

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Shirley J. Jorgensen, Eldon Ehrman, and Howard Erdmann.

Chairperson Jorgensen called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

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

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,139.00
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$395.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$14.00

The total miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of July, 2004:

\$965.45	General - \$79,541.11	Human Services -
\$1,151.74	Unorganized Rd. Dist. - \$13,506.93	Secondary Road -
	County Road - \$2,628.65	Highway Dist. - \$15,042.62
	County Park - \$19,478.12	SS & OASIS - \$615.75
	Weed Control - \$405.24	911 - \$924.35
	Wireless 911 - \$896.78	

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

The July Payroll warrants #25964-26008 were approved from the following funds:

\$241.66	General Fund - \$20,866.83	Service Officer -
	County Agent - \$1,284.33	Civil Defense - \$387.50
	911 - \$387.50	Highway Dist. - \$12,713.07
	County Park - \$1,320.00	Weed Control - \$7,931.51
	Social Services - \$6,892.16	

The following bills #26033-26106 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Walter M. Lipp, 36.31; McClusky Pharmacy, 27.63; Shirley A. Murray, 135.10; Howard Erdmann, 175.15; West River Telecommunications, 659.55; Business Forms, Inc., 319.45; Waste Management Of ND, 191.72; N.D. State Radio Communication, 907.20; Eldon Ehrman, 137.33; Cynthia D. Wahl, 155.00; Janice D. Erdmann, 70.02; Office Depot, 213.07; Cenex Credit Card, 327.62; Birch Telecom, 91.58; BHG, Inc., 621.42; Information Technology Dept., 375.00; Cellular One, 236.94; Shirley J Jorgensen, 81.22; Jack's Uniforms, 111.60; Kyocera Mita America Inc, 48.86; OMB/Surplus Property Division, 40.00; C-Store, 163.21; Bismarck Tire Center, 620.00; Porter Bros., 4.28; Kenschak Oil Inc., 16.00; Menard's, 443.09; Cecil Schuh, 17.05; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water, 192.01; Harvey Tire Center, Inc, 814.91; Universal Lighting Company, 233.47; Co-Op Elevator, 4, 175.81; Bentz Supply Store, 265.59; Power Plan, 273.90; Mandan Supply & Equipment Inc, 973.84; Crystal Schaunaman, 192.51; Diane Fyelling, 114.70; Verona Lechler, 544.34; The Herald Press, 39.00; Bentz Supply Store, 79.61;

Irvin Schneider,463.25;C-Store, 575.06;Gordon O Felchle, 26.04; Co-Op Elevator, 6,162.00;Donald Hausauer,60.76; NDTC,20.07;SRT Communications, Inc,12.88;West River Telecommunications, 255.24;NDACo,448.39;Arlington Helm,14.20;Holen Construction, Inc,16,997.00; Dallas Pfenning,401.52; AT&T,26.22;Cellular One,22.49;Chemsearch,97.26; Crime Prevention Resources,165.00; Datamaxx Applied Tech. Inc,280.00;Don's Excalibur Trailer Sales,3,000.00;Doug's Auto Body,791.63;General Equipment & Supplies,1,456.99;Great Plains Directory Service,123.50; Hospitality Inn,90.00;Mid American Supply Co,69.37; National 4-H Supply Service,146.00;ND Newspaper Assoc,150.00; NDSU Extension Pesticide Prog,392.00;Northwest Tire Inc,440.49; Ronald Reile Sr,2.00;Rust's Hardware Hank,72.15; Scheel's, 742.30;US Postal Service,400.00

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to nominate Bonnie Helm, Courthouse custodian, as County Employee of the year through the North Dakota Association of Counties for being an outstanding County employee and role model for other County employees to follow, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote- Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent, met with the board to report that Wells County Extension Office has contacted her to see when Verona Lechler, Sheridan County Home Economist, is retiring due to Wells County Home Economist is retiring also and that Wells County has requested to share a Home Economist together with Sheridan County and that Sheridan County's share of Home Economist position would be 30% and Wells County share of Home Economist position would be 70%. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve sharing a Home Economist position with Wells County and that Sheridan County's share for the Home Economist position is 30%, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, met with the board to report all Homeland Security grant reports have been sent in for Hazard Mitigation and Terriosm. Local agencies have been purchasing for grants and turning in bills as it is paid to receive reimbursement. Terriosm elevation levels have been of concern being New York has put its alert out. 911 addressing was discussed. 911 street signs have been ordered by the road crew to be placed on the secondary roads in the County for now.

The time being 10:00 a.m. the bids for surplus property was opened. The high bids were received for the following:

Royal Electric Typewriter - \$1.00 - Denise Melom
Air Compressor 2 HP 22 Gallon Tank - \$16.00 - Alvin Gross
Air Compressor 2 HP 20 Gallon Tank - \$14.00 - Alvin Gross
Gateway 2000 P5-90 computer - \$75.00 - Jerry Reiswig
Gateway 2000 P5-200 computer - \$65.00 - Eldon Ehrman
AT&T Answering machine - \$3.75 - Verona Lechler
AT&T Telephone - \$10.00 m- Faye Axt
900 Cordless phone - \$5.00 - Andrea Kluck
IBM Keyboard - \$2.00 - Andrea Kluck

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to accept the high bids for the above mentioned surplus property, seconded by Commissioner Erdman. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Edward Baker, Road Foreman, met with board to report that he is resigning effective immediately due to health reasons and presented his resignation. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the resignation of Edward Baker as Road Foreman, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes
All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The time being 11:00 a.m. the County Park Board meeting was held. The County Commission meeting recessed until 1:00 p.m.

The County Commission meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

The October County Commission meeting was rescheduled to be held Thursday, October 7, 2004 due to other conflicts.

Janice Erdmann, County Treasurer, met with the board to review the pledge of assets and County funds. Erdmann stated landowner property taxes owed could be looked at on the Internet through Mylocalgov.com for no charge if the County wishes to go forward with it being we are already on line with our County website with Mylocalgov.com. More investigation on the online property tax issue will be looked into further for paying property taxes online also.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the hearing on the application of abatement of 2003 taxes filed by Diane Hintz on the NE4, NW4, SW4 27-148-74 was held. Diane Hintz appeared before the board and explained 56.17 acres on her property was under water and requested that the true and full valuation be reduced from 113,350 down to 84,240. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve reducing the true and full value from 113,350 down to 84,240 for the NE4, NW4, SW4 of 27-148-74, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

An application of abatement of taxes filed by Dwayne Blumhagen for the S2NW4, Lots 3 & 4, 4-150-76 was reviewed and forwarded onto the Director of Tax Equalization. The hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

The Chairman reported that McClusky City has donated \$500.00 towards the Revolving L&C RDC Loan Fund and Goodrich City could not match at this time. The Choice Financial bank contacted also.

Casey Erickson, RDO Equipment, met with the board to discuss payloader purchase options. Erickson will continue to look for used payloaders for the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to increase the mileage rate to .35 effective September 1, 2004, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

At this time Alvin Gross, blade operator, met with the board upon the board's request. Chairperson Jorgensen requested Gross to take on the County Road Foreman position. Gross agreed to take the Road Forman position for 6 -12 months and if it doesn't work out he would like his head mechanic position back. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to hire Alvin Gross as Road Foreman in the amount \$2,091.66 per month, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve purchasing tires for

the payloader for around \$1,600.00 from Northwest Tires, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

At this time the 2005 department budget requests were considered and was tabled until Tuesday, August 10, 2004 meeting.

The Veteran Service Officer report for June & July was reviewed and approved.

The Auditor reported the 2004 Primary Election cost per vote was at \$15.07 per person. Compared to the 2002 Primary Election cost per vote was at \$9.78. The increase in 2004 was due primarily to the low voter turnout.

Larry Gessner, Sheriff, met with the board to review the 2005 Sheriff Department budget request. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve that the County rent the 21'x 30' portion of old lumberyard building for \$50.00 per month upon per signed agreement with Marshall Felland and that a wall be constructed by Gessner with materials purchased by the County, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. Gessner reported that meth labs are being reported showing up again in the County. Heavy trucks are being reported on rural roads north of Goodrich that the Sheriff's office will patrol.

There meeting recessed until Tuesday, August 10, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

Auditor

Chairman

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING August 10, 2004

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. as per recess stated. County Commissioners present were Shirley J. Jorgensen, Eldon Ehrman, and Howard Erdmann.

Chairperson Jorgensen called the meeting to order.

At this time Vonnie Erdmann, Sherri Korus, LaRae Dockter, and Faye Hagen, representing the Union Grill & Bar, met with the board to present an application for a special permit to sell alcoholic beverages at the Hoffer Lake 4-H building on September 11th for the Peterson Family Anniversary. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve a special permit to sell alcohol beverages on September 11, 2004 at the Hoffer's Lake 4-H building to the Union Grill & Bar establishment, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. A copy of the permit will be forwarded to the Sheriff's Office.

Annie Fyelling, County Agent Clerk, met with the board upon the board's request to discuss decreasing the County Agent Clerk budget line item to help balance the County Agent Fund budget. No action was taken at this time. Grants were suggested to be investigated with NDSU.

Denise Melom, Deputy Auditor, met with the board to discuss various

county budget line items. These issues will be considered when finalizing the 2005 County budget.

Alvin Herr, Elmer Knodel, and Gordon Felchle, Water Resource Board, met with the board upon the board's request to discuss the 2005 Water Resource Department budget. The Water Resource Board stated no levy is needed at this time for the Water Resource Department. Litigation water issues were discussed in length. The new lagoon project may take care of some of the water issues. Felchle will make contacts to the contractor on the lagoon project.

The Weed Board, Myron Dieterle, Jerone Sauter, James Haux, Donald Hausauer, and Gordon O. Felchle met with the board upon the board's request to review the 2005 Weed Board budget. Dieterle reported on the issues that they were faced with the landowners and also other equipment needed. The Weed Board has appointed themselves as weed officers to inspect weed sites with the landowner in the other districts that they are not serving as a Weed Board member in order to not have any conflict of interests and are compensated for their time and mileage. Other programs such as the salt cedar survey will be reimbursed by the State based on 90% of time spent. Weed control officer salaries were discussed in length.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairperson