9,805.00; Verizon Wireless, 424.79;Pharm Chem, Inc., 31.95; McLean Co. Auditor, 3.51; Wold Engineering, PC., 10,615.00; Kotaco Fuel And Propane, 3,292.01;Purchase Power, 37.44; Office Of Atty. General, 55.00; Aflac, 134.53;Bravera, 33.70; Sarah Crimmins, 615.91

It was moved by County Commissioner Dieterle to approve the resignation of Nathan Plute, Drake, as equipment operator, seconded by County Commissioner Schilling. Upon roll call vote – Dieterle – yes, Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes Motion carried.

Private mail boxes were discussed that were plowed down by the County motorgrader. A case by case basis will be done on repairing or installing new mail boxes.

County Commissioner Dieterle reported on the Elmer Jesme Conference of Counties he attended last week in Minot with discussion on handling mail box replacements due to snow removal of County equipment hitting mail boxes. A letter of support for part of US Hwy 52 from reference point 52-101.683 to reference point 52-122.789 to become a four lane highway rather than the current two lane highway signed by each of the County Commissioners will be forwarded to Governor Burgum was suggested. Each County will rotate to serve on the Executive board. The auditor was instructed to email a letter of support to the Governor’s office for US Hwy 52 from above referenced points to go to a four lane highway signed by the County Commissioners signatures.

The time being 1:00 p.m. the County Commission meeting recessed for the County Park Board Meeting. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the abatement hearing for 2022 taxes for Duane Lasher on the residential structure located on E2SW4 31-146-76 was held. Duane Lasher and Scott Stroh were present and stated their grievances. Tax Director, Tanya Mueller reported the residential structure was mistakenly not taken off from the year before, otherwise, the farmland values are comparable to similar soil types. It was moved by County Commissioner Schilling to approve the abatement as filed by Duane Lasher for 2022 taxes on the residential structure located on E2SW4 31-146-76, seconded by County Commissioner Dieterle. Upon roll call vote – Schilling – yes, Dieterle – yes, Felchle – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:30 p.m. the Weed Board members, Melissa Pfennig, Scott Stroh, Curt Kurle, outgoing clerk, Janice Erdmann, and Marlo Clark, possibly new weed board clerk met with the board to discuss the weed board clerk position. County Commissioner Felchle reported a mentor from another County can be contacted to direct board. Weed board hires their own clerk. County Commission sets board member and clerk wages. Erdmann reported she will train in Marlo Clark for clerk duties with meeting minutes from January and February, etc. and to finish out March with Marlo. Weed Officer Laib reported this will be his last year of working and would be willing to train in someone this summer to get certified and licensed for spraying.

The time being 3:00 p.m. the County Commission recessed for the Planning & Zoning

board meeting. The County Commissioner meeting reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

The Auditor reported a cybersecurity grant was awarded for a new County server in the amount of $22,320.00 with the County’s local cost share of $2,480.00. Also a homeland security grant for mobile laptops in the Sheriff’s vehicles in the amount of $7,200.00 was awarded.

Byron Belile, County Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss snow removal on the county and twp. roads. The board agreed to hire A&G Const. and Ralph Volson where needed to catch up with snow removal being the County is short two blademan and 2 motorgraders broke down. The auditor was instructed to send in for a Director’s permit to ND Game & Fish Dept. to add new county employees for shooting muskrats out of season from May thru October, 2023.

The load limit regulations will be considered at the April regular County Commission meeting as thawing will not be happening anytime soon.

Discussion on cementing out the Martin county shop with installing a drain and bathroom with sink will be advertised to help thaw out Martin motorgrader. Also a new overhead garage door for the Martin county shop will be investigated into. It was moved by County Commissioner Dieterle to advertise for bids for installing 6”cement slab with floor drain and bathroom drain for at the Martin county shop to hook into Martin City sewer, seconded by County Commissioner Schilling. Upon roll call vote – Dieterle – yes, Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes Motion carried.

The time being 4:00 p.m. the interview for Robert (Robby) Giese was held. Questions were asked and answers given.

It was moved by County Commissioner Dieterle to hire Robert Giese as assistant to the Road Foreman at $18.00 per hr. effective March 20th with a .50 increase after a 6 mth. probationary period has ended, seconded by County Commissioner Schilling. Upon roll call vote – Dieterle – yes, Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by County Commissioner Schilling to authorize the Chairperson and the auditor sign the contract bond with Baranko Bros., Dickinson, ND, for upgrading two detour sites on south Pickardville farm to market road in the amount of $2,220,652.51, seconded by County Commissioner Dieterle. Upon roll call vote – Schilling – yes, Dieterle – yes, Felchle – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by County Commissioner Dieterle to approve the Frontline Warning Systems, Monticello, MN. annual contract for maintaining sirens located in McClusky and Denhoff in the amount of $400.00 each, seconded by County Commissioner Schilling. Upon roll call vote – Dieterle – yes, Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by County Commissioner Schilling to instruct the County Auditor to contact JD to lease two tractors 80-135 HP again from John Deere one at $21.00 per hr. for up to 250 hours and the other tractor at $22.00 per hr. for up to 400 hours, seconded by County Commissioner Dieterle. Upon roll call vote – Schilling – yes, Dieterle – yes, Felchle – yes Motion carried.

The County Auditor presented building permits that were issued in the last month:

Luke & Jacy Peterson, Kief, ND, 68’x28’ Double wide Mobile Home

Dale Axt, McClusky, ND, 60’x 30’ Mobile Home

The County Agent narrative was reviewed for the month of February. Hippology practices and judging are still continuing. The crop judging practices and judging are also continuing. Sarah Crimmins hosted the NDSU Ext. Sheridan County Crop & Livestock Forum on February 24th at the McClusky City Hall with a good attendance. Crimmins also hosted both the general and fumigation private applicators pesticide trainings in Sheridan County. Other meetings that went on in February were central district zoom meeting, junior beef producer workshop, Ext. fall conference planning, Ext. livestock call and Women in Ag planning meetings. Planning for the upcoming Sheridan Assoc./Crop Improvement and SCD awards banquet, Crop shop talk and “On the move to better health” program in the McClusky School was done also.

The 2022 Sheridan County Financial Statement was reviewed at this time. It was moved by Commissioner Schilling to approve the annual 2022 Sheridan County Financial Statement as filed, seconded by County Commissioner Dieterle. Upon roll call vote – Dieterle – yes, Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by County Commissioner Schilling to adjourn the meeting, seconded by County Commissioner Dieterle. Motion carried.

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Auditor Chairperson

Special County Commission Meeting March 9, 2023

The board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 4:30 p.m. in special session called by the Chairperson. County Commissioners present were Sandra Felchle, Shannon Dieterle and Roddy Schilling.

Chairperson Felchle called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the special meeting was to interview for equipment operators.

The time being 4:30 p.m. an interview with Justin Ebach, Mandan, was conducted. Questions were asked and answers were given.

The time being 4:45 an interview with Steven Cullom, Denhoff, was conducted.

Questions were asked and answers were given.

It was moved by County Commissioner Dieterle to approve hiring Steven Cullom at $20.00 per hr. and after 6 months probationary period a .50 per hr. increase, seconded by County Commissioner Schilling. Upon roll call vote – Dieterle – yes, Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor Chairperson

Special County Commission Meeting March 17, 2023

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in special session on call of the Chairperson. County Commissioners present were Sandra Felchle, Shannon Dieterle and Roddy Schilling on conference call.

Chairperson Felchle called the meeting to order.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with board to report on the homeland security grant that Auditor Murray applied for of $7,200.00 and now the quote of mobile units for the Sheriff’s office is $13,500.00 and wandered if County should still pursue getting 2 more quotes to meet the federal procurement process. The board agreed for the Sheriff’s office to proceed with grant.

Also Naser reported that a theft happened in the Courthouse by a constituent of taking products from the women’s restroom. A letter warning the constituent if it happens again then the County Commissioners will report to the States Attorney and press charges.

Felchle reported she contacted RDO Equipment to get a loaner motorgrader being the other two are broken down with transmission out and rear end out on the other one. It was moved by County Commissioner Dieterle to authorize the Chairperson to sign the rental agreement with RDO Equipment, Bismarck, at no cost, seconded by County Commissioner Schilling. Upon roll call vote – Dieterle – yes, Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes Motion carried.

Belile was contacted by conference call to check on who is all driving which motorgraders and how the snow removal process is going. The snowblower is down, it needs hose parts that are on the way. Belile will be driving the Martin blade to use in different areas of the County as needed. Wahl’s motorgrader with the rearend out should be back in two weeks. Grade’s motorgrader with the transmission out will not be done until 21/2 mths. Ralph Volson rented a motorgrader to the County for Grade to use in the meantime.

Kirby Steichen is renting a D-6 dozer from Butler Mach., Bismarck. Once Steichen is done using it the County will take over the lease at $4,080 per week up to 20 hrs. and $48 per hr. after that. The board all agreed. Darrel Bertsch is willing to run the dozer. County Commissioner Schilling stated he can operate the dozer if needed also.

There being no further business, Chairperson Felchle adjourned the meeting.

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