

County Commissioner Meeting June 3, 2008

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

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

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

County Recorder, Fees, \$2,273.00
Clerk of Court, Fees, \$930.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$731.00

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

General - \$21,402.47	County Road - \$6,067.19
Highway Dist. - \$14,698.41	County Park - \$920.00
Insurance Reserve - \$2,775.18	County Agent - \$67.10
County Ext - \$81.00	Weed Control - \$68.57
Civil Defense - \$34.53	911 - \$830.30
Wireless 911 - \$686.04	

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

The May payroll warrants #32981-33024 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

General Fund - \$24,019.18	Service Officer - \$241.66
County Agent Fund - \$789.07	Civil Defense - \$412.50
911 - \$400.00	County Corrections - \$1,000.00
Secondary Road - \$185.25	Highway Dist. - \$11,622.49
County Park - \$422.00	Weed Control - \$2,280.00
Human Services - \$3,734.59	

The following bills #33038-33105 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,43.05;Dakota Communications,432.20;Bentz Supply Store, 123.23; N.D. Newspaper Association,,53.68; Howard Erdmann, 65.25; WRT, 625.30; Joyce H. Dockter,1.25; N.D. Assoc. Of Counties, 274.42;City Of McClusky,34.50; Unity Insurance Agency, Inc.,7,732.00;Official Payments Corp.,165.00;Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.,281.37; Sylvia Schell, 20.00;Waste Management Of ND, 43.91;Reule's Super Valu,160.28;Eldon Ehrman,58.50;Butler Machinery Company,25.59;Cynthia D. Wahl,368.10;Janice D. Erdmann, 60.30; Fireside Office Plus,17.40;Office Depot,32.81; Cenex Credit Card,488.42; Birch Telecom, 95.51; BHG, Inc.,1,178.34; Sam's Service,40.50; Information Technology Dept., 417.40;Shirley J Jorgensen, 69.30;C-Store,246.70; D&J Oil, Inc., 905.71; Computer Software Assoc Inc.,19.00;Konschak Oil Inc.,6,530.48;Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,85.43;NAPA Auto Parts,126.12; Nodak Agency Inc., 2,769.00; Alltel,197.25;Crystal Schaunaman,122.40; Diane Fylling,86.50;Mechanics Plus,29.91; Wal-Mart,138.00;First District Health Unit,5,651.50; Alberta Voegele, 65.61; SCSCD, 130.00; Myron Dieterle,113.40;James Haux, 94.50;Jerone Sauter,144.90;Donald Hausauer,40.95;James Paulus,48.60;Lyle Signs, Inc.,491.92;Donna's Patchwork Cottage,15.00;Synergy Graphics, Inc.,1,315.23;NDTC,18.20; SRT Communications, Inc.,12.88;Clifford Kahler,79.20;Meckle Excavating, 600.00;Menards,87.00; Boom Concrete, Inc.,7,500.00;Gary's Place, 25.48;Jim Hennessy, 7.00; Kerry Dockter,100.00; Pro Rider Children-N-Safety,109.00; McClusky Public Schools,46.00;Radisson Hotel,75.00; Statewide Services, 2,769.00

Clifford Neff, former County Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss the blading that is currently being done in the McClusky needs to be improved. The mowboard on the blade should be angled more and not leave much gravel on the side of the road. Neff also questioned why tarring was not done last year on County asphalt roads. These issues will be discussed with the Road Foreman, Alvin Gross, later in the day.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to charge Larry Kaibel for 3 hrs of Motorgrader work, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

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

The time being 1:00 p.m. the hearing on the application for abatement of 2006 taxes filed by Herman Bertsch on a residential structure located on Lots 19-20, Block 4, Dahl & Neff's Addition, McClusky City was held. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the 2006 application for abatement of taxes to Herman Bertsch by prorating the taxes up to September 14th, being the house was removed on that day, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Equalization meeting was held. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Wayne Helm, landowner, met with the board to request crossing the secondary road north of Pickardville between NE4 Section 34 & and NW4 Section 35-147-78 for installing a rural water line. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve a road crossing permit to Wayne Helm to cross over the secondary road north of Pickardville between NE4 34 & NW4 35-147-78, Seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to update on tarring the County asphalt roads. More tar will be ordered at over \$4.00 per gallon to finish this year's tarring projects and to have enough tar for next year County road projects. The Commission inquired to Gross about Mr. Neff's road concerns that he expressed. Gross reminded the board that he could not get anybody to work to do the tarring last year. Gross will also talk to the blade man in the McClusky area about angling his mow board more.

The County Treasurer presented a request to do online banking with North Country Bank. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to authorize the County Treasurer to do online banking with North Country bank including electronic statements and ACH origination, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to discuss the youth corrections program. Naser also checked around with other Counties on the community probation services provided by Centre, Inc. Most counties use the service from Centre, Inc. The States Attorney needs to encourage more community service to the judges. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the agreements with Centre, Inc. and the ND Youth Correctional Center, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Naser also requested for a new cell phone for Deputy Powell. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve to purchase a new cell phone with Alltel for Deputy Powell, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann - yes Motion carried.

Walter M. Lipp, States Attorney, met with the board to discuss a lease agreement with an individual on a house in Goodrich that the County owns. The States Attorney was also inquired to advise on the process of consolidating the Housing Authority Boards between Sheridan and Wells Counties. Lipp will investigate further.

The Auditor presented the beer and liquor license applications from Gary Berg, McClusky, for selling beer & liquor at an event held on June 21st-22nd in the 4-H building. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the beer and liquor license applications to Gary

Berg, McClusky, to sell beer and liquor for an event held June 21st & 22nd at the 4-H building, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the purchase of a new HP Server including installation for at the Courthouse in 3 annual installments of around \$3,755.00, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The County Liability and Equipment insurance policies were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve the County Liability Insurance Policy with Unity Insurance, McClusky, County Equipment insurance policy with Nodak Agency, McClusky, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

COUNTY EQUALIZATION MEETING JUNE 3rd, 2008

The Sheridan County Board of Equalization met at 2:00 p.m. Members present were County Commissioners Shirley J. Jorgensen, Eldon Ehrman, and Howard Erdmann. Also present was James Haux, Sherril Houser, and Sally Martin, all assessors; Carol Reiser, McClusky Twp. Clerk, Theresa Jorgensen, McClusky City Mayor, Roger Roth, Allan and Brian Tinker, Gerald Kluck, and O.D. Rhoads, all landowners, Janice Erdmann, Co. Treasurer, and Cynthia D. Wahl, Director of Tax Equalization.

Chairperson Erdmann 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 476,707. This is an increase of 11% from last year. The Auditor reported the residential tolerance factor is at 100%, so it is right on with the State. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the residential values as is, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon Roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

The second order of business was the equalization of commercial property. The assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 279,448. This is an increase of 7% from last year. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. Wahl reported the total Commercial Value factor was at 100% and was right on with the State also. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen that no changes be made to the commercial property, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The third order of business was the equalization of agriculture property. The Auditor reported that no increase was applied to the agriculture property in January due to the average values were within the tolerance factor according to the State Tax Commissioners Office at that time and the County Commission Board decided to wait and see how the values came in after the assessors were completed with their books. The assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 5,816,156 that includes 562,411.46 taxable acres which sets the County ag average value per acre at \$206.78. The State ag average per acre for Sheridan County according to the State Tax Dept. was set at \$209.90 per acre in January. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. Being there was only 1.5% decrease in ag value per acre, it was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen that no changes be made to the agricultural property, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote Ehrman-yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The Senior Citizens Homestead tax credit and disabled tax credit applications were reviewed. The County Auditor reported there were 16 Homestead tax credit applications filed. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman that the applications be approved as returned by the assessors and City and Twp. Boards, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call – Erdmann- yes, Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The County Auditor presented the ND State Land Abstract covering 1,351.80 acres for a total True & Full Value of 258,530 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 5,361,922 subject to assessment in lieu of ad valorem tax. Also the Nonprofit organizations for conservation purposes abstract covering 10,115.63 acres for a total true & full Value of 1,044,970. Nature Conservancy owns 7,003.43 acres and Ducks Unlimited owns 3,112.20 acres. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the ND State Land, ND Game & Fish land, and nonprofit organizations for conservation purposes abstracts of valuations on file in the Auditor's Office, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

Roger Roth, landowner, inquired about why his property values are increasing in Whittaker Twp. Auditor, Shirley Murray, questioned if he had structures that were on the property. Brian Tinker made comments to the Auditor on answering the question. Chairman Erdmann suggested to Brian Tinker to be quiet and stated Roger Roth had the floor to continue with his question. Roth stated he did have structures on his property. Commissioner Jorgensen

who is also assessor for Roth's property stated that the structures were assessed for the first time being he is not a farmer. Roth disagreed with the values assessed on the mobile homes. The Equalization board recommended that the Assessor, Jorgensen, meet with landowner, Roth, to review values and recess the County Equalization Meeting until July 1st at 2:00 p.m. to reconsider values on the Roth property.

Orville D. Rhoads, landowner, inquired about the increase on his residential structure located in McClusky City. Rhoads provided pictures of the structure, however; no appraisal comparison for the board to make a solid determination. Allan Tinker inquired if there is a formula the assessors use for residential structures and where there calculations are. The Auditor and Tax Director stated the Assessors go by the ND State guidelines and have field cards on each structure. The equalization board recommended to Orville Rhoads to review the values on his structure with the McClusky City Assessor, Sherril Houser, then the board would reconsider values at the July 1st County Equalization Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

County Auditor

Chairperson

County Park Commission Meeting June 3, 2008

The Sheridan County Park Board met at 11:00 a.m. Park Commissioners present were Arlington Helm, Marlin Engen, Eldon Ehrman, Howard Erdmann, and Shirley J. Jorgensen
Others present were: Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent

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

The time being 11:00 a.m. bids were to be opened for construction of an addition to the current 4-H building. No bids were received. Schaunaman presented to date the pledges of monies available for the construction of the addition to the 4-H building. More information will be gathered to re-bid for a 40' x 40' addition to the 4-H building possibly bids to be opened at the July or August County Park Board meeting.

Helm stated he planted the trees and they are doing well. The new outdoor toilet was installed. It was moved by Park Commissioner Ehrman that those who rent the 4-H building need to sign a lease agreement at least 1 month in advance before their event is held and pay the \$200.00 security deposit and \$100.00 rent at that time and if the event is cancelled two weeks before the event is held, \$50.00 of the \$100.00 will be kept by the County Park, seconded by Park Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes, Engen – yes, Helm – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor was instructed to order two rubberized speed bumps that will be placed on the road entering each end of the Hoffer Lake Recreation Area. The Auditor reported on pricing of screens to go over the large garage doors on the 4-H building for mosquito control. More investigation of pricing of screens will be done from other vendors.

The following bills were approved and paid:

Bentz Supply Store; \$48.56; Reule's Super Value, \$10.12; C-Store, \$40.64; Meckle Excavating, \$600.00; Boom Concrete, Inc., \$7,500.00

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman