

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 9:00 A.M. Commissioners present were Gordon O. Felchle, Eldon Ehrman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen.

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

The following Statement of fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds:

County Recorder, Fees, \$966.50  
Clerk of Court, Fees, \$395.00  
Sheriff, Fees, \$75.20

The total Miscellaneous Receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of August, 2001:

General Fund - \$11,716.73	Social Services - \$741.16
Unorganized Rd. - \$ 2,363.95	County Road - \$ 3,843.57
Highway Dist. - \$10,083.19	County Park - \$210.00
Insurance Reserve - \$491.00	S.S. & OASIS - \$590.07
County Extension - \$101.00	Weed Control - \$ 8,927.82
911 - \$ 981.35	

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

The August payroll warrants #19824-19864 was approved from the following funds:

General Fund - \$ 16,820.64	Service Officer - \$216.66
County Agent - \$1,134.31	Civil Defense - \$350.00
911 - \$350.00	County Corrections - \$260.00
Secondary Road - \$288.00	Highway Dist. - \$11,119.13
Weed Control - \$1,291.00	Social Services - \$7,998.35

Warrants #19859-19961 were approved and paid out from the following funds for the month of September 2001:

General Fund - \$4,491.44	Social Welfare - \$2,248.96
Human Services - \$659.46	Unorganized Rd. -\$3,528.65
Secondary Road -\$122,930.09	County Road - \$2,092.42
Highway Dist. - \$114.21	SS & OASIS - \$136.99
Advertising Fund - \$370.00	County Agent Fund - \$357.49
Weed Control Fund -\$12,667.29	Civil Defense Fund - \$36.61
911 fund - \$236.43	

A listing of itemized expenses are on file are on file at the County Auditors Office for review.

Elmer Knodel, County Water Resource Board Member, met with the board to present a concerned letter from landowners, Cynthia & Douglas Wahl regarding water concerns by McClusky City. A special meeting will be scheduled later in the month with landowners, McClusky City Council members, and County Resource board members.

Jake Dockter, landowner, met with the board to request some gravel being placed on the Hellman Twp road near his residence. The road foreman will be contacted on this issue.

States Attorney, Walter M. Lipp, met with the board to present a temporary agreement covering advance right of entry and occupancy of the Burlington Northern & Santa Fe RR Company property to the County because of questionable title of current railway. Lipp explained that this will allow William Voegelé to cross over the railroad property to install a rural water line. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to authorize the chairman to sign the temporary Burlington Northern & Santa Fe RR agreement in order for Voegelé's to install the rural water line, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – Yes, Felchle – Yes All voting "Yes" the motion carried.

Greg O' Shea and Marty Trett, Butler Machinery, met with the board to present motorgrader quotes being the 1996 cat motorgrader lease is up. The current leased cat motorgrader balloon payment of \$122,500.00 can be refinanced at 5.3%. Trade in for Cecil's motorgrader would be \$28,000.00, however the road crew would be short one motorgrader then. The current leased cat motorgrader (Reinold Zinke's machine) warranty could be purchased for up to 7,500 hrs or 84 mths for additional \$2,820.00. A new cat

motorgrader lease would be around \$19,890.00 per year for 5 yrs with a balloon payment of \$126,966.82. No action was taken at this time.

Kasey Erickson, RDO Equipment, met with the board to present Motorgrader prices. If two JD motorgraders were purchased, the purchase price would be \$129,305.00 each which includes trade in of Cecil Schuh's used machine of \$40,890.00 that is split between the two new machines minus also a \$3,900.00 multiple unit discount for purchasing two machines with 5 annual payments at \$20,000.00 each and buy out at end of the lease in the amount of \$52,974.82 on each machine. No action was taken at this time.

BUDGET HEARING

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Budget for the year 2002 was considered. All present were given the opportunity to be heard.

It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman that the following Resolution setting amounts budgeted and making tax levies for the ensuing year for County purposes be adopted.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has estimated and determined the expenses for Sheridan County for 2002,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following amounts be budgeted and levied on all taxable property in Sheridan County, taxes for 2002 as follows, all levies being subject to legal limitations:

FUND	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT LEVIED Add Interim Fund & Deduct Estimated Resources
General	323,722.04	101,885.97
County Road	<u>148,000.00</u>	<u>38,220.00</u>
	471,722.04	140,105.97
Human Services & Social Welfare	194,850.00	89,680.00
Emergency (2 Mill Levy)	18,000.00	13,560.00
Veteran Service Officer	3,410.00	3,012.00
Farm to Market (12 Mill Levy)	280,000.00	269,665.95
Unorganized Road Districts	215,000.00	212,600.00
OASIS & SS	100,000.00	75,400.00
Advertising	5,700.00	5,776.00
County Agent	38,390.00	35,545.00
Insurance Reserve	30,000.00	7,500.00
Highway Tax Distribution (No Levy)	152,300.00	-0-
County Park (1/2 Mill Levy)	28,200.00	17,606.00
Health District	22,844.00	17,369.00
Grasshopper	601.14	-0-
Weed Control	81,950.00	22,427.00
Health Insurance	34,000.00	30,226.00
County Corrections	12,420.00	7,345.00
<u>Other Levies</u>		
HCRP (No Levy)	700.00	-0-
County Extension (No Levy)	1,000.00	-0-
Emergency 9-1-1- (No Levy)	11,870.00	-0-
Civil Defense	5,320.00	-0-
Senior Citizens	5,900.00 Estimate	1.00 Mill
Water Resource District	7,800.00	7,800.00
Garrison Diversion Conservancy District	5,900.00 Estimate	1.00 Mill
Soil Conservation District	5,900.00 Estimate	1.00 Mill
Historical Society	4,025.00	4,025.00

ATTEST:

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Chairman, County Commission

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At this time Edward Baker, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss motorgrader quotes and FEMA disaster sites.

Myron Boehm, Holen Const, met with the board to discuss FEMA disaster sites.

Kasey Erickson, met with the board once again to discuss the motorgrader quotes. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to lease purchase a 2001 JD 772 CH Motorgrader from RDO Equipment with trade in of \$40,890.00 for Cecil Schuh's used Motorgrader for a balance of \$112,760.00 to be paid \$20,000.00 per year for a 5 year lease with a balloon payment at the end of the lease of \$12,760.00 and that payments will start January 2002, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – Yes, Jorgensen – Yes, Felchle – Yes. All voting “yes” the motion carried.

At this time Joyce H. Dockter, County Recorder, met with the board to request that the office copy of microfilming of deeds, etc. be placed in a safety deposit box in the local downtown bank. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to approve that the County Recorder be authorized to place microfilm in a safety deposit box at the local downtown bank, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. All voting “Yes” the motion carried.

Larry Gessner, Sheriff, met with the board to report on the concerned increase of burglaries in the County. The Sheriff reported the concert at Hoffers Lake was well attended and positive comments have been heard. Ideas for concert next year were discussed.

At this time Greg O'Shea, Butler Machinery, was contacted by speakerphone to discuss the caterpillar motorgrader quotes. Under serious consideration, it was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to lease purchase a 143H Caterpillar Motorgrader in the amount of 5 annual payments of \$20,000.00 per year and let the 1996 caterpillar motorgrader go back to Butler Machinery, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – Yes, Ehrman – Yes, Felchle – Yes. All voting “Yes” the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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County Auditor

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Chairman

#### COMMISSIONERS MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2001

The Board of County Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. in special session. Present were Gordon O. Felchle, Eldon Ehrman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen. Others present were Eugene & Frieda Wahl & Doug and Cynthia Wahl, landowners, Clifford Biech, Edna Neuharth, Melvin Schindler, McClusky City Council members, Alvin Herr, Elmer Knodel, Arlo Dockter, County Water Resource Board Members, and Walter Lipp, States Attorney, Fritz Hirschhorn, SCD, Jim Lindseth, ND State Water Commission.

Chairman Felchle called the meeting to order and announced the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the McClusky City Council Dike project involving landowners, Eugene & Frieda Wahl and Doug & Cynthia Wahl.

McClusky City Mayor, Melvin Schindler, reviewed the history and process of the McClusky City flooding issues by the McClusky City Park. McClusky City has permits from the Corps of Engineers and FEMA, however needs a permit from the County Water Resource Board.

Elmer Knodel, Water Resource Board Member, stated an understanding needs to come together with McClusky City and the nearby landowners in order to both not be inundated. Eugene Wahl stated the nearby slue adjoining his land is a wetland.

Jim Lindseth, stated the City needs to apply for a state permit also being it is over 12.5 acres and also easements need to be signed by landowners if approving water to flow on their land.

Doug Wahl, stated he is not willing to sign an easement until more financial sources can be provided, due to possible loss of foundation of their home. Eugene & Frieda Wahl are not willing to sign easement

either due to loss of farm land and loss of farm building structures. FEMA will need to be contacted to discuss the situation further for possibly more funding resources. Doug Wahl suggested pumping water into the canal. Lipp suggested that McClusky City and Wahls share a percentage of costs of pumping water into the canal. The wetlands easement will be checked into if water can be pumped out. In conclusion a drainage ditch will be discussed as a recommendation to FEMA to be considered.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to report she may be out of the office for awhile due to knee surgery.

Herb Bargmann, Wold Engineering, was contacted by speakerphone to report that an approach was constructed on a Farm to Market Road in Schiller twp without approval of the County. Bargmann stated if it is in safe spot it should be alright however; the culvert is very small and needs to be replaced with a bigger one. The landowner who constructed the approach will be contacted to attend the next regular month's Commissioner's meeting. Also Bargmann was told to contact McClusky City Mayor on ideas of a drainage ditch to the McClusky Canal area or nearby storage lake area.

At this time Greg O' Shea, Butler Machinery Co., met with the board to present a lease purchase agreement for a 2001 143H Caterpillar Motorgrader in the amount of \$20,000.00 per year for 5 year lease at 5.3% interest rate with 1<sup>st</sup> installment starting January 10, 2002. The warranty is for up to 7,500 hours. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to authorize the Chairman to sign the lease purchase agreement as stated above, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Felchle – yes All voting “yes” the motion carried.

The County Auditor's office was authorized to pay the Jury and witness fees associated with the Court that was held and also FEMA bills that are filed in the County Auditor's office for review.

Commissioner Jorgensen reported that she participated in the committee meeting that considered the Home Economist applications and interviews earlier in the week and the committee is down to two candidates for the position. The Committee will meet again soon to make the final decision of who the new Home Economist will be.

Commissioners Jorgensen and Ehrman reported on attending Merle O. Bennett Wetland dedication on September 11, 2001 at the Lonetree Reservoir Area. They were disappointed in not many County residents attending.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Chairman