

County Commission Meeting November 2, 2010

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

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

The following Statements of Fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds:

County Recorder, Fees, \$2,671.25
Clerk of Court, Fees, \$200.50
Sheriff, Fees, \$233.00

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

General - \$49,724.80	Unorganized Rd. Dist. - \$44,071.68
Secondary Road - \$1,147.80	County Road - \$303.42
Highway Dist - \$18,516.94	County Park - \$225.00
County Ext - \$75.00	Weed Control - \$9,620.14
Civil Defense - \$721.71	911 - \$1,557.62

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

The October payroll warrants #37193-37224 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$20,762.18	Human Services - \$2,684.30
Highway Dist - \$12,364.08	County Park - \$50.00
Veteran Service Officer - \$291.67	County Agent Fund - \$874.57
Weed Control - \$50.00	Civil Defense - \$450.00
911 - \$437.50	County Corrections - \$1,122.69
Policing - \$700.00	BCI- \$3,000.00

The following bills #37237-37293 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,37.05;Bentz Supply Store, 41.96; Walter M. Lipp, 99.48;Shirley A. Murray,65.00;Howard Erdmann,106.50;WRT,616.77;N.D. Assoc. Of Counties, 665.00;Waste Management Of ND,180.07;Butler Machinery Company,117.50;Fireside Office Solutions,2.40;Office Depot,184.94; Birch Communications, Inc.,116.09; BHG, Inc., 968.02; Information Technology Dept., 433.60;Mclean County Sheriff's Office,370.00;US Postal Service,400.00; Institute Of Local Gov't., 220.00;C-Store,50.00; D&J Oil, Inc.,3,215.00; Johnston Fargo Culvert, Inc.;14,960.32; Computer Software Assoc Inc.,41.25; Lelm Implement, Inc., 501.50;Konschak Oil Inc.,3,376.98;Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,95.54;NAPA Auto Parts, 369.95; Heringer Lumber,349.88; Community Memorial Hospital, 485.77;Alltel,210.85; NDSU Extension Service,9,178.89;Diane Fyilling,23.30; NDSU, 667.50; NDSU Extension, 65.00; Post Board,140.00; Sybil Peterson, 40.00;Alberta Voegele, 269.61;Myron Dieterle,83.39;Alvin Gross, 2.62; NRG,1,173.11;James Paulus,207.06; Dakota Helicopters,11,200.00; A&G Trucking, 744.80;Johnson's Plumbing Service,167.00;Stein's Inc.,32.13; Bis-Man Tractors And Equipment, 373.00; Menards,51.57; Steven Murray, 20.00;Frey Insurance Agency,385.00; Visa,351.78; BW Ramkota Hotel,418.00;McClusky City,31.00;Holen's Super Valu,7.99; Emily Kline, 256.00; Ward Williams,177.50; RV Enterprises,12,249.00

Jennifer Johnson, with Minnkota Power, and Stephen Miller, with Kadmas, Lee, and Jackson Engineering, met with the board to present the map and update on the Minnkota Power Cooperative's Center to Grand Forks 345-kV transmission line project (app. 260 miles) that will be going through Sheridan County (33.2 miles) The steel pole structures will be 130-150 ft tall. The line span length will be 1,000 ft and 5-7 poles per mile (176 poles in Sheridan County). A 150 ft permanent right of way will be requested – 75 ft on each side (289 app acres in Sheridan County). The County tax benefit per year may be around \$19,920. Fencing, Foundation, and Line Construction Contractors will be arriving in the McClusky-Goodrich area next spring thru

the summer. Some crews could have up to 100 people working at one time. Accommodations for the workers could be a concern for the area to handle at one time. A conditional use permit will need to be applied next with the County Zoning board.

The time being 10:30 a.m. the hearing on the application for the abatement of 2009 taxes filed by Troy Stein for the commercial structure located on Sublot '2' of Outlot A less subplot 'A' (City Ditch) McClusky City was held. Troy Stein and his appraiser, Stu Stenseth, Allied Appraisers, Bismarck met with the board to present the appraisal Mr. Stenseth completed. Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, and Sherril Houser, McClusky City Assessor, reviewed the appraisal. Stenseth reported on recent sales comparisons for grain steel bins located in Sanborn and Leonard, ND and Crookston, MN. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the application for abatement to lower the True & Full Value from \$292,330 down to \$234,000 for 2009 tax year, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes. The Auditor instructed Stein that the upcoming 2010 tax year statements will be sent out soon and another application for abatement would need to be filed for that year.

Cynthia Wahl, reported on the Offroads software vendor will be here on November 16th to enter and transfer data from the County Dakota tax programs.

The application for abatement of 2009 taxes filed by Ted Heitzmann for property located on SE4SE4 31-150-75 and NE4 of Lot 6, NE4SW4, NW4SW4SE4, E2SW4SE4 6-149-75 for inundated acres was reviewed. The hearing was scheduled for December 7, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve transferring the equipment breakdown insurance policy from Hartford Steam Boiler through Unity Insurance, McClusky, for a premium of \$1,630.00 to the State Fire and Tornado Insurance with the ND Insurance Dept for a premium of \$183.00 with the same coverage, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve changing the County payday to the last Thursday of each month with cut-off of the time sheets to be in the Auditors office by the last Monday of each month effective January 1st, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to discuss hiring a deputy and other criminal issues within the County.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the hearing on the delinquent forfeited lands to the County was held. No one was present for objections. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the prices remain as set, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the CPA firm of Rath & Mehrer, CPA in the amount of \$6,000.00 to conduct a bi-annual audit for Sheridan County for the 2009-2010 years, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call votes – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss snow removal routes with the blademen and mowing that need to be completed yet along County/twp road right of ways. Gross was instructed to receive estimates on tires for Hoffman's blade. The auditor was instructed to send a request in for two tractors for the 2011 no-cost bid. Tractors will be utilized for mowing and possible disking.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the 2011-2012 Federal Aid Road Program to complete the 2.5 miles South of McClusky based upon if enough local monies are available, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to set the small JD backhole price per hour at \$50.00 per hr for County use only, no private use allowed, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to add the delinquent weed and gravel bills filed in the Auditor's office onto the 2010 Tax roll, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported that Steven Walker received a building permit for (2) 24'x 24' cabins in NE4NE4 section 25-150-75. A copy of the permit was forwarded to the District Assessor and the Tax Director.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the NRG Technology support agreement for basic hardware and virus maintenance on computers in the Courthouse in the annual amount of \$3,400.00 and any extra support is \$110.00 per hour for 2011, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to have a Christmas /County Official Appreciation Open House on December 15 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor was instructed to compensate the General Election Board and County Canvassing board members after the County Canvassing is completed and the County Chairman signs off on the vouchers.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman