County Commissioners Meeting March 5, 2024

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. as set. County Commissioners present were Shannon Dieterle, Sandra Felchle and Roddy Schilling. Others present were Allan Tinker, McClusky Gazette Editor.

Chairman Dieterle called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was sent by mail and email. It was moved by County Commissioner Felchle to make corrections with the right County Commissioner making a motion, seconded by County Commissioner Schilling. Upon roll call vote – Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes, Dieterle – yes Motion carried.

The following Statements of fees were collected for the following funds and approved for the month of February, 2024:

Sheriff, fees – None

County Recorder - $2,150.80

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of February, 2024:

General - $68,882.92 Unorganized Rd. Dist. - $2,834.04

Highway Dist. - $17,771.26 Weed Control - $257.88

Civil Defense - $384.87 911 - $1,176.40

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

The February payroll warrants #80671-80698 were approved from the following funds:

General - $41,417.63 Highway Dist. - $23,907.29

Veteran Service Officer - $574.22 County Agent - $1,681.58

Weed Control - $331.87 Civil Defense - $169.20

911 - $162.64 Veterans Van Service - $2,161.10

The following bills #80709-80750 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Western Frontier Ins Agency, 735.00;Aramark, 246.31; Bentz Supply Store, 897.13; McClusky Gazette, 250.92; Frontline Plus Fire And Rescue, 1,720.00; Big O Tires, 842.00; Chesters Tavern, 85.25; Main Street Banks, 40.72; NDACO Directory Sales, 30.00;CO-Op Elevator, 498.22; ND Association Of Counties, 1,268.73; ND Sheriffs And Deputies Assoc., 400.00; Tracy Stein, 20.78; Dakota Fire Extinguishers, 900.69; Fireside Office Solutions, 41.58; ODP Business Office Solutions, 928.26; Nordak North Publications, 76.00; ITD, 784.10; McLean Sheridan Rur. Water, 68.80; Heringer Lumber, 112.97; St. Alexius Medical Center, 207.00; Central Plains Water District, 40.51; Mechanics Plus, 296.75;Bismarck District Office, 340.80; ND 911 Assoc., 100.00; NRG, 9,115.16; ND Emergency Mgt. Assoc., 50.00; North Dakota State Treasurer, 5,972.48; GDCD, 55,826.53; Ottertail, 3,352.25; Menards, 27.96; WSI, 250.00; Third Watch Comm., 1,825.00; Visa, 896.09; Holen’s Super Valu, 172.20;Van Gaurd Appraisels, Inc., 9,805.00; Verizon Wireless, 511.34; Tyler Technologies, Inc., 1,080.00; Sarah Crimmins, 831.49; McLean Co. Auditor, 30,007.86;Purchase Power, 37.44; Colonial Life, 932.67

Trent Naser, Sheriff, reported so far that the McClusky/Goodrich School is looking at funding a school resource officer at $25,000 per year with an amount to be determined yet for start up costs.

It was moved by County Commissioner Schilling to approve the County/McClusky City Policing agreement for 2024 in the amount of $37,710.88 seconded by County Commissioner Felchle. Upon roll call vote – Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes, Dieterle – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by County Commissioner Schilling to approve the purchase of a 15” laptop in the amount of $2,673.04 with a 16 GB memory, 512 GB Hard drive, camera, MS office software and installation thru NRG for the Emergency Manager to have internet access in the field and at home for assisting with disasters, seconded by Commissioner Felchle. Upon roll call vote – Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes, Dieterle – yes Motion carried.

County personnel sick and vacation leave issues were discussed. The county personnel committee will work on these issues further.

Arlin Fylling, former weed board member met with the board to read and review a letter from the Attorney General’s office in regards to compensation of the former clerk on the Weed Board from year 2022. Fylling requested that there should be a pay voucher policy in writing stating what the definition of double pay is for payroll, the process to follow for having a voucher paid, the appeal process when a voucher is not paid, and the protocol process of a County Board when a citizen’s complaints come to the County Commission board rather than the initial County Board that should have addressed the complaint first. States Attorney, Ladd Erickson, was contacted by conference call for clarification.

The time being 10:30 a.m. the abatement of hearing for 2023 taxes filed by Jamie & Megan Myers for on Lots 1 & 2, E2NW4 19-149-76 was considered. No one was present. Tanya Mueller, Tax Director, explained the farm exemption form was received in her office so the residential structure value can be taken off. It was moved by County Commissioner Felchle, seconded by County Commissioner Schilling to approve the True & Full Value be reduced from 143,570 down to 77,883 being the farm exemption form was received to take the residential value off. Upon roll call vote – Felchle – yes, Schilling – yes, Dieterle – yes Motion carried.

Bryon Belile met with the board to discuss load restrictions to be posted. It was moved by County Commissioner Felchle to post load restrictions signs on March 18th, seconded by County Commissioner Schilling. Upon roll call vote – Felchle – yes, Schilling – yes, Dieterle – yes Motion carried. The Dust Pod company will be contacted to set up at Hoffer Lake Road to possibly do a demonstration/training. The board stated when an approach on a federal aid road is requested to be widened, it is up to the landowner to pay for material and cost. Must be approved by the road foreman. Steve Eisenbeisz called to have a tree removed on south farm to market road south of Martin due to a safety visibility issue. Schilling inquired about frost spot on north Pickardville road and to post bump ahead sign. Belile will contact DOT or Wold Engineering if frost spot can be dug out by a contractor on north Pickardville farm to market road by Myron Boehm farm. Tarring the paved County roads has been completed. The board instructed Belile to salt/sand the north McClusky pavement road when needed. Schilling inquired about pulling shoulders in when weather allows on twp. roads. The south Pickardville farm to market road from the detours to the County line will be graveled this season. John Deere is offering tractor leases 135 HP for 12 mths. at 28.50 per hr. and 120 HP for 8mths. at 22.50 per hr. The auditor was instructed to send a letter of request again to JD to rent tractors.

It was moved by County Commissioner Schilling, seconded by County Commissioner Felchle to approve the 2023 tax abatement for Homestead Credit for Marcia Ludwick on Lot 10 & W2 Lot 11, Block 4, East, McClusky City. Upon roll call vote – Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes, Dieterle – yes Motion carried.

Sarah Crimmins, County Agent, met with the board to report on her events and activities thru out last month. The 4-H hippology teams have been busy competing around the area. The State 4-H Horse events will be held in Fargo March 16th & 17th. The 4-H crop judging contests were in full swing also. The multi-county Design your Succession Plan (DYSP) workshops with Burleigh, McLean, Mercer and Sheridan County that were held in Underwood. A Stop the Bleed training in McClusky was held in conjunction with the County Health Nurse Kristi Jensen. 12 participants became certified and completed the course. Crimmins reported applications were considered for County Agent Administrative Assistant and interviewed already. It was moved by County Commissioner Felchle, seconded by County Commissioner Schilling to hire Lisa Heitzmann, Denhoff, at $15.50 per hr. and upon Heitzmann passing a background check, also .50 increase in 6 months upon approval of supervisor Crimmins. Upon roll call vote - Felchle – yes, Schilling – yes, Dieterle – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by County Commissioner Schilling to enter into an agreement with the ND Supreme Court to reimburse share of Clerk of Court compensation for providing clerk services, seconded by County Commissioner Felchle. Upon roll call vote – Schilling – yes, Felchle – yes, Dieterle – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by County Commissioner Felchle to approve the 2023 County Financial Statement as filed in the County Auditor’s office, seconded by County Commissioner Schilling. Upon roll call vote – Felchle- yes, Schilling – yes, Dieterle – yes Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

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