

County Commissioners Meeting February 1, 2005

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

Chairman Erdmann 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 January, 2005:

County Recorder, Fees, \$925.00
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$355.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$112.00

The total miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of January, 2005:

General - \$26,776.25	Human Services - \$527.31
Unorganized Rd. Dists. - \$12,628.96	County Road - \$855.00
Highway Dist. - \$18,325.74	Health Ins. - \$245.89
S.S. & OASIS - \$558.66	County Ext. - \$45.00
Weed Control - \$7,460.25	911 - \$886.35
Wireless 911 - \$886.35	

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

The January payroll warrants #27071-27104 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$21,664.67	Service Officer - \$241.66
County Agent Fund - \$1,334.33	Civil Defense - \$400.00
911 - \$387.50	Highway Dist. - \$13,277.14
Human Services - \$7,645.50	

The following bills #27129-27215 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv ,38.15; Dakota Communications,55.00; Walter M. Lipp, 127.91; Howard Erdmann, 92.75; West River Telecommunications,657.27; N.D. Association Of Counties,725.20; Waste Management Of ND,71.71; Reule's Super Value,222.33; Eldon Ehrman, 42.00; Herb Neuharth Plumbing,11.25; Fireside Office Plus,31.18; Office Depot,727.78; Larry Gessner,104.98; Cenex Credit Card,557.15; Birch Telecom,91.58; BHG, Inc.,259.35; Information Technology Dept.,375.00; Cellular One,236.94; Shirley J Jorgensen,57.05; McClusky Postmaster, 42.00; Jack's Uniforms,83.89; Kyocera Mita America Inc, 48.86; D&J Oil, Inc.,329.58; Lawson Products,109.93; Menard's,104.97; Co-Op Elevator, 2,750.20; Bentz Supply Store,201.17; Schaeffer's Service, 4.00; Power Plan,646.67; Farmers Union Oil Co,893.93; Crystal Schaunaman,240.50; Diane Fyelling, 370.55; BHG, Inc,37.60; NDSU Ag Communications, 15.50; Wayne Houston, 53.20; NDTC,20.07; SRT Communications, Inc,12.88; West River Telecommunications,248.24; ND State Radio Communications, 907.20; NDACO,59.84; Verendrye Electric Coop.,1,100.00; Paul E. Stober,14.00; Holen Construction Inc,3,256.20; Holen Construction,Inc.,2,478.00; Don Wenning, 36.00; Adams Co 4-H Leaders,6.00; Aggregate Construction, 216.00; American Income Life,10.00; Auto Wizard Inc, 49.44; BJ Auto Sales,241.63; Boiler

Inspection Program,40.00; Chemsearch,976.05; Comfort Inn, 45.00; Paula Condol, 65.30;Dakota Prairies RC&D, 250.00; Todd Deboer, 50.42; Doug's Auto Body,84.60;
Financial Supply Center Inc,30.23;First National Bank,35.00; Heringer Lumber,581.89; Lisa Laib,211.60;Lutheran Social Services Of ND,30.00; Marshall & Swift,178.95;McClusky Merchants,5.00; Mercer County 4-H Council,4.00; ND 911 Association,10.00; ND Co Auditor's Association, 75.00; ND Weed Control Board, 255.00; NDEMA, 30.00;Ramkota Hotel,157.44; Lawrence Reiswig,20.00;Rest Room World,157.62;
Rockmount/Nassau,156.56;Alberta Strobel, 224.00; Doris Fischer,96.00; Eden Melom, 77.25;Brandon Mortenson,92.70;Tiffanie Reiser, 168.00;Andrew Roubal,77.25;Spencer Roth,61.80; Maury C Thompson,9.20;Turtle Lake Community Hospital,81.50;Viking Office Products,212.08;Viking Screen Prints, 74.36

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to pay half the prisoner contract of \$2,300.00 with McLean County, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, met with the board to report that on February 23rd a Homeland Security Briefing will be held for Homeland Security funds that will be available for the new year. Houston also reported that he will be on vacation from February 9th thru February 22nd.

Denise Melom, Risk Manager, met with the board to report on a risk management claim and that she will be attending the Risk Management course to be held Monday, February 7, 2005 in Bismarck.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve Roy S. Kensmoe, Jr. resignation from the Water Resource Board, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes. All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Deputy Axt, reported on the police vehicle use for traveling to Harvey was to repair the car and transferring a prisoner.

Alvin Herr, former Water Resource Board member, met with the board upon the board's request to discuss Water Resource Board issues. The Commissioners recommended regular monthly or quarterly meetings need to be scheduled so business is taken care of in an orderly fashion. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to reinstate Alvin Herr to the Water Resource Board effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Walter Lipp, States Attorney, met with the board to report on litigations that were filed against the County and the procedure to follow next.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to pay the Witness fees in the amount of \$327.32, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the Weed Board members and Officers, Gordon Felchle, James Haux, Jerone Sauter, Donald Hausauer, Myron Dieterle, Marilyn Schneider, and Secretary, Janice Erdmann met with the board upon the board's request to discuss various Weed Control Budget issues. Dieterle reviewed the costs of the weed officers for 2004 and that the Weed Board was reimbursed by State funding for the salt cedar

grant program for all expenses associated with the program. Cost share to local landowners for leafy spurge was discussed to be shared 80/20 for 2005. 80% County Weed Control and 20% to the landowner in order to cover expenses. Road side and woody spraying will need to be increased also. The process of handling complaints from landowners on spraying weeds was reviewed that a Weed Board member from another district that does not live within the same district attends the inspection of the complaint with the landowner, weed officer, and another Weed Board Member in order to witness inspection. Spraying on railroad property was discussed and how to receive reimbursement sooner. Using different chemicals to be sprayed on railroad property by the Weed Board rather than hiring aerial spraying could lower expenses was suggested.

The application for the 2004 abatement of taxes filed by Shawn Weltz for on Part of NW4NW4 448'x 733' 1-149-75 was reviewed and forwarded to the Georgetown Twp. District Assessor and the Director of Tax Equalization. The hearing was scheduled for March 1, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to report on County shop issues and road issues. Gross will report back on the landowners who have bales still in the ditches that need to be removed. The States Attorney was instructed to write letters to the landowners who have bales located along the right of way to have them removed or the County Road Crew will burn them.

Mike Hanson, District NDSU Extension Director, and Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent, met with the board to discuss the programming needs for Sheridan County through NDSU Extension Service and the Sheridan County Staff. 4-H and teen programming was ranked at the top of the priority list of program needs. The duties of the County Home Economist Extension Agent/Food and Nutrition Program Position was reviewed. The Food and Nutrition Program Position education that is required has changed to have at least a college degree now. Hiring just an extra office person to help out at busy seasons was discussed also. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to allow the County Agent to take on some of the duties of the Home Economist Position that would increase the County Agent's salary effective July 1, 2005 and to hire someone for the Food and Nutrition Program position that is partial federally funded, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. Hanson recommended a Commissioner participate in the County Agent evaluation on March 15, 2005. The County Agent's narrative for January was reviewed and filed.

Joyce H. Dockter, Clerk of Court, met with the board to discuss personnel issues.

Larry Gessner, Sheriff, met with the board to report the 2005 Ford Expedition was ordered and some computer issues that have come up. The Sheriff was instructed to contact the State to see if there were any good used police cars that will be available at the State Auction. Gessner requested to purchase a car un-lock manual and kit for \$250.00. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve purchase of a car un-lock manual and kit for \$250.00, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The Auditor reported that the heating system in the Courthouse is not heating on the 3rd floor. Valves and traps are leaking and plugged according to H.A. Thompson & Sons. An estimate from H.A. Thompson & Sons for replacing 43 valve covers throughout the Courthouse in the amount of \$9,526.00 was reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to replace just the 3rd floor valves and repair controllers in the Furnace room in the amount of \$5,725.00 from H.A. Thompson and Sons, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman