

County Commission Meeting July 6, 2010

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

Chairman Axt called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meetings were approved as recorded in the Auditor's Office.

The following Statements of fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for June, 2010:

County Recorder, Fees, \$ 1,817.00
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$597.75
Sheriff, Fees, \$598.00

The total miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of June, 2010:

General Fund - \$75,472.74	Secondary Road - \$2,664.80
County Road - \$3,443.18	Highway Dist. - \$14,742.02
County Park - \$2,785.96	Weed Control - \$781.11
HCPR- \$75.00	911-\$815.10
Wireless 911 - \$744.22	

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

The June Payroll warrants #36661-36702 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund - \$20,759.18	County Agent Fund- \$874.57
Civil Defense - \$450.00	Emergency Manager - \$437.50
County Corrections - \$2,125.00	Policing - \$80.00
Highway Dist. - \$1,161.38	County Park - \$847.50
Weed Control - \$2,084.25	Human Services - \$2,660.53

The following bills #36716-36795 was approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,45.05;Bentz Supply Store,303.12;Walter M. Lipp, 139.02;N.D. Newspaper Assoc.,162.30; Howard Erdmann,128.00;WRT,1,588.58; Co-Op Elevator,66.68;Doug's Auto Body,592.55;N.D. Assoc. Of Counties,444.35;City Of McClusky, 37.60;Unity Insurance Agency, Inc.,7,739.00;Official Payments,165.00;Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.,152.20;Quality Printing Service, Inc.,516.00; Waste Management Of ND,139.04;Uniform Center & Embroidery,83.98; N.D. State Radio Communication,1,882.08;Eldon Ehrman,149.00; Cynthia D. Wahl, 63.00; TSC,4.66;Janice D. Erdmann, 206.00; Office Depot,292.06; Birch Communications, Inc.,118.77; BHG, Inc.,1,638.61;Information Technology Dept.,438.60; Mclean County Sheriff's Office,3,470.00; Cass County Treasurer,81.00;C-Store,740.41; D&J Oil, Inc.,7,655.73; Abused Adult Resource Center,100.00;Mercer Machine,942.00;Lelm Implement, Inc.,310.00; Kenschak Oil Inc., 6,291.72;Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,92.00; M&C Repair,92.29;NAPA Auto Parts,208.81;Power Plan,204.75;Farmers Union Oil Co., 417.00; ND Tax Commissioner,1,173.01;Alltel,166.14;State Fire And Tornado Fund,946.94; The Herald Press,151.20; Atco International,99.80;Mechanics Plus,152.24; Wal-Mart, 95.74; First District Health Unit,5,582.50;Tony Volochenko Jr., 900.00; OMB/ND Surplus Property, 5.00;SCSCD,105.50;Alvin Gross,21.18; NRG,473.36;Electronic Communications, Inc.,37.93; James Paulus,193.71;North Dakota State Treasurer,2,848.57; Garrison Diver Conserv Dist, 25.57; Donna's Patchwork Cottage,25.00; NDTC,18.20; SRT Communications, Inc.,12.88; A&G Trucking,9,347.20; Petro. Tank Release Comp. Fund,700.00;Michael Axt,194.50; Severin, Ringsak & Morrow,1,820.00;Stein's Inc.,75.60; NDSU - Dept 7070,72.00;Verendrye Electric Coop.,315.00;Steven Murray,116.75;Visa, 618.41; McClusky City,35.00; ES&S , 4,152.31;Turtle Lake Rexall Drug,1.99; Wm Lamp Tracker, Inc., 69.95; Pulkrabek Law Firm, 569.15;Precision Small Engine Service,12.18; Emily Steckler,79.50; Alliance One LLC,140.45 Burleigh Co Detention Center, 65.00; St. A's Heart And Lung, 822.90;St. A's Clinics,498.24; Spirit Lake Casino & Resort, 55.00; Sign-A-Rama,145.81

The following transfers were approved as follows:

\$471.44, From Unorganized Rd. Dist. to County Road Fund, for installing signs and hauling gravel

\$243.00, From Unorganized Rd. Dist to Secondary Road Fund, for crushing gravel

At this time the County Veteran Service Officer, James Paulus, met with the board to review the Vetra Spec statewide software program that will allow Veteran Service Officers to access Veteran's files between County Veteran Service officers and the ND Dept of Veteran Affairs in order to e-mail claims for better efficient service to the Veteran or Veteran's family. The annual user fee will be \$399.00 per year through the ND Dept of Veteran's Affairs office being they will pay the up front costs and purchase the initial system. Also a scanner and signature pad is needed in order to file claims. Paulus already has a scanner of his own to use. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve paying the annual \$399.00 user fee plus a signature pad for \$150.00 for Paulus to start the Vetra Spec software program, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

Mike Hanson, NDSU District Director, introduced Emily Steckler as the new County Agent for Sheridan County who started June 28th, 2010. Ms. Steckler has already been visiting some of the farms in person to get to know the public in the County. Steckler will go to orientation training the first week of August at NDSU at the expense of NDSU.

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

At this time the County Commissioners went with Herb Bargmann, Wold Engineering, P.C., representative, to inspect the south Farm to Market McClusky road project. More gravel is being placed this week on the road project.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, met with the board to present a resolution to declare a flood disaster. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to declare a flood disaster for Sheridan County, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann –yes, Axt – yes The flood disaster declaration was declared adopted.

SHERIDAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
FLOOD DIASTER DECLARATION
JULY, 2010

WHEREAS, Sheridan County has received excessive precipitation during the spring and early summer of 2010 resulting in excess moisture and runoff causing damage to county and township roads and culverts; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the excessive runoff on the county and township roads, and on residents both city and rural, threatens the health, well-being, and public safety of the citizens in Sheridan County; and

WHEREAS, the expense of cleanup, repair and replacement of the roads and culverts is in excess of available Sheridan County, resources and budgeted funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners declare a Flood Disaster exists in Sheridan County, North Dakota, including the communities of Denhoff, Goodrich, Martin, and McClusky; and order the activation and utilization of the county Emergency Operation Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices to monitor the situation, alleviate hardship and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impact of this emergency upon the citizens of Sheridan County.

Dated at McClusky, Sheridan County, North Dakota this 6th day of July, 2010.

ATTEST:

Chairman

Auditor

The time being 2:00 p.m. the hearing on the annexation of the Goodrich City Fire Dept. into the Goodrich Rural Fire District. There being no objections, it was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the Goodrich City Fire Dept. to annex into Goodrich Rural Fire District effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

Paul Benning, NDDOT office, was contacted by speakerphone to request using incentive federal aid monies to crush gravel for secondary roads. Benning reported the incentive federal aid monies can not be used for crushing gravel being a gravel pit can not be controlled to be used just for secondary roads and not township roads also.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to adopt the following resolution to establish Property Tax Exemption for improvements to Commercial or Residential Buildings in Sheridan County, seconded by Commissioner. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMERCIAL
AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS N.D.C.C. SECTION 57-02.2 AND 57-02.2-03

WHEREAS, Sheridan County recognizes the North Dakota Century Code, Section 57-02.2 which states IMPROVEMENT DEFINED. Unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires, the term “improvement” means the renovation, remodeling, or alteration, but not the replacement, of an existing building or structure for use for commercial or residential purposes. An improvement for residential purposes is limited to a building or structure at least twenty-five years old. An addition constructed to an existing building or structure to enlarge it is an improvement for the purposes of this chapter; and

WHEREAS, undertaking this resolution the governing body of the county may limit or impose conditions upon exemptions under this section, including limitations on the length of time during which an exemption is allowed, not exceeding five years. The requirements must be applied equitably to all applicants; and

WHEREAS, an adopted resolution adopted by the governing body of the county may be rescinded or amended at any time; and

WHEREAS, the exemption provided by this section shall apply only to that part of the valuation resulting from the improvements which is over and above the assessed valuation, exclusive of the land, placed upon the improvements, the complete replacement of one building with another building or a separate structure that is not attached to the existing building do not qualify for exemption; and

WHEREAS, the improvements that qualify according to the guideline G-8 are as follows, RENOVATION – restoring to a previous condition or to a good state of repair, REMODELING – changing the plan, form or style of a building, to correct functional deficiencies, ALTERATION – changing, modifying or varying; changing materially and ADDITION – a structure attached to an existing building to increase its size.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the property owner files an application with the assessor of the assessment district where the assessor or county director of tax equalization shall determine whether the improvements described in this application **do or do not** qualify for the exemption based on the resolution of the governing body of the county, and further more if the assessor determines that the exemption should apply, upon approval of the governing body, the exemption is valid for the prescribed period and shall not terminate upon the sale or exchange of the said property, but shall be transferable to the subsequent owners. If the certificate is not filed as herein provided, the assessor shall regard the improvements as nonexempt and shall assess them as such; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing body of Sheridan County hereby commit to preparing and accepting the property tax exemption for improvements to commercial and residential buildings in accordance with the NDCC Section 57-02.2 and 57-02.2-03.

Adopted this 6th day of July, 2010.

Attested:

Sheridan County Auditor

County Commission Chairman

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to request purchase of a computer, being one of their computers has crashed. Estimates of computers were reviewed and are on file in the Auditors office for review. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve purchase of a HP Compaq computer from NRG in the amount of \$638.00 with 160 GB, 530 Processor, and a 3 yr warranty on parts and labor, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:30 p.m. Wayne Houston set up a presentation over the speakerphone in the Community Room with Helen Sellitsch, Global Connect representative, for a Strategic Voice Messaging system for emergency notifications using voice over internet protocol (VOIP). Global Connect is privately funded and was founded in 1999 with a client base of approximately 3,000. Sellitsch reviewed the voice messaging system on how to set up and be able to send emergency messages to the public on their phones – land lines and cell phones, for example – tornado warnings, possible flood areas, anhydrous spills, etc. The annual fee is .55 per phone line location. Houston suggested splitting cost with interested Cities and schools within the County to have sub accounts. The County Commission instructed the County Auditor and Emergency Manager to send a letter of info and invite the Cities and Schools within the County to the August Commission meeting to survey who may be interested in cost sharing a County-wide voice messaging system.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss graveling some roads and that they will start mowing the road right of ways as soon as the mowing tractor arrives from Lem Implement. The Auditor was instructed to publish the weed cutting notice for July 15th.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the gravel contract for sale of gravel with Bonita Kluck at \$1.00 per yd in the NE4 Section 2 -149-76, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the Liability Insurance policy with Unity Insurance, McClusky, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve signing a County Deed to Brian Fitz, Sacramento, CA., for Lot 5, Blk 18, Mauch's Addition, Goodrich City in the amount of \$600.00, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

Janice Erdmann, County Treasurer, met with the board to review the pledge of assets. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the pledge of assets as filed in the County Treasurers office, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

The August County Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 5th due to other conflicts.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Park Board Meeting July 6, 2010

The Sheridan County Park Board met at 11:00 a.m. Park Commissioners present were: Arlington Helm, Michael Axt, Marlin P. Engen, Eldon Ehrman, and Howard Erdmann. Others present were Emily Steckler, new County Agent, Allan Tinker, Editor, McClusky Gazette, and Darcy Lasher, 4-H Council member.

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

Helm reported that GDCD has completed the new handicapped sidewalk at Hoffer's Lake by the main fishing pier area. The old fishing pier can be placed in the lake after it has been repaired in a couple of weeks which will allow the sidewalk to cure before having anything real heavy go across it. A 45ft handicapped cement camper pad will be constructed by GDCD also behind the gazebo area. Helm will contact the Bureau to see if they would install electricity to one more regular camper pad to make up for the handicapped cement camper pad. Any one can camp on the handicapped camper pad, however; if a handicapped individual is present to camp, whoever is on the handicapped cement camper site that is not handicapped, would need to re-locate to a different camper pad site.

Larry Gessner, EDC, met with the board to report on the Grubbfest concert that was held on the 4th of July in the 4-H Building. The attendance was fair and Elvis even showed up. The Dollars for Scholars organization received \$220.00. Gessner volunteered to seal the metal ribbing along the bottom of the 4-H building to keep bugs and small animals out of the building. Some of the screens in the 4-H building need to be repaired. The North Country trail was re-visited to include Hoffers Lake as a stop. The events to be held at Hoffers Lake were suggested to be posted in the ND vacation/tourism guide.

Darcy Gahner, 4-H Council member, requested to have the County Park to maintain the grass by the arena area every two weeks or so. Arlington agreed to maintain the grass by the arena with County Park funding. The door on the hoop barn has been taken off its track by a wind storm. Volunteers are needed to help install the door back in the track. Gahner stated that SCS is going to replace the current overgrown arboretum at Hoffer's Lake with a much smaller arboretum area.

The auditor reported on the First District Health Unit Inspection report of Hoffer's Lake campground that was conducted on 5/26/2010. Some backflow prevention devices are needed on the spigots and more trash dumpsters have been placed at Hoffer's Lake since the inspection was held. Also a letter was sent to ND Game & Fish to request to be entered on the list for next year for a new fishing pier at Hoffer's Lake.

The following bills were approved and paid:

Waste Management, \$95.82; McLean-Sheridan Rural Water, \$46.00; Verendrye Electric, \$262.00; C-Store, \$147.56; Bentz Supply Store, \$179.79; CO-OP Elevator, \$59.18; City of McClusky, \$37.60; Soil Cons. Dist. \$105.50;

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting May 4, 2010

The Sheridan County Planning and Zoning board met at 2:00 p.m. as per notice. Planning Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Theresa Jorgenson, Thomas Sauter, and Arthur Waltz. Absent: Lloyd Bauer, Karen Korschak, and Bonita Kluck. Others present: County Commissioners Eldon Ehrman and Michael Axt, and landowner James Ebach.

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

At this time the public hearing on the Variance application by James Ebach was held. Ebach requested he would like to construct a 32' x 36' garage on the west side of his house located on Part of SW4NW4 5-149-76 however; according to the zoning regulations the garage would be too close to the farm to market road. There is 200 ft setback requirement from the farm to market road as per zoning regulations. Everyone was given the opportunity to be heard. The board questioned if there has been any snow issues along the farm to market road area where the garage would be built. No snow issues have ever appeared in that area according to Ebach. It was moved by Planning Commissioner Erdmann to approve a Variance Permit to allow construction of the garage as long as structure is setback off of the farm to market road right of way which is 75 ft from the middle of the road, seconded by Planning Commissioner Sauter. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Sauter – yes, Jorgenson – yes, Waltz – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman