

COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING February 3, 2004

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

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

The following Statements of Fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for February 2004:

County Recorder, Fees, \$883.00
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$265.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$188.20

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

\$1,462.14	General - \$20,382.01	Human Services -
\$120.00	Unorganized Rd. Dists. - \$12,714.00	County Road -
\$7,500.67	Highway Dist. - \$20,822.86	County Park -
	SS & OASIS - \$541.52	County Extension - \$361.00
	Weed Control - \$428.32	Civil Defense - \$1,500.00
	911 - \$913.90	Wireless 911 - \$459.80

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

The February payroll warrants #24877-24910 were approved from the following funds:

\$241.66	General Fund - \$20,788.58	Service Officer -
	County Agent - \$1,284.33	County Agent - \$1,284.33
	Civil Defense - \$387.50	911 - \$387.50
	Highway Dist. - \$12,019.13	Weed Control - \$750.00
	Social Services - \$7,409.35	

The following bills #024936-025021 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv, 28.65; Denise Melom, 40.80; Walter M. Lipp, 70.20; McClusky Pharmacy, 4.99; Shirley A. Murray, 40.30; Pitney Bowes, Inc., 338.23; Howard Erdmann, 74.71; West River Telecommunications, 497.51; N.D. Association Of Counties, 389.00; Waste Management Of ND, 33.47; Eldon Ehrman, 57.04; LTM Business Concepts, 1.23; Fireside Office Plus, 36.00; Office Depot, 99.08; Larry Gessner, 95.21; Cenex Ampride Credit Card, 363.29; Birch Telecom, 133.64; BHG, Inc., 257.62; Cellular One, 223.62; Shirley J Jorgensen, 64.79; Tesoro Petroleum Company, 44.02; Kyocera Mita America Inc, 48.86; Bismarck Tire Center, 189.04; D&J Oil, Inc., 2,441.43; Lawson Products, 120.20; Menard's, 1,128.59; Butler Machinery Co., 51.56; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water, 67.20; California Contractors Supply, 95.94; Co-Op Elevator, 1,438.00; Bentz Supply Store, 298.53; Power Plan, 376.77; Farmers Union Oil Co, 388.72; Kent Alderin, 167.40; NDSU Extension

Service,149.80;NDSU Ag Communications,22.00;Myron Dieterle,144.36;James Haux,46.50;Marilyn Schneider,236.02;Irvin Schneider, 40.00;Wayne Houston,1,500.00;NDTC,20.07;SRT Communications, Inc,12.88;West River Telecommunications,265.24;NDACO,229.90;Wold Engineering, P.C., 9,713.80;Auto Wizard Inc,117.68;Choice Financial Group,330.00;Comfort Inn, 110.00;Compresource/Fidelity Factors,202.24;Dakota Prairies RC&D,250.00; Eide Ford,1,644.41;Doris Fischer,114.18;General Trading Co Inc,79.82;Horn Plastics Inc,405.00;Jack's Uniforms & Equipment,130.60;Leo's Transmission, 1,647.52;Lutheran Social Services Of ND,30.00;ND Clerk/Court Assoc,60.00; ND Co Auditors Assoc,50.00;ND Co Recorders Assoc,60.00;ND States Attorney's Assoc,250.00;ND Weed Control Assoc.,240.00;NDACO,129.00;NDSU Extension Pesticide Prog,126.00;Quill,72.48;Richland County,17.17;Roberts Floral, 28.00;Alberta Strobel,264.00;Doris Fischer,192.00;Evan Laib,77.25; Jeremy Tkach,77.25,Eden Melom,77.25;Brandon Mortenson,61.80;South Central Crime Conference,25.00;State Fire & Tornado Fund,68.77;Steel Cutting, 33.75,Underground Vaults & Storage,7.60;US Postal Service,400.00;Viking Office Products,151.39;Walsh Co 4-H Council,4.00;Wear Guard,132.71

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to increase the annual road maintenance and snow removal fee by \$10.00 more per mile to \$85.00 per mile to organized and unorganized twps effective immediately due to increase costs of fuel, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Edward Baker, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss snow removal issues. Due to frigid conditions some motorgraders and the Mack Truck have been broke down and so some roads did not have snow removal done as soon as it should have been.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, met with the board to report on the Emergency Management Conference from last week in regards to terriorm, emergency responses, 911 State Radio transferring to digital service rather than analog service. With State radio going to digital service all other emergency respondents will need to be digital service compliance also in order to communicate together. Homeland Security monies are available to apply for by February 15th, 2004. The local City and Rural Fire Districts and Ambulance districts that are based in the County have applied for these monies to Houston to upgrade there communications. A workshop called "Are you Ready" that is available to City and County Officials can be scheduled to come to our community. The Board instructed Houston to make contacts to set up the Workshop for our Community. An emergency response exercise will also be set up for the near future. The Chairperson was authorized to sign the Budget forms with the ND State Emergency Management for Houston's Emergency Manager share of his office expenses.

The time being 1:00 p.m. the hearing on the application for abatement of taxes filed by DJ Hoffer and Hannah Schmidt was held. No one appeared. The McClusky City assessor, Sherrill Houser, was not present, however; a written letter from her reviewing the residential structure was considered and recommended to lower the value from 5,645 to 1,128 due to deterioration of residential structure. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the abatement as the assessor recommended, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the Water Resource Board members, Gordon O. Felchle, Elmer Knodel, and Alvin Herr met with the board to discuss joining the Upper Sheyenne River Basin in order to prevent roads going under water, etc. in that area of the County. The Upper Sheyenne River Basin consists of 11 counties. Sheridan County has 46.8% area that would come under the Upper Sheyenne River Basin. A legislative voice would be better involving more counties rather than 2 counties. One fourth of a mill spread out over 4 year period which would be estimated around \$780.00 per year is requested to join the Upper Sheyenne River Basin. The last rural water sign up meetings have been scheduled. More information on the Upper Sheyenne River Basin will be gathered before the Water Resource Board will take action on joining. The County Commission recommended if the Water Resource Board does join the Upper Sheyenne River Basin that there is a written agreement that they can discontinue after four years if the Water Resource Board is not satisfied with the benefits.

The time being 2:30 a delegation of landowners was present to discuss the snow removal process on the County and Twp roads. Kendon Faul questioned why roads were not cleaned right away after the last snowstorm. Commissioners stated plows were broke down early in the week and Farm to Market roads are plowed first. Frigid conditions are risk factor for any blademan to be out in the rural roads. Washboarded roads and cutting shoulders on roads were discussed also. States Attorney, Walter Lipp, recommended to the board to set priority roads to be cleaned first with the road crew. Another suggestion was to have a second in command to the Road Foreman being there is no Foreman to lead the crew at this time. Commissioners stated the road crew will be addressed these issues of concerns.

The 2003 Pioneer Historical Society annual report was reviewed and filed.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to consolidate down to 4 polling places/precincts for Sheridan County effective for the Primary Election 2004 and that the 4 polling places/precincts will be located at the following buildings:

- No. #1 - Martin City Hall
- No. #2 - Strassburg Twp Hall
- No. #3 - McClusky City Hall - Community Room
- No. #4 - Goodrich Fire Hall

seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Chairperson, Jorgensen, stated on April 6th, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. a hearing will be held on the amending the County Federal Aid Road Priority list.

The following 2003 application for abatements were reviewed and hearings were scheduled as follows:

Bruce Sayler, W 23' of Lots 5 & 6, 34.5'X 300' in Lots 1,2,3,4, W 23' of Lots 1,2,3,4,
Lots 7,8,9, All in Blk 2, North Addition, McClusky City -
March 2, 2004 @ 1:00 p.m.

Willard & Margaret Weltz, SW4SE4 18-150-75, - March 2, 2004 @ 1:30 p.m.

Doris Fischer, Lots 21-24, Blk 8, Dahl & Neff Addition, McClusky

City -

March 2, 2004 @ 2:00 p.m.

Estel Naser, N. 57' of Lots 1-2, & N. 50' of Lot 3 & 4, Blk. 3,
Arneson's Add., McClusky City, - March 2, 2004 @ 2:30
p.m.

The Annual Sheridan County Planning & Zoning Board will meet in conjunction with the County Commission Meeting on March 2, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Auditor

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Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. Gessner reported the Sheriff's Office has started doing shift work with his Deputies.

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