

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 meeting was read and approved.

The following Statements of Fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for March, 2005:

County Recorder, Fees, \$903.25  
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$135.00  
Sheriff, Fees, \$129.60

The total Miscellaneous Receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of March, 2005:

General - \$3,228.27	Human Services - \$799.56
County Road - \$2,513.51	Highway Dist. - \$12,971.85
SS & OASIS - \$365.89	County Ext. - \$60.00
Weed Control - \$505.81	911 - \$883.50
Wireless 911 - \$523.41	

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

The February payroll warrants #27258-27291 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$21,517.67	Service Officer - \$241.66
County Agent Fund - \$1,334.33	Civil Defense - \$400.00
Emergency 911 - \$387.50	Highway Dist. - \$12,996.83
Human Services - \$7,927.97	

The following bills #27315-27379 were approved for March and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv, 38.15; Denise Melom, 45.50; Walter M. Lipp, 35.27; Shirley A. Murray, 45.50; Howard Erdmann, 65.45; N.D. Association Of Counties, 28.00; Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender Co., 32.65; Waste Management of ND, 37.04; Eldon Ehrman, 80.85; Cynthia D. Wahl, 244.10; Dakota Fire Extinguishers, 174.30; Fireside Office Plus, 1.23; Office Depot, 611.48; Larry Gessner, 149.29; Cenex Credit Card, 467.32; Birch Telecom, 115.46; BHG, Inc., 405.84; Information Technology Dept., 375.00; Cellular One, 238.22; Mclean County Sheriff's Office, 250.00; Shirley J Jorgensen, 57.75; Centre Inc, 480.00; D&J Oil, Inc., 387.01; Menard's, 171.39; NAPA Auto Parts, 231.51; Bentz Supply Store, 200.32; Drummond American Corp, 147.28; Crystal Schaunaman, 156.45; McClusky Pharmacy, 31.07; McClusky Gazette, 5.50; BHG, Inc, 18.80; Myron Dieterle, 268.00; James Haux, 99.50; NDTC, 20.07; SRT Communications, Inc, 12.88; West River Telecommunications, 246.24; NDACO, 261.71; Chemsearch, 96.38; Dept Of Transportation, 42,810.02; First District Health Unit, 165.00; General Equipment & Supplies, 58.98; H.A. Thompson & Sons Inc, 720.89; Laser Systems, 55.00; Lawson Products Inc, 44.14; Levey's Plumbing & Heating, 408.00; MEC Services Inc, 3,442.93; ND State's Attorney Assoc, 250.00; ND VSO Association, 40.00; NDSU Extension Service, 7,359.92; Praxair Distribution

Inc,75.00;Quality Printing Service Inc,107.27; Alberta Strobel,168.00;  
Doris Fischer,96.00; Eden Melom, 77.25; Brandon Mortenson,61.80;  
Tiffanie Reiser,120.00;Andrew Roubal,61.80;Spencer Roth,46.35;Slide Lock  
Tool Co Inc,246.95;Taylor & Francis,85.94;US Postal Service,400.00;

Viking Office Products,122.94;Josh Zeeb,35.00

The following transfer was approved:

\$33,171.25,Unorganized Rd. Districts to County Road,Annual  
Road Maintenance

Janice Erdmann, County Treasurer, met with the board to report that County Government week is April 10-17,2005. Suggestions of offering a free blood pressure clinic, meth lab information seminars, and tours of the Courthouse to be provided from 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> or the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, depending on what works best for the students from both schools that can attend was discussed.

Larry Gessner, Sheriff, met with the board to report that another meth lab has been found in Sheridan County and turned over to the BCI task force. Gessner reported that the State Fleet Auction only had the one Ford Explorer with high mileage available. No action was taken. Gessner and Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, attended the Homeland Security briefing last week, Sheridan County will receive tentatively a total of \$60,219.00. \$36,191.00 to city and rural fire depts. and ambulance, \$21,254.00 to Law enforcement, and \$2,774.00 for emergency planning, 10% of these funds have to be used for training, 14% of homeland security monies throughout the state will go towards upgrading the state emergency radio systems to digital. Deadline of filing for Homeland Security grant monies is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Annual training of Homeland security will need to be attended also by the County Commissioners. The Criminal Justice Information System is available now for intelligence information to be retrieved for searches at \$25.00 per certified law enforcement officer per mth that would be included in the Homeland Security Grant. Gessner's proposal for part of the law enforcement grant monies also is to purchase 4 new computers for the Sheriff's office in the amount of around \$6,000.00 through the Homeland Security grant to be able to access the CJIS searches. The International Association of Identification workshop for forensic criminal cases will be held at Deadwood, SD for \$30.00 that Gessner will be attending. Local anhydrous thefts are being investigated. Comp hours were reviewed for the Sheriff's officers. Gessner reported that the State sent in a weighing inspection station team by McClusky on highway 200 for a temporary basis to patrol heavy loaded trucks.

Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent, met with the board and presented her narrative report that she has attended pesticide certification classes in Mandan and is certified now to conduct private applicator pesticide classes in our County. Pesticide classes will be available in Martin, Goodrich, and McClusky. The 4-H handbook was revised and awaits final approval at their next 4-H Council meeting. The Sheridan Association held their annual Tillage Show that was renamed the Sheridan County Crop and Livestock Forum with 40 people in attendance. The show was held in conjunction with the McClusky Insurance Agency, Don Wenning about Federal Crop Insurance issues and other speakers about FSA programs, pollution regulations for cattle producers, NRCS programs, and alternative crops for no-till and conventional farmers. The Sheridan Association has decided to fix up the current scale rather than buy a new one. Schaunaman attended new employee training in Fargo and assisted

at the KFYP Ag Expo at a booth for Morton County Extension and also assisted at the McHenry County Ag Show with a presentation on "Women in Agriculture: Marketing and Insurance Basics".

Shirley A. Murray, Auditor and Denise Melom, Administrative Secretary/Risk Manager reported to the board that the Administrative Secretary/Risk Manager position will be vacant in July due to Melom is getting married and moving out of the County. Hiring for an Administrative/Risk Manager position will need to be done soon. Salary and hours were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to advertise for a Administrative Secretary /Risk Manager position March 16<sup>th</sup> in the local paper until April 1<sup>st</sup> and to start the position at \$9.00 per hr for training as needed starting in May, 2005 and the official salary position to start in July, 2005, at \$1,323.00 per month, plus benefits, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. The Administrative Secretary/Risk Manager interviews will follow later in April.

The Auditor reported the Court Facilities Improvement Grant was awarded to Sheridan County to install carpet in the courtroom with the County paying 25% total costs. Swaps of colors of carpet will be reviewed. Also a representative from the District Court system will be here on March 8<sup>th</sup> to present an estimate on a sound panel system to be installed in the Courtroom also that grant may still be applied for yet.

Kim Raugust, Fairview Twp Supervisor, met with the board to discuss graveling costs on the Farm to Market Road that Fairview Twp hauled gravel on. An invoice will be sent to the County from Fairview Twp. for the County's portion to pay.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the application for abatement of 2004 taxes filed by Shawn Weltz for Part of NW4NW4 448' x 733' 1-149-75 was held. No one appeared and no proof of income was sent. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to reject the abatement due to no proof of income was available to determine if the applicant qualified as a farmer in order for the structure to be exempt from taxation, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote: Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the gravel crushing estimate from Sundre in the amount of \$1.80 per yd with a negotiable payment plan, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried. Sundre's will be contacted to attend next month's meeting.

The time being 3:00 p.m. the County Commission Meeting recessed for the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

The Auditor reported a raffle permit was issued to the Sand Lake Trail Riders from Rolette, ND to hold a raffle at the Lonetree Water Management Area on September 17, 2005.

The Auditor presented the Polling Place Accessibility Surveys to be reviewed. Signage issues need to be addressed with the polling place entities. Possible grant monies will be available for entities to request later on this year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

Chairman

County Commissioner Meeting March 18, 2005

The Board of County Commissioners met at 11:15 a.m. on call of the Chairman. County Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Shirley J. Jorgensen, and Eldon Ehrman.

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to report there is still bales on the right of way and it is dry. The Board instructed the road foreman to burn the bales however; to watch so fire does not get away. New tires will be purchased for the County Shop Dodge Pickup. The Board instructed that trees were to be cut down along road right of way wherever there are trees.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to adopt the following Load Limit Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

LOAD LIMIT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, County and Secondary Roads in Sheridan County, North Dakota, are being damaged and are in danger of being destroyed by reason of snow, rain, and climatic conditions, and,

WHEREAS, It is necessary that load restrictions be made limiting the weight of loads on said County and Secondary Roads,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, North Dakota, that no loads shall be hauled over or upon said highways or roads when the same are properly staked as provided in Section 39-12-03 of the North Dakota Century Code as follows: Where the weight exceeds - Single Axle - 300 pounds per square inch width of tire, plus 2000 pounds, not to exceed 12,000 pounds. Tandem Axle - 300 pounds per square inch of width of tire, not to exceed 12,000 pounds.

ATTEST:

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It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to raise the gravel hauling rates .30 more from last year to \$2.65 per yd and each additional mile over 3 miles is an additional .35 per mile, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

States Attorney, Walter M. Lipp, met with the board to brief the Board on the upcoming abatement hearing for March 30<sup>th</sup> and that a court reporter will be present for documentation.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to appoint Eldon Ehrman to serve as a technical advisor in the planning process of a conceptual water management plan to the Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource Board, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes Erdmann - yes Ehrman - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The Auditor reported the 3 year lease of county owned land in the SE4 12-146-76 is up for bids in April. Selling the property was considered, however; the board decided to lease the county owned property out again. The bids will be opened on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

Chairman

County Commissioners Meeting March 30, 2005

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 2:00 p.m. as set. County Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Eldon Ehrman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen Also present were Walter Lipp, States Attorney, Cynthia D. Wahl, Director of Tax Equalization, Stephanie A. Smith, Court Reporter, Brian and Allan Tinker, landowners, and James Haux, Harris Twp. Assessor.

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order.

The re-hearing of the applications for abatement of the 2002 and 2003 taxes filed by Allan Tinker for her property in Harris Twp. was held at this time and Walter Lipp, States Attorney was moderator. Lipp filed Exhibit 1 the applications of abatement of 2002 taxes and Exhibit 2 of the applications of abatements of 2003 taxes for Allan Tinker to be recorded on file with the Court Reporter. Allan Tinker appointed her husband, Brian Tinker, to represent her grievances. Brian Tinker filed Exhibit 3 binder to be recorded on file with the Court Reporter as representing the grievances of the applications of abatement for 2002 and 2003 taxes in question. Brian Tinker further presented the history and grievances on the applications of abatement for 2002 and 2003 taxes in question from the binder aka Exhibit 3.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, reported on the history of the crop and non-crop valuation and the AUMS value in Sheridan County. A County average value is calculated and also a township average value. Wahl reported the current software does not split out the crop and non-crop values; however, the detailed soils can be entered on the current software and is in the implementation stages. Exhibit 4 was filed as a spread sheet from the Tax Director's Office of the history of the percentage increase and decrease on average agriculture land from the base year 2000 to year 2003 valuations. Exhibit 5, 6, 7, was filed as the percentage increase and decrease sheets per acre on average, crop, and non-crop agriculture land that were calculated and recommended from the State Tax Commissioner's Office for Sheridan County for 2002 and 2003 tax years. A copy of the Court Reporters report will be sent to the Auditor's office to be filed.

Allan Tinker inquired about the Assessor's duties and communicating with the landowner on land issues.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to reject the application for abatement of 2002 and 2003 taxes filed by Allan Tinker for her property in Harris Twp, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Jorgensen - yes, Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes All voting "yes" the motion carried.

The Auditor reported the following County owned land was sold at private sale:

Lots 10-11, Block 9, Denhoff Village  
Lot 6 & W1/2 of Lot 7, Block 2, Grethens Addition, Goodrich  
City  
Lots 12-13-14-15, Block 5, West, Goodrich City

The Auditor and the Chairman were authorized to sign the County Deeds in order to be recorded.

Road issues were also discussed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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