

County Commission Meeting April 5, 2011

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

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order. The minutes of previous meeting as sent in the mail was approved by Commissioner Axt, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The following Statements of fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for March, 2011:

County Recorder, fees, \$1,109.00  
Clerk of District Court, fees, \$375.00  
Sheriff, fees, \$215.00

The total miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of March, 2011:

General - \$4,696.96	County Road - \$13,960.19
Highway Dist. - \$12,830.60	County Park - \$20.17
County Ext. - \$505.80	Weed Control - \$8,656.48
911 - \$ 1,664.40	

An itemized listing of receipts is on file at the County Treasurer's office.

The March payroll warrants #37919-37954 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$23,700.80	Human Services - \$4,197.92
Highway Dist. - \$12,389.77	County Park - \$10.00
Veteran Service Officer - \$304.17	County Agent - \$903.07
Weed Control - \$595.35	911 - \$462.50
Civil Defense - \$450.00	BCI - \$3,206.25

The following bills #37967-38026 were approved for March and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,88.50; Bentz Supply Store,111.43;McClusky Gazette, 72.00; Shirley A. Murray,132.60;Howard Erdmann, 214.20; WRT,889.42;Co-Op Elevator, 614.46;N.D. Assoc. of Counties,1,020.96; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc., 27.14; Goodrich Rural Fire District,2,057.31;N.D. State Radio Communication,1,882.08;Pro Forms,86.32; Eldon Ehrman,102.00; Dakota Fire Extinguishers,165.80;Fireside Office Solutions,3.65;Office Depot, 217.87;Birch Communications, Inc.,126.52; BHG, Inc.,392.30; Information Technology Dept., 433.60;Mclean County Sheriff's Office,3,185.00; D&J Oil, Inc.,15,253.24;Konschak Oil Inc., 4,482.20;Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,50.13; NAPA Auto Parts,1,057.46; Power Plan,506.15; Farmers Union Oil Co.1,134.00;Community Memorial Hospital, 25.00; Alltel, 207.40; NDSU Extension Service,9,004.92;The Union Grill And Bar, 55.81; Atco International,168.00; Mechanics Plus,75.17;First District Health Unit,5,770.50; Bob's Photo, 61.98; McClusky Ambulance Service,8,587.04;Marshall & Swift,476.20; Erin Lauer,156.00; NRG,1,831.92; James Paulus,145.86; Gooseneck Implement, 257.55;McClusky Merchants,50.00; Wayne Houston, 64.26; NDTC,18.20; SRT Communications, Inc.,17.08;Ottetail Power Co., 1,705.31;American Income Life Ins Co.,7.50; Michael Axt, 54.06;Stein's Inc.,127.41; Haugen's Drain Service,225.00;Menards,46.41; Bismarck Tribune,93.30; Visa,615.18;McClusky City, 35.00;Holen's Super Valu,199.51;Emily Kline,316.54;St A's Heart And Lung,17.00

The time being 10:00 a.m. the hearing on the application for abatement of 2010 taxes filed by Troy Stein for grain bins located on Sublot 2 of Outlot A – Less Sublot A (City Ditch) in McClusky City was held. Axt reviewed the application with the true and full amounts currently set at \$292,330. Stein was present and requested the true and full value be lowered down to \$137,000 as per appraisal he presented. McClusky City Assessor, Sherril Houser, was absent. Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, re-calculated the measurements and age of the structures utilizing the Marshal and Swift assessing guidelines and arrived at \$155,700 for a true and full value.

After serious consideration, it was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the \$155,700 true and full value that was presented by the Sheridan County Tax Director's office, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Wahl reported on the Offroads Software program is close to being completed with just the irregular parcels to be posted into the current tax program to implement the detail soils data for the 2012 County equalization meeting as requested by the 2009 legislature.

The application for abatement of 2010 taxes filed by Myron and Kathleen Mindt on the E2E2, N2NW4, SW4NW4, NW4SW4, SE4NW4, NE4 SW4, and S2SW4 10-145-74 was reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to reject the application due to the property owners were not eligible for inundated acres at this time, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt –yes, Erdmann – yes. Motion carried.

The time being 11:00 a.m. the County Commission Meeting recessed for the County Park Board meeting. The County Commissioner meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Wayne Houston and Cynthia Wahl, McClusky Rural Ambulance EMT volunteers, met with the board to review the McClusky Rural Ambulance District boundaries and the protocol that the ambulance follows as instructed by the ND Dept of Emergency Services.

The time being 1:00 p.m. Greg O'Shea, Butler Machinery representative, met with the board to present the new amortization charts of the payment plan for lease purchase of a 2011 Caterpillar motorgrader. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to amend the December 20<sup>th</sup> motion from purchasing the 2011 Caterpillar Motorgrader from a 5 year to a 7 year lease plan at 3.4% interest with Butler Machinery with monthly payments for the first year starting in April to be at \$2,700.00 and 6 annual payments at \$27,392.37 with a balloon payment of \$111,161.10 for a total of \$262,905.00 in order to lower the annual payments from what the previous lease would have been, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Alvin Gross, road foreman, met with the board to request if the wings should be taken off the motorgraders yet. The board suggested waiting two weeks yet. Rosenfield Twp requested to roll their twp shoulder roads up to make a crown in the road. It was moved by Commissioner Axt that if a twp wants the County to roll their twp shoulders up the twp will be charged extra at \$125.00 per hr., seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann –yes, Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to raise the road work rates to 125.00 per hour as filed in the Auditor's office, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to authorize the County Auditor to sign the official Butler Machinery contract for lease purchasing the 2011 Caterpillar Motorgrader upon receiving it, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Gross was instructed to investigate in estimates on a new or different mower for mowing the County and twp road right of ways.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Commission meeting recessed for the County Planning meeting. The County Commission meeting recessed at 2:30 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the Variance Permit and Building permit as approved also by the County Planning Commission for NDDOT to allow constructing a 40'x 80' three sided building for salt and sand storage that will be within 200 ft of the highway right of way off of Highway 200 in Part of the NW4 Section 11-146-77 upon receiving the Variance Permit and building permit fees of \$250.00, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt –yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to report he is still interviewing for replacing his 2<sup>nd</sup> deputy sheriff position. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to increase the extra licensed police officer per hr rate to \$14.00 per hr effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Axt - yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdman – yes, Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to conduct a silent auction on County surplus property like office equipment, etc. with a closing date of Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Emily Kline, County Agent, met with the board to present quarterly November- February County Agent narrative. Kline reported a new 4-H club has started up and was involved in livestock judging over the winter months. SCIPY has decided to end the after school program and start a new mentoring program. Agricultural programs have consisted of Crop and Cow day in Carrington, the Sheridan Improvement Assoc. annual meeting was held in conjunction with the Sheridan County Conservation District Achievement Awards night and the Ag Forum that was held in McClusky Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kline has been answering a lot of producer phone calls from pasture rent rates to a wide array of ag related issues including conducting pesticide training. Kline has attended many training and in-services with NDSU ag and crop related issues in the last quarter. Kline entered into an Extreme Makeover County Extension Edition through NDSU and was a runner up who received a framed decorative picture for the County Extension office. The Spring Fling will be held April 20<sup>th</sup> at the McClusky City Hall.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the Special Use Permit (11-LM-60-0931) from the Bureau of Reclamation to extract up to 30,000 cu yds of gravel from the Schmidt gravel pit located in the Lonetree Wildlife Management Area at the SW4NE4 Section 30-149-74 for a 10 year term in the amount of \$2,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Special conditions included in the permit was that the gravel must be used by County and Townships in Sheridan County, the gravel cannot be sold or given to a non-governmental entity.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve purchase of a new HP computer for the County Recorders office in the amount \$1,218.12 from NDACo Resources Group, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt –yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman

County Park Board Meeting April 5, 2011

The Sheridan County Park Board met at 11:00 a.m. Park Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Eldon Ehrman, and Michael Axt Absent: Marlin Engen & Arlington Helm

Vice-Chairman, Howard Erdmann, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Michael Axt reported that a engineer is needed first to draw up a engineering plan for the camper pads first in order to apply for the GDCD grant. Axt did make contacts for electrical estimates and installing water lines in the meantime. An engineer will be contacted by next month's meeting. The GDCD grant application will be held off until the September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline now.

Emily Kline, County Agent, met with the board to request if the County will haul more sand to be placed in the arena to crown it out. Kline reported the livestock and horse judging will be held on Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> and the Static exhibits will be held on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup>. The board agreed to haul the sand at no charge for the 4-H youth. When the snow melts the arena will be assessed to see how much sand is needed. Mud volleyball or pig wrestling is being considered as an extra event. A pit area is needed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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Vice-Chairman

County Commission Meeting April 8, 2011

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met in special session at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Michael Axt, and Eldon Ehrman was on the speakerphone.

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order. Erdmann stated the purpose of the special meeting was to hire a new Deputy Sheriff and setting the deputy salary.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board and reviewed the three applicants he interviewed. Sheriff Naser's first choice was Daniel Reich, Annandale, MN. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to hire Daniel Reich and set the probationary salary at \$28,000.00 and after the six month probationary period ends the salary would go up to \$29,500.00, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Reich could start working after April 17<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Chairman

County Commissioner Meeting April 15, 2011

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Eldon Ehrman, and Michael Axt Others present: Wayne Houston, Emergency manager and Alvin Gross, Road Foreman

Erdmann called the meeting to order. The purpose of the special meeting was to declare a flood disaster, approve resignation of States Attorney, appoint a new States Attorney, and approve a gaming site authorization.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the resignation of the States Attorney, Jerod Tuft, effective April 30, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the Flood Disaster Declaration as stated below, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes The Declaration was adopted.

SHERIDAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA  
FLOOD DISASTER DECLARATION  
APRIL 15, 2011

WHEREAS, Sheridan County, North Dakota has received above normal snowfall for the winter season; and

WHEREAS, spring flooding has already proven significant due to spring thaw; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the thaw and runoff threatens the health, well-being and public safety of the citizens in Sheridan county including the cities of Goodrich, Martin, and McClusky; and

WHEREAS, the expense and time of cleanup, repair and replacement is in excess of available county and private resources and budgeted funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners declares a flood disaster exists in Sheridan County, North Dakota, and orders the activation and utilization of the county Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices to monitor the situation, alleviate hardship and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impact of this emergency upon the citizens of Sheridan County.

Dated at McClusky, Sheridan County, North Dakota this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

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Chairman

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Auditor

It was moved by Commissioner Axt approve the gaming site authorization with the McClusky Merchants, Inc. at the Union Grill and Bar for July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

At this time Sheriff, Trent Naser introduced Eric Hetland, newly appointed part-time Kidder County States Attorney effective May 1, 2011. Hetland has filled in for Jerod Tuft in the past for months at a time when he was on National Guard duty. Hetland is requesting to be considered the States Attorney for Sheridan County also and shared his background history. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to appoint Eric Hetland as the Sheridan County States Attorney effective May 1, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann- yes Motion carried.

The Auditor also presented a letter from the Strassburg township board to review in regards to road issues. The County Commission instructed the auditor to contact the Strassburg township board to attend the May County Commission meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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