

County Commission Meeting August 7, 2008

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann and Shirley J. Jorgensen. Eldon Ehrman was absent. Others present was Allan Tinker, McClusky Gazette Editor

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

The following Statement of Fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for July, 2008:

County Recorder, Fees; \$1,657.50
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$974.02
Sheriff, Fees, \$310.60

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of July, 2008:

General - \$80,472.69	Unorganized Rd. Districts - \$ 14,107.05
Secondary Road - \$163.25	County Road - \$72.50
Highway Dist. - \$15,866.32	County Park - \$9,970.00
SS & OASIS - \$257.59	County Ext. - \$139.50
Weed Control - \$38,905.21	HCPR - \$87.50
911 - \$839.95	Wireless 911 - \$684.80

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

The July payroll warrants #33243-33283 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$19,670.68	Service Officer - \$241.66
County Agent fund - \$789.07	Civil Defense - \$412.50
911 - \$400.00	County Correction - \$1,000.00
Secondary Road - \$446.50	County Park - \$465.00
Weed Control - \$4,554.00	Human Services - \$3,391.28

The following bills #33297-33380 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,43.05;Bentz Supply Store,306.93; Walter M. Lipp, 99.54;McClusky Gazette, 58.50;Shirley A. Murray, 282.50; Howard Erdmann,91.50; WRT, 1,552.50; N.D. Assoc. Of Counties,273.92;City of McClusky,57.50;Unity Insurance Agency, Inc.,50.00;Sylvia Schell,7.94;Waste Management Of ND, 237.34;Uniform Center & Embroidery, 98.98; Secretary Of State,36.00;N.D. State Radio Communication,1,213.20; Burnie's,163.57;Tractor Supply Company,42.90;Fireside Office Solutions,9.60; Office Depot, 201.57;Cenex Credit Card,308.05;Birch Telecom,109.80;BHG, Inc.,438.60;Information Technology Dept.,417.40;Shirley J Jorgensen,13.50;McClusky Postmaster,338.00;Institute Of Local Gov't,337.00; Centre Inc.,480.00;C-Store,1,554.00;D&J Oil, Inc.,5,533.07;Lawson Products,56.39;Lelm Implement,Inc.,853.74;Konschak Oil Inc.,8,504.39;Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,86.41;NAPA Auto Parts,578.70;Power Plan, 23.08;Mandan Supply & Equipment Inc., 122.98; Farmers Union Oil Co.,964.75;Alltel,140.83;Diane Fyelling,269.97; The Union Grill And Bar,110.50;The Herald Press,91.35;Mechanics Plus,320.51;Alberta Voegele,18.44;Tony Volochenko Jr.,6.00;ND Surplus Property,20.00;Interstate Batteries,87.90;Myron Dieterle, 57.00;James Haux,45.00; Jerone Sauter,23.00;Donald Hausauer,35.00; NDACO Resource Group,56.61;Emanuel Volk, 80.50; NDAAO,130.00; Kathy Davis Memorial Pool,196.00; James Paulus, 84.00;Universal Services, 91.00;NDTC,18.20;SRT Communications, Inc.,25.76, Coast To Coast Solutions,112.26;Dakota Helicopters,13,946.95;Barco Products Co., 586.20; Dash Medical Gloves, Inc., 69.90; Mercer Co Sheriff's Dept., 825.00; A&G Trucking, 24,204.65;Robin Erdmann,9.99; Alicia D Hase,90.00; Clifford Kahler,22.00; Meckle Excavating, 240.00;Holen Construction,748.80;Menards,161.34;Andrew Werth, 50.00;

Flint Hills Resources LP,18,272.50;Grand Forks County Ext.,18.00; Hazen Drug Store, 3.99;Langdon Motor Inn,83.00;The Medicine Shoppe, 3.00;Elisha Page,27.84;Herbert Sprenger, Etal;18.00; Total Control, Inc.5,400.00

The following transfer of funds was approved as follows:

\$2,475.10, Unorganized Rd. Districts to County Road, hauling gravel and installing signs
\$7,473.30, Unorganized Rd. District to Secondary Road, crushing graveling

Steve Reiser, Dakota Central Human Service Director, met with the board to review the Sheridan County portion of the 2009 Dakota Central Human Service budget.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to present a bill from Fireside for the service agreement on their office copy machine in the amount of \$270.00. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve paying the service agreement on the Sheriff's office copy machine, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Naser also reported that the Law Enforcement Teletype System (LETS) fees with the ND State Emergency Services will increase over \$1,310.00 effective July 1st, 2009. This is a 37% increase from previous years. Naser stated he has submitted a proposal to the City of McClusky to increase the annual contract amount for continued policing services provided by the County Sheriff's Dept. The Sheriffs 2009 dept budgets were reviewed that included costs for a different police vehicle and having a part time deputy going to full time. Budgets will be considered further at a later date in August.

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

Crystal Schuanaman, County Agent, met with the board to review the County Agent 2009 Dept. Budget.

The time being 1:00 p.m. the request for proposals of preliminary and construction engineering services for project SC-4211(062) McClusky, South 5.75 miles were reviewed. Proposals were received from Wold Engineering, P.C., Bismarck and Ulteig Engineers, Bismarck. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the preliminary and construction engineering services from Wold Engineering, P.C. Upon roll call - Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Preliminary and construction engineering costs will be cost shared federally until all 5.75 miles are completed. An engineering agreement will follow for board approval by the next Commission meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to authorize the Chairman to sign the Federal Aid Road form from NDDOT to request federal monies for 5.75 miles south of McClusky to be upgraded, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call – Jorgensen –yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Commission meeting recessed for the Planning & Zoning Board meeting. The County Commission Meeting reconvened at 2:30 P.M.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the (4) Conditional Use Permits to WRT for erecting guy towers and prefabricated storage buildings at the NE4 3-145-78; NW4 21-147-75; NW4 18-145-75; and SW4 3-147-78 in order to provide wireless internet and voice over internet services to WRT customers, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Motion carried.

At this time Thomas Sauter, County Resource Board member, met with the board to discuss water development issues within the Upper and Middle Sheyenne River systems and also to review the 2009 Water Resource budget.

At this time James Paulus, Veteran's Service Officer, met with the board to discuss and review the 2009 Veteran Service dept. budget. Also Paulus requested mileage reimbursement for taking Veteran clients to doctor appointments if medicaid does not pick up mileage expenses. The board agreed to include a \$500.00 mileage increase in the Veteran's Service Dept. budget if mileage would not be covered under medicaid.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve 100% Homestead Credit for tax year 2008 to Cecil Crum, Jr., and Shawn Peterson, (half share each) for on the structure and lot located at the North half of Lot 1,2,3 less 10ft. of lot 3, Block 5, Doerings Addition, Goodrich City, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported on the election cost per person was \$19.42 per vote for the Primary Election. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve continuing the mail ballot procedure for the 2008 General Election, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The 2007 Pioneer Historical Society Annual report was reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the 2007 Pioneer Historical Society Annual report, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen - yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve an addendum to WRT's county permit that was approved at the May 6th Commission meeting to go across an additional farm to market road to bury cables located at the NW4 14-146-78, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote- Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

The meeting recessed until August 12th, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Auditor

Chairman

Commissioners Meeting August 12, 2008

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

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to discuss criminal issues within the County and also to review the Sheriff and County Correction 2009 dept budget requests. Naser requested that new tires are needed on the Expedition being the old tires have over 50,000 miles on them and in high-speed emergency situations old and worn tires are not safe. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to purchase 4 new tires at Mechanics Plus, McClusky, with the state bid price in the total amount of \$450.60, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Tracy Laib, Risk Manager, met with the board to report that a grant was applied with the NDPERS Wellness Program for Sheridan County to receive \$500.00 towards the County employee flu shots. Laib just received notice from NDPERS that Sheridan County was awarded the \$500.00 grant to go towards flu shots for the Sheridan County employees, and if more than \$500.00 is needed than NDPERS will pick up 75% flu shot costs up to \$1,000.00.

At this time the 2009 Dept. budget requests were considered. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the 2009 County department requests as filed in the County Auditor's Office and that the 2009 Preliminary County Budget be approved for publication, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll all vote- Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. The Preliminary County budget hearing was set for Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

The time being 11:00 a.m. Michael Hoffman was present for an interview for the equipment operator position. Next for an interview for equipment operator was Darrel Bertsch. Scott Schaunaman was also present for an interview for the equipment operator position. No action was taken at this time.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the following bill:

NDSU, \$65.00

Seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to instruct the State Highway Patrol to install weigh scales on County farm to market roads to limit the weight of the loads hauled on County roads in order to prevent the County roads from deteriorating faster, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman –yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed until August 21, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Auditor

Chairman

County Commissioner Meeting August 21, 2008

The Board of County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. as set. County Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Shirley J. Jorgensen, and Eldon Ehrman. Others present was McClusky Gazette Editor, Allan Tinker

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss hiring an equipment operator. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to hire Michael Hoffman effective September 1st, 2008 at a monthly salary of \$1,659.17 plus health insurance and retirement benefits, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. The blading area that Hoffman will be working at will be determined by the road foreman.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to discuss organizing a County clinic association with possibly following the McClusky and Goodrich Rural ambulance district boundaries due to the McClusky clinic is in dire need of a new roof and there is no funding available. The County clinic association would allow the McClusky clinic to set up a mill levy upon approval of the County Commissioners to enter a question on the November ballot to the electors of the McClusky and Goodrich rural ambulance district boundaries. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen to set a mill levy for the County clinic association. Discussion was held on organizing a County clinic association. The County clinic association mill levy was tabled until further information is received at the regular September Commission meeting.

At this time, the NDACo presidents tour consisting of Terry Traynor, NDACo Assistant Director; NDACo President, Rodney Ness; and NDCCA President, Richard Cayko met with the board to discuss County Road issues and fuel expenses that have been rising dramatically, election cost increases due to having two separate legislative districts in the County, increase in costs to repairing the outside of the Courthouse and historical issues to overcome with the ND Historical Society. The County Commission presented Traynor a copy of a letter that was drafted by the board and addressed to the Governor in regards to allocation of the highway distribution fund be increased in order for the County and Townships to help offset the higher cost of maintenance. Copies of the same letter were also sent to the Legislators that serve Sheridan County residents. The Commissioners stressed increasing County Road funding should be a priority for the 2009 legislative session. Traynor, Ness, and Cayko agreed and presented graphs that showed the increase in costs to Counties in the area and the decrease in revenues for the Counties in the same area. Traynor also shared upcoming state measures that could affect County Budgets if measures would pass. The County Commissioners invited the NDACo presidents to a tour of the Courthouse and provided cookies and coffee to all that were present.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Park Board Meeting August 7, 2008

The Board of County Park members met at 11:00 a.m. Park Commissioners present were Arlington Helm, Shirley J. Jorgensen, and Howard Erdmann. Absent: Marlin P. Engen and Eldon Ehrman Others present were: Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent, and Allan Tinker, McClusky Gazette Editor

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

A letter was read from a camper with suggestions of cleaning the gazebo and the bathrooms better. These issues will be improved as best as can.

Helm suggested a tree saw be purchased for at Hoffer Lake Recreation Area. It was moved by Park Commissioner Jorgensen to approve purchasing a tree saw to better take care of the trees, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call – Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes, Helm – yes Motion carried. Helm also recommended that more trees be planted out there in place of the old ones.

Crystal Schaunaman presented a copy of the request for bids for the 40 x 40 addition to the current 4-H building. Bids will be opened at the October 7th Park Board meeting with construction to be completed by Spring of 2009. Schaunaman also reviewed funding that has been pledged and donated so far. A barrel racing event has been scheduled for June 7, 2009 to be held at the 4-H arena.

Helm inquired about having a permanent sink installed in the kitchen rather than the utility sink that is currently there. Schaunaman stated that there are used cabinets that were given to the 4-H building that could be redone to fit a sink in. Helm will investigate further.

The 2009 County Park Dept. Budget was reviewed and approved at \$65,950.00 that included the construction of the 40'x 40' addition to the 4-H building to be submitted to the County Commission for final approval.

The following bills were approved and paid:

Waste Management,\$149.89; McLean-Sheridan Rural Water, \$41.00; Bentz Supply Store, \$25.69; C-Store, \$42.27; Barco Products, \$586.20; Menard's, \$22.98

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman

Planning Commission Meeting August 7, 2008

The Sheridan County Planning and Zoning Board met at 2:00 as per notice. Planning Commission members present were: Howard Erdmann, Arthur Waltz, Theresa Jorgensen, Lloyd Bauer, Thomas Sauter, and Bonita Kluck Absent: Karen Korschak Others present were Blaine Lemer, WRT Rep.; Janice Erdmann, County Treasurer; Allan Tinker, McClusky Gazette editor; and Shirley J. Jorgensen, County Commissioner.

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

Blaine Lemer, WRT representative, requested four conditional use permits for erecting guy communication towers within Sheridan County to better service West River Telecommunications customers. The height of the towers would be between 260 ft. - 310 ft. high and lit with a strobe light at the top. The towers will provide wireless internet and voice over internet services. Wireless internet services can be implemented by user having a short antenna on their house. The wireless internet service will replace the Wild Blue Internet service and works much better for the same cost. The revenues the landowners will receive varies \$100.00 -\$150.00 per mth. and towers are usually placed on hills that take up about two acres. A lease agreement is drawn up with the land owner and the landowner still pays for the property taxes. The County may see a small revenue increase in the telecommunication taxes received from the state tax dept. with WRT adding the guy towers and small structures. Most of the guy towers would be placed by existing roads or approaches for access, so no access roads are needed. WRT is working with Nature Conservancy for resolving any wildlife issues. The proposed start date would be August 22, 2008 with FCC approval and proposed completion date would be by November 11, 2008. It was moved by Planning Commissioner Sauter, seconded by Planning Commissioner Bauer to approve the four Conditional Use Permits to WRT for erecting guy communication towers and small prefabricated storage structures in the SW4 3-147-78 (Prophets Twp), NW4 18-145-75 (Sperry Twp), NW4 21-147-75 (Mertz Twp), NE4 3-145-78 (Edgemont Twp) for providing wireless internet and voice over internet services to the Sheridan County public within the WRT service area. Upon roll call vote – Sauter – yes, Bauer – yes, Erdmann –yes, Waltz – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Kluck – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Planning Commissioner Bauer to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Planning Commissioner Theresa Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Bauer – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Sauter – yes, Erdmann – yes, Waltz – yes, Kluck - yes Motion carried.

Secretary

Chairman