

County Commissioner Meeting April 3, 2012

The board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Eldon Ehrman, Howard Erdmann, and Michael Axt.

Chairman Ehrman called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was sent in the mail to the board members for review. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the previous minutes as sent in the mail, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The following Statements of Fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for March, 2012:

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,619.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$667.00

The total miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of March, 2012:

General - \$3,636.42	Unorganized Rds - \$65,010.12
County Road - \$102,112.87	Highway Dist - \$16,914.77
County Park - \$5.59	County Ext. - \$1,850.00
Weed Control - \$25.24	911 - \$1,559.90

An itemized listing of receipts is on file in the County Treasurers office.

The March payroll warrants #39556-39591 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$24,045.73	Highway Dist. - \$12,612.02
Veteran Service Officer - \$337.50	County Agent Fund - \$673.97
Weed Control - \$387.21	Civil Defense - \$487.50
911 - \$475.00	County Corrections - \$2,489.17
Policing - \$493.75	BCI - \$9,984.38

The following bills #39449-39679 were approved for March and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,45.25; Dakota Communications,51.25; BW Doublewood Inn, 43.50; McClusky Gazette,72.00; WRT,254.24; N.D. Assoc. Of Counties,468.35; ND Treasurer's Assoc.,60.00;Dakota Fire Extinguishers,343.05; Office Depot,360.27; Birch Communications, Inc.,143.53; BHG Inc.,331.99; Information Technology Dept.,433.60;US Postal Service,385.00; D&J Oil, Inc.,2,907.54;Lawson Products,233.98;Konschak Oil Inc.,3,077.02; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,51.07; ND Tax Commissioner,1,135.75;Job Service ND,681.41;Marshall Feland, 150.00; Pickard Township,15,114.85;Prophets Township,13,754.20;Mechanics Plus,56.70; OMB/ND Surplus Property,56.00;Marshall & Swift,503.20;NRG,884.04;James Paulus,361.85; Comfort Inn,130.00;Synergy Graphics, Inc.,638.71;NDTC,18.20; Stein's Inc.,242.60;Menards, 212.86; HACTC, 55.00; Visa,450.85;McClusky City,32.00;Emily Kline,503.13;Ward Williams, 22.50;Wm Of WI-MN, 289.66;Matthew Bender & Co Inc.,103.07;Verizon Wireless,348.73; Skeels Electric,630.39;C&H Glass,147.24; Ed Roehr Safety Products,110.62; Wayne Helm, 25.00; NDSU, 85.00; US Postal Service, 296.00

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the resignations of Eric Hetland as County States Attorney and Jason Smith as Blade operator, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to present estimates on repairing his taser gun. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to repair his taser gun in the estimated amount of \$650.00, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried. The BCI task force is reorganizing and will be hiring a new agent. Increasing the shared costs of possibly to \$1,200 per year for Sheridan County in order to get an experienced agent hired was discussed. McClusky City will be addressed to help share the new BCI annual increase with the drug activity in the McClusky city limits.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to hire Byron Zingg to drive the County tractor and shoulder disk for the County, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor presented the certification from Pickard Township that they conducted a special election on voting to dissolve their Twp. The Dissolution question was approved by their voters 4 yes 0 no. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the Dissolution of Pickard Twp., effective January 1, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to adopt the following Burn Ban declaration, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes The Burn Ban declaration was adopted.

FIRE EMERGENCY AND BURN BAN DECLARATION FOR
SHERIDAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
APRIL 3, 2012

WHEREAS, Sheridan County, North Dakota has endured abnormally dry conditions compiled with high winds which have resulted in the potential for numerous rural fires; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in Sheridan County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available Sheridan County resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners declares a Fire Emergency and Burn Ban (to include a ban on campfires and garbage burning) remain in effect when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Index is in the Very High or Extreme Index and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for Sheridan County, North Dakota until further notice. Any individual who willfully violates this burn ban by local order NDCC 37-17.1-10.1 is guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor. The maximum penalties for a Class B misdemeanor are up to 30 days in jail and up to a \$1,000 fin.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2012, at Sheridan County, North Dakota.

Shirley A. Murray, Auditor
Sheridan County

Eldon Ehrman, Chairman
Sheridan County Commission

Howard Erdmann
Commissioner

Michael Axt
Commissioner

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to increase the County Visa credit limit to \$2,000.00 through North County Bank, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

Emily Kline, County Extension Agent, met with the board to present her narrative. Kline has been busy with 4-H and Youth development by hosting 4-H fun night, Livestock Judging, and a SCIPY fun night. The agricultural programming that Kline has been busy with is the Sheridan Improvement Association with their Ag Forum that was held in February, did some farm visits with producers who have feedlot operations, held a Farmland Leasing workshop in a neighboring County, and will be conducting the annual Spring Fling May 3rd in McClusky.

Kline also reported that she received a \$750.00 grant for placing raised flower beds on the Courthouse grounds. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the flower bed project on the Courthouse grounds, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

A few County employees met with the board to request no smoking on the Courthouse grounds. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Axt that no smoking is allowed on the Courthouse grounds effective May 1st, 2012 seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

Virgil Laib met with the board to request an approach be widened along the south County line where his property is. The Board agreed that he can widen the approach on his own expense.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to request if the City of McClusky could purchase a used computer from the County surplus property equipment. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to sell a used County computer for \$50.00 to the City of McClusky in order to help manage their city assessment records, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried. Wahl also reported that the Sheriff has received the McClusky City and Goodrich City assessor records from Sherril Houser, so Wahl will set up a an appointment with the new City assessors to go over the assessors manual training and city records.

At this time County Commissioner Axt left the meeting.

Joel Viall and Brad Dam Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co. Representatives, met with the board to request reviewing the County employees policies with them for accident, cancer, etc. coverage. Viall and Dam inquired about returning on Tuesday, April 10th to visit with County employees from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The board agreed that they can visit with the County employees at that time.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss road issues that still need to be repaired from last fall once the frost opens up. Gross reported he has an experienced blade operator that can do the Goodrich route part time until someone is hired full time. The board stated the hourly rate to be paid would be \$12.00 per hour.

Ladora Schuessler, food pantry representative, met with the board to request if the food pantry would purchase a new refrigerator, that the County would pay for the electricity and store it in the Community Room with a lock on it. The board agreed to pay for the electricity used by the new refrigerator and have it stored in the Community Room of the Courthouse.

The Auditor reported that Sheridan County has qualified for the Employer Based Wellness Discount Program of a 1% health premium reduction from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 with NDPERS.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Commissioner Meeting April 19, 2012

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioner met in special session at 10:00 a.m. as per notice. County Commissioners preset were Howard Erdmann, Eldon Ehrman, and Michael Axt

Chairman Ehrman called the meeting to order. The purpose of the special meeting was to consider a Variance Zoning application, review financing options on purchase of a 2012 Ford Expedition for the Sheriff's office and a commercial mower for the Hoffer's Lake Recreation Area, interview equipment operator applicants, consider removing burning ban, and pay postage voucher.

The planning and zoning board approved the variance permit to allow Daniel Rhoads to construct a 36ft x 48ft pole building within 150ft of the center line of Hwy 200 rather than 250ft. It was moved by County Commissioner Erdmann to also approve the variance permit to Daniel Rhoads, seconded by County Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to present interest rates for financing the 2012 Ford Expedition. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to go with Choice Financial on a 4 year term starting with January 1st, 2013 annual payment of \$7,856.94 each year for a total of \$29,017.70 plus interest at a rate of 3.64%, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried. The board inquired about lifting the burn ban. The Sheriff reported the burn ban resolution is regulated by the range land fire index so when there is a low fire index than burn ban is lifted unless there is a red flag warning, high, or extreme index than the burn ban is back on.

Arlington Helm met with the board upon request of the board to discuss the final payment of the commercial mower. Ehrman stated the 0% financing program was only for farmers, not to government entities and a discount was already given on the full price. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to pay the remaining \$3,400.00 to Mack’s Farm Center, Harvey, for the 2012 Dixon commercial lawn mower for the Hoffer Lake Recreation area, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman was present to review applicants with the County Commissioners.

The time being 10:30 a.m. Joey Belile was interviewed for the equipment operator position.

The time being 10:45 a.m. Jerry Jans was interviewed for the equipment operator position.

The time being 11:00 a.m. Joshua Baker was interviewed for the equipment operator position.

Gross will contact the above named applicants next week to do a trial run on operating a motorgrader before any action of hiring will be done.

The following bills were approved and paid:

Sheridan County Treasurer, Postage reimbursement, \$2,682.37; Mack’s Farm & RV Center, \$3,400.00

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman