

Commission Meeting August 2, 2016

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

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous meetings were sent in the mail and approved by Commissioner Axt, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The following Statement of fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds:

County Recorder, fees, \$1,105.00  
Sheriff, fees, \$210.68

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of July, 2016:

General - \$64,902.81	Unorganized Rd. Dist. - \$19,377.11
Highway Dist. - \$19,339.82	Civil Defense - \$275.00
911 -\$1,526.65	

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

The July payroll warrants 66372-66405 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$33,449.35	Highway Dist. - \$17,652.46
Service Officer - \$441.61	County Agent Fund - \$2,165.65
Weed Control - \$4,842.39	Civil Defense - \$609.33
911 - \$592.96	Veterans Van Service - \$514.50

The following bills #66416-66473 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc.,132.28; Bentz Supply Store,274.79;McClusky Rexall,3.57;Shirley A. Murray,220.40;N.D. Newspaper Association,191.40;Howard Erdmann,104.40; WRT,698.69; Co-Op Elevator,3,975.52; N.D. Assoc. Of Counties,220.00; Office Depot,283.96; Birch Communications, Inc.,125.26;BHG, Inc., 978.66; Information Technology Dept.,494.05; Mclean County Sheriff's Office, 330.00; US Postal Service,477.20; C-Store,339.36;Marco, Inc., 140.00;Konschak Oil Inc.,4,591.11;McLean-Sheridan Rur. Water, 233.44; Village Family Service Center, 900.00; St. Alexius Medical Center,160.00; Advanced Business Methods, 876.62;NDSU,45.00;Mechanics Plus, 635.82; First District Health Unit,7,135.75; Dakota Central Social Services,12,272.63;Nicole Wardner,434.17;NRG, 1,038.06; David Berquist Septic Tank Ser.,720.00;Electronic Communications, Inc.,70.00; James Paulus,158.10; McClusky Merchants, 455.00;NDTC,29.24; Ottertail,15.01;A&G Trucking,19,749.50; ND Insurance Dept.,1,515.37; Michael Axt,102.66;Verendrye Electric Coop.,825.00;Wex Bank,4.00;Menards,114.74;Visa, 53.01; Holen's Super Valu,165.20;WM Of WI-MN,553.10;Verizon Wireless,323.56; Orrin Holen,346.00; Lynnette Fox,145.00;Ladd Erickson,40.60;Don Ebach,150.00; Pharm Chem, Inc., 50.00;Joey Belile,10.00;Ecolab Pest,91.44; Susag Sand & Gravel, Inc.,21,343.00;WRT, 255.24; Sky Dancer Hotel,232.50;Menards,227.68; U-line, 96.84

The following transfers were approved from the following funds:

Unorganized road districts to General Fund, for installing road signs and posts, \$426.00  
Schiller road district to Secondary Road, for crushing gravel, \$20,400.00

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to request purchasing four Cooper Discoverer AT3 tires for the 2012 Ford Sheriff's Deputy Expedition in the amount of \$924.00 from Mechanics Plus, McClusky. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve purchasing the four tires from Mechanics Plus in the amount of \$924.00, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. Slower speed limit signs were discussed to be placed by John Halcrow residence in Johns Lake Twp. section 23-145-77 upon Halcrow's request. Naser stated if one speed limit sign is placed than everyone may want a speed limit sign placed by their residence in the County. Naser stated the NDCC states that only one sign needs to be posted if not more than 20 miles per hr between two signs, so the lowest speed limit would be 35 mph. being the twp. roads are set at 55 mph. The board will discuss the sign issue further with the Road Forman. Naser also reviewed the 2017 Sheriff 's budget request with the most increase in equipment cost including the teletype expense that was being paid by the state and will possibly not be funded next year due to funding cutbacks by the

state budget shortfall and upgrading video cameras in vehicles, vehicle laptops and programming (CAT). Naser will check into if the Sheriff forfeiture acct. can be tapped into for equipment upgrade costs.

The time being 9:30 a.m. the County Commission recessed for the Planning and Zoning board meeting. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the NDDOT variance permit as approved by the Sheridan County Planning and Zoning Board for placing a 6'x 6' structure 143ft from the center of Highway 200 rather than 250ft located on a tract in the N2NW4 Section 11-146-77, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

Ladd Erickson, States Attorney, met with the board to inquire about the twp. right of way weed mowing publication deadline of July 15<sup>th</sup> needs to be changed to a deadline date of August 1<sup>st</sup> in order to impose the \$125.00 weed mowing penalty. The Auditor reported the road crew usually mows the secondary roads first and don't start mowing the township roads until after August 1<sup>st</sup> anyway, however; the date will be changed for next year's 2017 publication. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to not bill any landowner if the County road crew cuts weeds prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> for just this year, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The time being 10:00 a.m. Dwayne DeKrey, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Executive Director, and Kipp Kovar, Engineer for GDCD, met with the board to report that GDCD will be around the McClusky area doing some land work/surveys and to review the purpose of the Red River Valley Water Supply Project that it is available to providing solutions to water supply and quality water problems to the Red River Valley area. A current proposal of piping water from the Missouri River underground to the Red River is being partially funded by the state legislature. Different pipeline options were reviewed including using the McClusky canal system still, depending on how the study comes out with costs. The other 10% of funding has been committed from local entities. Users and entities could tap into the water piping system along the way also.

At this time, Trent Naser, Sheriff, Ladd Erickson, States Attorney, Michael Roel, land manager for Flatlie land, Terry and Tim Strobel, landowners, met with the board upon the board's request. Naser presented photos of the section line in disagreement along Section 17-147-75 and so did Terry Strobel. Axt questioned Tim Strobel on placement of where he put his fence line and that it is on the center line of section line and was to be placed 33 ft. off section line as agreed by last month's meeting. Tim and Terry Strobel stated their grievances on the land surveys that they are still incorrect. Michael Roel stated his grievances that four surveys have been conducted and the surveyors all agreed to the same corners and monument records so everyone is wasting their time on this issue. After serious consideration, Ladd Erickson, States Attorney stated he and the Sheriff, Trent Naser, will set the section line with stakes tomorrow afternoon of where Tim Strobel can place his fence and that will be final. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve that the road crew will remove the Strobel fence if not moved by close of business on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The time being 11:30 a.m. the County Commission meeting recessed for the County Park Board meeting. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

Sperry Twp. landowners, Kelly Mauch, Kerry Dockter, Craig Peerboom, Gerald Peerboom, and Goodrich Twp. landowner, Monty Klein, met with the board to request organizing Sperry and Goodrich Twps. together as one twp. Both twp. petitions were filed in the auditor's office for review. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the petitions as filed in the Auditor's office to conduct an election that will be held in conjunction with the November County General Election on whether Sperry and Goodrich twps. shall become one organized twp. with a majority votes needed to pass that reside in both twps., seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. If a majority of votes are in favor of organizing to one organized twp., the new twp. will be named Sperry/Goodrich Twp. Questions by landowners were asked about twp. mill levies and twp. annual maintenance costs.

The time being 1:30 p.m. the bids were opened for constructing a 24'x 32' cold storage structure for the Sheriff's equipment & supplies. Bids were received from the following:

HTA Construction, Lansford, \$26,112.00  
Genuine Enterprises, Inc., \$52,542.61

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to not accept any bids at this time and table to advertise again at a later date, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann –

yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. Suggestion of a possible building coming up at a local auction sale might be an option to consider rather constructing a new building.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the request from the ND Game & Fish Dept. to develop a short access road and boat landing dock by Stober Lake between sections 34 & 35 147-75 at no cost to the County and not cost anything to the County Park in the future, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

LeRoy Becker, Kevin Vietz, Damon Tessmann, Water board members & Thomas Sauter, Secretary and Kelly Mauch and Darin Frueh landowners met with the board to discuss drain and drain tiling issues. Mauch and Frueh stated they were concerned with a comment made from water board member, Kevin Vietz, and that he should be removed from the Water Board. Mauch asked Vietz if he would be bias on drain tiling applications depending on who applies. Water Board members stated each situation on the application is different and Vietz has done great research on water issues for the board. No action was taken on removing Vietz from the Water Board. Mandar Nangare, Water Resources Engineer, with Barr Engineering Co., Bismarck, met with the board and Water Resource Board at this time to present some findings of the five local dams that the State Water Commission has on file that Sheridan County Water Board owns. Dams listed are Sperry Dam, Lamont Dam, Highland Dam, Coal Mine Lake Dam, and Strassburg Dam that were established in the 1930's for mostly livestock purposes, fish & wildlife, and water supply. Nangare stated the four dams out of the five dams are a liability to the Sheridan County Water Resource Board, Coal Mine Lake Dam has been maintained and permitted by US Fish & Wildlife. Nangare reported that there are funds available to conduct a feasibility study on maintenance to upgrade the dams by submitting a cost share application to the State Water Commission and US Fish & Wildlife. No action was taken at this time.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the request of WRT to bore across a farm to market road between sections 22 & 27 148-75 to bury communication line, 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 installing one 35 mph road sign to be placed near the Halcrow residence in Johns Lake Twp. than only one sign needs to be placed being the law states only a reduction of 20 mph is allowed or else another sign will need to be installed if more than 20 mph. difference. The mowing tractor that is rented from Gooseneck Implement arrived last month also. Culvert needs to be installed in Hellman Twp.

A beer & liquor license application from Morris Lounge, Drake, for serving alcohol at the Hoffer Lake building July 16<sup>th</sup> was approved and signed by the Chairman earlier in the month.

A letter from Frey Insurance Agency was read that stated Karen Kenschak is no longer with Frey Insurance. The board instructed the Auditor to check on county vehicle insurance rates with insurance agents within the County to compare with.

The Auditor reported the 2016 June Primary Election statistics came in at \$15.18 per vote with a total of 550 votes cast. Mail ballots cast were 71% of the total votes.

At this time the County Commission recessed until the next day at 9:00 a.m.

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Auditor

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Chairman

Commissioners Meeting August 3, 2016

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

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order.

The 2017 County Dept. budget requests were reviewed and set as filed in the Auditor's office. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve a 3% increase in County salaries and set the County Weed board, Planning Board, and Park Board at \$75.00 per meeting attended plus mileage effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. The 2017 County preliminary budget is ready for publication with a zero percent increase in the 2016 taxes for the County portion being reserves will be utilized. Due to no tax increase, the County budget hearing was set at 2:00 p.m. September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Andrea Brown, County Agent secretary, met with the board to introduce herself and reported she really likes her position and is staying very busy.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman

County Park Commission Meeting  
August 2, 2016

The Sheridan County Park Commissioners met at 11:30 a.m. Park Commissioners present were Arlington Helm, Steve Eisenbeisz, Howard Erdmann, and Michael Axt. Absent: Marlin P. Engen

Chairman Helm called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Park Commissioner Axt stated the 4-wheelers have been better in the last month so no action of not allowing 4-wheelers at Hoffers Lake Recreation Area for now and will be tabled and discussed at the beginning of year again.

Helm stated the showers in the 4-H building need repairs by next year's camping season being the building is settling. Speed bumps have worked out well with slowing down the traffic thru the campground area.

It was moved by Park Commissioner Helm to approve the 2017 budget line item for County Park expenses at \$20,000.00, seconded by Park Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Helm- yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes, Motion carried.

The following bills were paid:

McLean-Sheridan Rural Water, \$180.29; David Bergquist Septic Service,\$720.00; VEC, \$744.00; WM of WI-MN,\$488.15; Ecolab Pest, \$91.44; Bentz Supply Store, \$196.11; CO-OP Elevator, \$47.50; Holen's S.V., \$77.91

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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Chairman