

The Board of Sheridan 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 Statements of Fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for May, 2004:

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,691.00
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$450.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$41.60

The total Miscellaneous Receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of May, 2004:

General Fund - \$3,245.73	Social Welfare - \$ 1,050.59
County Road - \$3,739.55	Highway Dist. - \$12,928.55
SS & OASIS - \$1,132.43	911 - \$987.05
Wireless 911 - \$482.59	

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

The May payroll warrants #25604-25644 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund - \$24,433.33	Veteran Service
Officer - \$241.66	
County Agent Fund - \$1,284.33	911 - \$387.50
Civil Defense - \$387.50	Highway Dist. - \$9,998.30
County Park - \$420.00	Weed Control - \$1,496.75
Social Welfare - \$7,640.02	

The following bills #25671-25757 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv,28.65;Denise Melom,40.30;Walter M. Lipp,36.11;McClusky Pharmacy,8.39;Shirley A.Murray,40.30;N.D. Newspaper Association,71.25;Howard Erdmann,53.94;West River Telecommunications,655.25;N.D. Association Of Counties,87.50; Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender Co.,130.38;Waste Management Of ND,33.81;Trent Naser,8.00;Gall's Inc.,53.46;Reule's Super Value, 155.99;Eldon Ehrman,115.94;LTM Business Concepts,1.23; Reliable,105.28;Herb Neuharth Plumbing,71.20;Office Depot, 712.79;Cenex Credit Card,323.18;Birch Telecom,81.62;BHG, Inc.,253.65;Information Technology Dept.,375.00;Cellular One,216.68;Volute Enterprises Inc,165.00; McLean County Sheriff's Office,1,813.00;Shirley J Jorgensen,95.79;McClusky Postmaster,24.00;Chief Supply,89.97;Centre Inc,480.00;Kyocera Mita America Inc,48.86;OMB/Surplus Property Division,60.00;D&J Oil, Inc.,1,058.10;Edward Baker,34.10;McLean-Sheridan Rur Water,57.36;Co-Op Elevator,4,741.98; Schaeffer's Service, 17.40;Farmers Union Oil Co,86.70;Diane Fyelling,93.00; Bentz Supply Store,16.32;Bhg, Inc,101.25;Jerone Sauter, 559.48;Ripplinger Motors,436.63;Horvick Manufacturing Co,87.64;Patrick Fyelling,41.54;NDTC,20.07; SRT Communications, Inc,12.88;West River Telecommunications,248.24; NDACo, 241.30; Menards,68.90;Bentz Supply Store,229.28;Dallas Pfenning,15.00; Sun Dance Construction,397.36;Cates Earth Science Tech.Inc, 1,240.00; Chase

Drug,202.37;Choice Financial Group,5,946.00; Comfort Inn Airport,138.87;Dakota Fire Station, 221.20; Decatur Electronics Inc,380.00;Election Systems & Software,1,613.46; First District Health Unit,5,488.50;Michelle Frank,50.00; General Trading Co Inc,18.44;International Inn,90.00;John Deere Credit,19,073.89;K.E.D.,153.08;Mcclusky Centennial,150.00; McClusky Gazette,250.00;McClusky School,400.00; ND 4-H Foundation,35.00;ND Weed Control Assoc,30.00;Otter Tail Power Company, 238.00;Public Safety Center Inc,99.95;Sa-So, A Division Of Egi,118.09;Triangle YMCA Camp,75.00;US Postal Service,260.00; Western 4-H Camp,25.00;Western 4-H Camp,25.00;Western 4-H Camp,45.00;Wilton Mentor Program,250.00

Sheriff, Larry Gessner, and Emergency Manager, Wayne Houston, met with the board to discuss the 2004 Homeland Security grant monies. A travel trailer for hauling generators and other emergency equipment will be applied for in the 2004 Homeland Security grant. Gessner reported possibly to rent the remaining lumber yard building from Marshall Feland to store emergency homeland security travel trailer and equipment at \$50.00 per mth. Gessner reported on street mapping software to be installed in palm pilots for each Deputy that will be investigated in for the next round of Homeland Security grant monies.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve adding the omitted property of Darryl Johnson, Part of N2NW4 12-146-77, to the 2004 assessment roll with a true and full value of 166, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

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

Bob Sitzman, Rugby, Otter Tail Power Co. representative, met with the board to discuss dual heating for the courthouse - electric and heating oil. Electric Thermal storage heaters and dual fuel brochures were reviewed and questions asked. No action was taken at this time.

Herb Bargmann, Wold Engineering, met with the board to report that a pre-construction meeting for the secondary road seal and chip projects in Sheridan County will be held soon.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Equalization meeting was held. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

Casey Erickson, RDO Equipment, met with the board to present prices on John Deere pay loaders with trade-in of County Terex pay loader. No action was taken at this time.

Roy Filler, Martin City, met with the board to discuss renting part of the County Shop in Martin for storing his vehicles. Martin City will be contacted to work out an agreement on sharing rent for the Martin area County Shop building.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the funding agreement with the ND Supreme Court to help fund the Clerk of District Court Services effective July 1, 2005 thru June 30, 2007, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The Auditor reported that Trent Naser applied for and received a building permit to construct a 28'x 48' basement and to move a 28'x 48'

doublewide trailer with addition and double attached garage on a tract in the NW4 14-146-78.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the amended employer administrative agreement with the NDPERS 457 plan that is effective August 1, 2004, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Janice Erdmann, Treasurer, met with the board to report that two high school students will be working through Job Service at the Courthouse for the summer.

Joyce Dockter, Clerk of District Court, met with the board to suggest some Courtroom improvements that can applied for with the State Clerk of Court grant monies that will be available this fall. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve that Joyce Dockter attend the County Recorders Convention in Wahpeton June 16th - 18th, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Sheriff, Larry Gessner, met with the board to report on criminal issues in the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to set the County mowing charges for twp. Roads at \$100.00 per hr. or \$20.00 per mile for twps to hire the County to mow Twp. roadsides, 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 the County vehicle insurance policy with Choice Financial Insurance/Insurance Reserve Fund, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The meeting recessed until June 15, 2004.

Auditor

Chairperson

COUNTY EQUALIZATION MEETING JUNE 1, 2004

The Sheridan County Board of Equalization met at 2:00 p.m. as set. Members present were Eldon Ehrman, Shirley J. Jorgensen, and Howard Erdmann. Also present were various City and Township Officials, Assessors, and the Director of Tax Equalization, Cynthia D. Wahl.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Shirley J. Jorgensen.

The County Auditor reported that some Assessors had brought their assessment books in late and those new assessments had not been posted yet being there was not enough time before the Equalization meeting. However, the Auditor reported that the Agriculture values were not changed from last year, according to the State Tax Commissioner's Office Sheridan County was still within the tolerance percentage so no change was needed.

Tax Director, Cynthia Wahl, reported that some agriculture lands may have been increased if no form for inundated (underwater) acres was filed with her office.

Dwayne Blumhagen, landowner, questioned why one of his quarters of land was valued so high. James Haux, Rosenfield Twp Assessor, stated that the average cropland value for Rosenfield twp. is 261.00 per acre. Haux will investigate further.

Wahl stated when the detailed soil survey is complete each soil type will have a value applied. Some parcels will have many soil types included. The detailed soil survey may be implemented for next year's assessments if completed by then.

Kevin Korus, Denhoff Twp. Official, inquired if there will still be a need for an assessor when the detailed soil survey is implemented. Wahl stated that there still will possibly be inundated acres, new assessments, and new structures, etc that Assessors will always need follow up with. CRP land classifications were discussed in length. Wahl stated when the detailed soils survey is applied the land use will not matter any longer, the value will then be based on the soil type.

Gravel crushing in the County was inquired about from Lee Boehm, Prophets Twp. Official. Chairperson Jorgensen stated that contacts have been made to contractors, however; no response back from them yet. Jorgensen will let Prophets Twp. know when gravel is available.

Weed mowing issues were also discussed in length. Chairperson Jorgensen also stated that the 1st cut of weeds along roadsides need to be done by July 15th and 2nd cut by September 15th or County will mow roadsides and assess the cost to the landowner. Commissioner Ehrman also stated that the load limit regulations of 80,000# will be set all year long for Sheridan County roads and will be enforced.

The equalization meeting recessed until 2:00 p.m. June 15, 2004.

Auditor

Chairperson

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING JUNE 15, 2004

The Board of County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.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 Sherri Korus, Vonnice Erdmann, LaRae Dockter, and Faye Hagen, KED, Inc., met with the board to present beer and retail liquor applications for 2004 for their new establishment Union Grill & Bar (formerly Hi-way Café & Lounge) effective July 1st. It was moved by

Commissioner Ehrman to approve issuing KED, Inc a Beer and Liquor License for the remaining 2004 year for the base amount of \$125.00, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to amend the County Beer and Liquor regulations that in the event the applicant has no gross sales for the year in question, the minimum annual fee shall be applicable, 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 Erdmann to approve adding the following omitted property to the 2004 assessment roll as follows:

Cheryl Sauter, Lots 14-16, Blk 2, Grethens, Goodrich City, residential structure value, \$1,275
Dan & Deb Klemisch, Lot 13, Blk 3, Original, Goodrich City, residential values, \$20,250
Eugene & Carol Howard, Lot 9, Blk.10, Lot 22, Part of Lots 23-24, Blk.12, Denhoff, Values, \$290
Laverne & Betty Boyko, SE4SE4 11-149-74, Commercial Structure, Value, \$2,937

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

The County Liability Insurance Policy with McClusky Insurance Agency/Insurance Reserve Fund and County Equipment Insurance policies with the Nodak Agency/Insurance Reserve Fund were reviewed and approved.

The Auditor stated that Midcontinent Cable Co., has requested to trim the top of the big northwest tree by the water tower in order to receive frequency from their satellite. Midcontinent Cable Co. will pay for the trimming of the tree. The County Commissioners approved to trim just the top of tree off.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Equalization meeting was held.

The County Commission meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Denise Melom, Risk Manager, met with the board to discuss workers compensation issues.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to transfer \$15,000.00 out of Highway Dist. and \$25,000.00 out of General fund to County Road to reimburse for County road expenses, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The Auditor reported a pre-construction conference meeting with the contractors for the chip and seal road project was scheduled for June 16, 2004 at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting recessed until 10.30 a.m. June 16, 2004.

Auditor

Chairperson

COUNTY EQUALIZATION MEETING JUNE 15, 2004

The Sheridan County Board of Equalization met at 2:00 p.m. as per recess stated. Members present were Shirley J. Jorgensen, Eldon Ehrman, and Howard Erdmann. Also present were various township officials, assessors, and the Director of Tax Equalization, Cynthia D. Wahl.

Chairperson Jorgensen called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was the equalization of residential property. The assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 381,400. An increase of 8% from last year. No other changes were reported. Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, reported that the total residential values were within 5% tolerance allowed by State. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman that no changes be made to the residential property, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon Roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The second order of business was the equalization of commercial property. The assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards was reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 217,695. An increase of 8% from last year. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, reported that the total Commercial Values were within the 5% tolerance allowed by State also. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen that no changes be made to the commercial property, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The third order of business was the equalization of agriculture property. The assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 5,234,457 that includes 562,247.82 taxable acres. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen that no changes be made to the agricultural property, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote Erdman-yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The Senior Citizens Homestead tax credit and disabled tax credit applications were reviewed. The County Auditor reported there were 15 Homestead credit applications in all and 1 blind and disabled application. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann that the applications be approved as returned by the assessors and City Boards, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call - Erdmann- yes, Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The County Auditor presented the ND State Land Abstract covering 1,757.80 acres for a total True & Full Value of 334,291 subject to assessment in lieu of ad valorem tax and ND Game & Fish Abstract covering 26,389.41 acres for a total True & Full Value of 4,788,613 subject to assessment in lieu of ad valorem tax. Also the Nonprofit organizations for conservation purposes Abstract covering 7,003.43 acres for a total true & full Value of 835,458 that is owned by Nature Conservancy. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve that the ND State Land, ND Game & Fish land, and Nonprofit organizations for conservation purposes be subject to assessment in lieu of ad valorem tax be assessed as per abstracts of valuations on file in the Auditor's Office, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, reported that she is posting quarter quarters of land descriptions now into the arc view software program for the detailed soil survey. A township official inquired if the State or the County is requiring the detailed soil survey to be used for assessment values. Wahl stated if soil survey is available the State law requires using the soils information.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

County Auditor
Chairperson

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING JUNE 16, 2004

The Board of County Commissioners met at 10:30 a.m. as per recess stated. County Commissioners present were Shirley J. Jorgensen and Eldon Ehrman. Absent: Howard Erdmann Others present were Ed Baker, Road Foreman, Herb Bargmann, Travis Eckroth, Wilbert Becker, Wold Engineering, Bismarck; Tom Springer, State Highway Dept, Minot; Chad Winter, Astech Surface Technologies Corp., Minnesota.

Chairperson Jorgensen called the meeting to order.

Bargmann and Winter stated the Chip and Seal road project will start on Friday, June 18th north of McClusky and continue on the north road of Goodrich and south of Martin. Subcontractors will be United Rentals for traffic control and J & J Striping for pavement markings. Suppliers are Murphy Oil and Susag Sand & Gravel. Completion of project will be a couple of days depending on the weather.

The signage and roads that will be used to haul chips was reviewed and discussed. Chips are stockpiled at Holen Const. The County Road crew has made one pass of mowing already on all miles involved in Chip and Seal paving project.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairperson

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING JUNE 25, 2004

The Board of County Commissioners met at 11:30 a.m. in special session on call of the Chairperson. County Commissioners present were Shirley J. Jorgensen, Eldon Ehrman, and Howard Erdmann. Others present were Ralph Volson, RV Enterprises.

Chairperson Jorgensen called the meeting to order. Jorgensen stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss gravel crushing issues.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve that Ralph Volson crush gravel at \$1.90 per yard and that payment be made ½ at the time

gravel is crushed with remaining to be paid over a period of five years when gravel is used, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. Volson will start crushing gravel at Netzloff gravel pit.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairperson