

County Commission Meeting May 5, 2009

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meetings were sent out and approved as sent.

The following Statements of Fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for April, 2009:

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,282.00
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$475.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$270.00

The total miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of April, 2009:

General - \$43,943.07	Secondary Road - \$1,000.00
County Road - \$14,460.31	Highway Dist. - \$13,723.28
County Park - \$100.00	S.S. & OASIS - \$240.32
County Ext. - \$727.00	Weed Control - \$223.13
911 - \$1,478.75	Wireless 911 - \$1,499.84

The April payroll warrants #34584-34622 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund - \$22,532.03	Service Officer - \$266.67
County Agent - \$817.57	Civil Defense - \$425.00
911 - \$412.50	County Corrections - \$396.00
Highway Dist. - \$11,555.00	County Park - \$170.00
Weed Control - \$378.00	Social Services - \$3,363.77

The following bills #34635-34721 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

City Of McClusky,30.50; Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,45.05;Bentz Supply Store, 143.62;Walter M. Lipp,40.30;Howard Erdmann,156.50;N.D. Association Of Counties,599.94; Nat'l Sheriff's Assoc.,50.00;Sylvia Schell,6.30;Waste Management Of ND,41.18;Mcclusky Rural Ambulance,200.00;South Central Crime Conference,15.00;Maximus, Inc.,25.00;N.D. State Radio Communication,1,213.20;Eldon Ehrman,200.50;Butler Machinery Company,4,036.20; Herb Neuharth Plumbing,58.40;Fireside Office Solutions,14.65;Office Depot,845.08;Cenex Credit Card,7.16;Birch Telecom,98.05;BHG, Inc.,325.44;Information Technology Dept., 418.60;McClusky Postmaster,366.00;Cass County Treasurer,71.00;D&J Oil, Inc.,8,880.56; Kenschak Oil Inc.,1,804.32;Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,41.00;NAPA Auto Parts,32.92; Power Plan,1,795.80; Heringer Lumber,39.96;Alltel,204.35;Crystal Schaunaman,221.45;Diane Fylling,90.00;NDSU,44.00;Midwest Graphics & Signs,120.00;ND States Attorney Assoc., 250.00;The Union Grill And Bar,397.50; Post Board,15.00;Mechanics Plus,294.87; Insight Public Sector,1,052.00; ND Weed Control Association,200.00;James Haux,15.00;Jerone Sauter, 23.00;Donald Hausauer,6.50; NDACO Resource Group,1,269.74;James Paulus,270.88;Mapjoin Technologies,426.80;Tractor Supply Credit Plan,196.08;Lyle Signs, Inc., 242.70;McClusky Merchants,120.00;NDTC,18.20; Clifford Kahler,22.00;Michael Axt,36.00;Stein's Inc.,60.26; US Food Services,178.90;McClusky Junior Class,26.00;Menards,48.69;Betty Allen,1,263.33; Brian Larson,40.00;Byron Zingg,200.00;Carla Townsend,40.00;Center For 4-H Youth Devel., 30.00;Elmer And Odelia Laib,238.40;Gerald And Barbara Lauer,932.00;Gerald Lauer, 1,263.33;Inez Krein,1,263.33, Kim And Judy Sparrow,4,428.00;Leslie Lauer,1,263.33;Levey Plumbing And Heating,588.03;Mark Holkrup,40.00;Perry Schafer,40.00;Rodney Lauer, 1,263.33,Alberta Strobel,96.00;Tyler Post,78.60;Jerica Jesz,91.70;Laura Logsdon,120.00; Aria Iron Boulder,13.10;Cayla Erdmann,26.20; Cambree Holen,13.10;Michele Frank,48.00; Todd Lasher,5,661.15;Tyler Huck,40.00

Cynthia D. Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to present the revised agricultural value per acre went up to 221.72 per acre from 213.71 per acre from the December, 2008

certification. It was moved Commissioner Erdmann to increase the ag value by only 3% in order to stay within the 5% tolerance allowed by the State Tax Commissioner's office, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried. Wahl also had questions on land description discrepancies for twp road right of way. The County Tax Equalization meeting was set for 2:00 p.m. June 2, 2009 in the Courthouse Community Room.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, met with the board to report that he attended the applicant FEMA briefing yesterday in Bismarck. A site of \$1,000.00 of damage would be eligible for FEMA. The local share may end up paying only 3% of flood damages if the legislature approves.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to reject the Baranko Bros., Inc. voucher in the amount of \$838.50, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to reinstate Marlin Engen to the County Park Board, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

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

The time being 1:00 p.m. Dave Johnson and Kim Coch, Garrison Diversion representatives, Timothy Schindler, Sheridan County GDCD Supervisor, met with the board to review the Red River Water Supply Project. The proposed Project will supplement existing water supplies to meet the needs of the Red River Valley. The proposed Project will use the McClusky Canal and a buried 5 ft pipeline to bring treated Missouri River water east to Lake Ashtabula. Using Lake Ashtabula as a regulating reservoir, the water would continue down the Sheyenne River and flow into the Red River, ensuring the Valley a much needed supply of drinking water when need in drought conditions. Johnson stated Congress needs to authorize the finances of the project yet. For now GDCD is getting all the utility and road permits and land access agreements along the proposed project. There will be three mailings to landowners throughout the proposed project the 1st mailing will be the info on the proposed project; the 2nd mailing will be an example of the easement and then the final mailing will be the final offer approved. The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$659.8 million. Funding will come from one third federal, one third State, one third local who use the water along the project. GDCD representatives will be making contacts starting in June, 2009. 264 parcels are involved throughout the project in four counties. Permits on crossing County and Twp roads will be requested later and a lot of trucks will be coming through with pipes and gravel. GDCD will maintain the County and Twp roads after crossing them. One big contractor will most likely be chosen in the bid letting of the proposed project.

Herb Bargman, Wold Engineering, was contacted by phone in regards to the remaining right of way that needs to be obtained yet south of McClusky. Further investigation will be done by the Local Government Division at the State level then Bargman will get back to us on the condemnation of right of way procedures. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to start the condemnation procedures to obtain the right of way along Lots 1-2-3-4 Section 1-145-77 and E2 of Section 23-146-77 in order to continue with the upgrading of the south secondary road project south of McClusky, Seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:00 p.m. Mike Hennes and Dave Schmitz, representing the Minnkota Power Coop, Inc., Grand Forks, met with the board to review the proposed Center to Grand Forks Transmission Line Project. An agreement between Minnesota Power and Minnkota Power has been approved. Minnesota Power has purchased existing DC transmission line to transmit wind energy from Center, ND to Duluth, MN. Over the next 18 years, Minnesota Power will transfer its full energy rights (50% of Milton R. Young 2 Station at Center) to Minnkota. Minnkota will build a new transmission line to deliver energy from Young 2 Station at Center to Grand Forks in order to carry more renewable wind energy without building a new powerplant. Minnkota is proposing the construction of 225 miles of 345 kV transmission line. The project construction timeline is late fall 2010-2013 with an estimated project cost of \$280 million.

Required permits and approvals from state and county will be acquired. Public input meetings are being held now to choose which corridor route to go. One route is to build the transmission lines from Center to Wilton to Hwy #3 then north to Hwy 200 on up to Grand Forks. The other route is from Center to Washburn to Mercer all the way along Hwy 200 on up to Grand Forks. The proposed added transmission line would add more tax base to the County and other taxing districts if the transmission line is built through Sheridan County.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss road damages due to the snow runoff. The farm to market road by Raugust's was repaired with a different culvert installed and quite a few other culverts have been installed until they ran out of culverts. More culverts will be ordered to continue repairs that need to be done. Gross reported the blower on the Goodrich motorgrader is not working. Gross questioned what will happen to his remaining vacation days leftover from 2008 that he could not take off because of winter storms. The vacation days was tabled until this fall in hopes that Gross will be able to take time off over the summer.

The applications for abatement of 2007 & 2008 taxes for homestead credit for Lots 6-7-8, Blk 4, Hamiltons Addition, McClusky City were considered. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the applications for abatement of 2007 and 2008 taxes due to the applicant was eligible for 100% homestead credit, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve ordering 300 County medallion coins to be sold during the County Centennial celebration in July in the amount of \$2.46 each, plus shipping from Emblematics, CA., seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt –yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to order County Centennial shirts for the Courthouse staff and road crew staff for under \$25.00 per shirt from BHG, Inc., Garrison, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

An ATV/Pickup run in the Prophet Mountains was discussed to be held July 19th during the County Centennial Celebration. The Auditor will contact the McClusky Lions club to help sponsor the event.

The Auditor was instructed to investigate in having a cake made for the County Centennial Celebration. Entering a float representing the County Centennial for the Mid-Summer fest was discussed also.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Park Commission Meeting May 5, 2009

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

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

Schaunaman stated Creekwood Const., Minot, will be arriving around May 26th to start constructing the 40'x 40' addition to the 4-H building unless the County road crew can landscape the area a week earlier, Creekwood Const. could even arrive earlier also. The road foreman will be contacted to start preparing the ground north of the 4-H building as soon as weather permits. Also June 7th a barrel racing event will be held at the 4-H arena.

Helm will contact Schatz Welding, Mercer, to repair the fishing pier. Helm stated the front wheel rim is cracked on the Belarus tractor. Park Commissioner Engen will check to see if he has one on hand and if not Helm will order a new rim.

The bills were approved and paid:

Bentz Supply Store, \$133.25; Tractor Supply Co., \$196.08

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman