

County Commissioners Meeting December 6, 2011

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

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was sent in the mail and approved as sent.

The following Statement of fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds:
County Recorder, fees, \$783.00
Sheriff, fees, \$539.00

The total miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of November, 2011:

General - \$5,753.79	County Road - \$1,815.03
Highway Dist. - \$19,887.66	County Park - \$71.25
Weed Control - \$115.26	Civil Defense - \$796.29
911 - \$1,568.45	

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

The November payroll warrants #39009-39036 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$24,192.98	Highway Dist - \$12,455.02
County Park - \$50.60	Veteran Service Officer - \$304.17
County Agent - \$722.72	Civil Defense - \$462.50
911 - \$450.00	County Corrections - \$2,458.33
BCI - \$3,000.00	

The following bills #39046-39120 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County.

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,45.25;Howard Erdmann,80.58;WRT,1,792.58;Co-Op Elevator,599.50; N.D. Assoc. Of Counties, 615.00; City Of McClusky, 50.00; Gall's Inc., 145.93; N.D. State Radio Communication,156.00; Eldon Ehrman,23.46;Butler Machinery Company,134.76;Janice D. Erdmann,75.48;Fireside Office Products, Inc.,2.24;Office Depot, 715.63;Birch Communications, Inc.,161.11; BHG, Inc., 288.77;Information Technology Dept., 433.60; MEC Services Inc.,209.85; Mclean County Sheriff's Office,535.48;US Postal Service, 132.00;Institute Of Local Gov't,180.00; Centre Inc.,480.00; D&J Oil, Inc., 10,028.71;Newman Traffic Signs,670.00;Mercer Machine,1,016.00;Lelm Implement, Inc., 661.06; Kenschak Oil Inc.,1,252.20;Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,47.18;Berlin Township,6,764.34;NAPA Auto Parts, 216.98;Power Plan,135.28;Community Memorial Hospital,25.00;Marshall Feland,150.00; Great Plains Directory,476.70;Darrell Grade,48.00; First District Health Unit,130.00;Bill Barth Ford,426.15;Tony Volochenko Jr.,2,982.50;Dakota Central Social Services,9,279.16; Richland County Auditor,39.02;James Haux,500.00; NRG,544.82;Electronic Communications, Inc.,28.00;

James Paulus,165.19;Streicher's, 688.86;Donna's Patchwork Cottage,30.00;NDTC,18.20; SRT Communications, Inc.,17.08;Statewide Services, 6.00;A&G Trucking,10,821.00; Kingdom Construction, Inc., 20,644.10; Johnson's Plumbing Service,2,053.00;Michael Axt, 44.37;Severin, Ringsak & Morrow,450.00; Stein's Inc., 63.20;Menards,44.64;HACTC,55.00;Visa,116.01; McClusky City,103.00; Holen's Super Valu,245.66;Turtle Lake Rexall Drug,2.69; Emily Kline, 391.49; WM Of WI-MN,48.73; Verizon Wireless,351.66; Enerbase Cooperative Resource, 157.12; ND Center For Youth Development,7.50; RV Enterprises,3,601.50; ND Dept Of Transportation,1,793.45;Dallas Pfennig,550.00; Don Wenning, 695.00;KHND Radio,48.00

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to discuss States Attorney issues. Naser will investigate further. Naser also reported the 4-H building's east window was broken out due to a garbage can was thrown through it. The Sheriff's office will be investigating on the break in.

Tracy Stein, met with the board to request a reduced speed ahead sign be installed coming into north McClusky. Further investigation will be done with the Sheriff's office and road foreman if the sign is mandatory. Also Stein inquired about some employees have not used up accumulated vacation days. This issue will be re-visited at the January meeting.

The beer & liquor license applications for the 2012 year filed by KED, Inc. were considered at this time. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the beer and liquor licenses to KED, Inc. for 2012, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to re-appoint the following to their boards:

Eldon Ehrman – Dakota Central Social Service Board
Jerone Sauter and Monty Kline – Weed Control Board
Kevin Vietz – Water Resource Board
Alberta Voegele – County School Reorganizing Committee

Seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt –yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor was instructed to advertise for bids on fuel for the County for the discount rack price of the day. The fuel bid letting will be held at 1:00 p.m. January 3rd, 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the Courthouse being closed at noon on December 23rd, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Commissioner Ehrman arrived at 12:00 p.m.

The time being 1:00 p.m. Greg O'Shea, Butler Machinery, met with the board to discuss the motorgrader rodeo that was held in Bismarck with Butler Machinery and RDO Equipment and presented the good comments on the ease of the joystick steering wheel that they received from the motorgrader rodeo participants. O'Shea reported the only machines he has available is

the CAT 140M with the joystick steering wheel. The 2012 CAT 140M AWD unit would cost \$260,050.00 with five estimated annual installments of \$28,000.00 and a balloon payment of \$165,055.00 in Dec of 2017 at a interest rate of 3.50%. No action was taken at this time.

Emily Kline, County Agent, met with the board to present her July-October narrative on activities within the Extension Office. The narrative is on file at the Auditors office for review. Discussion on starting up garden boxes on the Courthouse grounds if a grant is approved will be considered at a later date.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss road issues. Commissioner Ehrman reported that the New Germantown large project site has issues with water being dammed up by the Bureau that will need to be investigated before the project can go any further. Walt Fairbanks, the Bureau of Reclamation representative, was contacted by speaker phone to discuss the water issues. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve purchasing windows and a new walk in door for the County shop, so if there is not much snow removal to be done this winter the road crew can repair the County shop to make it more energy efficient, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, stopped in and reported that the reduced speed signs that were discussed earlier are just a courtesy and not mandatory by law. The new police vehicle state bids are being bid out shortly. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the Police Service Agreement with the City of McClusky for 2012 in the same amount of \$20,800.00, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt –yes, Ehrman –yes, Erdmann –yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported that at the Special Legislative session the Legislative redistricting was completed and all of Sheridan County is in Legislative District #14 now. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve lowering the election precincts from two to one precinct for the 2012 Election cycle due to Sheridan County is in one legislative district and will conduct a mail ballot election again, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman –yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported that the County is signed up for a “no-cost” tractor for the 2012 summer rental program through NDACo.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to authorize the Auditor to sign the master service agreement with NDACo Resources Group, Inc. for conducting managed IT services and back up services in 2012 for the annual amount of \$3,840.00, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Discussion of employees 65 and older to enter into a supplement plan of the employee’s choice in addition to their medicare plan was considered rather than being on the NDPERS County BC/BS policy. NDPERS was contacted by speakerphone to inquire if and when this could be done. NDPERS will be sending a letter to the auditor’s office with the details. NDPERS stated as long as the County group meets the minimum participation number of

employees to ensure adherence and that enrollment changes can be done when the open enrollment period is usually the 3rd week of October to the middle of November.

The Auditor reported the County Metlife Life Insurance Policy will be increasing effective Feb 1st, 2012 by .08 per thousand of life insurance. A total estimated increase for the County for 2012 will be \$288.00.

The Auditor reported a building permit was issued to Trent Naser for moving a 16'x 26' used grainery structure to the NW4NW4 14-146-78.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

Special County Commission Meeting December 27, 2011

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. in special session on call of the Chairman. Commissioners present were: Howard Erdmann, Eldon Ehrman, and Michael Axt. Others present: Timothy Strobel

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order. Erdmann announced the purpose of the special meeting was to consider the County Commissioner Redistricting Plan, meet with the County States Attorney to discuss legal issues, meet with RDO representative to consider JD Motorgrader quotes, amend 2011 County budget line items and pay out transfers as per 2011 budget, address cell phone usage in County employee manual, pay out 2009 and 2011 FEMA vouchers, approve County property sold as County Deed issued.

Tim Strobel, land owner, complained about one of the road crew members has been using their personal cell phone for texting and personal calls when working and that he should be disciplined. The County Commissioners will discuss further with the States Attorney.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the County Commissioner Redistricting plan as also approved by the County Redistricting board to stay as is with no changes due to a change in County Commissioner District boundaries would create illogical or impracticable districts causing more geographical area for the third District County Commissioner to oversee County and Twp roads than the other County Commissioners areas are in which would cause extra mileage costs, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

At this time Eric Hetland, Sheridan County States Attorney, met with the board per the boards request. The Commission inquired to Hetland if he is able to handle both Sheridan and Kidder County criminal cases or if he wishes to step down and just work for Kidder County. Hetland responded that he is staying afloat so far, with 10 felony cases in Sheridan County and 1 felony case in Kidder County he has entertained the idea of stepping down himself, however; he has been getting more help from the Attorney General's office lately. The Auditor inquired

Hetland if he knew more about the Quiet Title Court Process for the County property that was acquired from delinquent taxes. Hetland stated he still needs the title abstract of the property to show proof in court. Hetland will contact the former owner of the property for the abstract. Also the County Commissioners inquired Hetland on addressing the cell phone usage in the County personnel policy to bring it up to date. Hetland will have something wrote up for the January regular County Commission meeting.

Scot Leingang, RDO Equipment Sales rep, met with the board to present a quote for a 2012 JD 772G motorgrader at \$262,000.00 with 7 annual installments at \$22,779.07 at 3.05% interest rate. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve purchasing the 2012 JD 772G motorgrader with the first payment of \$22,779.07 due when the new motorgrader is delivered later this spring and six annual installments of the same to follow each year after that, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. If a motorgrader is needed before the new one is delivered Leingang stated to let him know as soon as possible and he can set us up with a borrowed motorgrader in the mean time.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to authorize the Auditor and Chairman to sign the County Deed to Gerald Hogle for purchasing Lot 11, Blk. 3, East Addition, McClusky in the amount of \$1,500.00 and cancel the 2008 back taxes as they are no longer in the computer tax system, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve paying out the following bills and transfers:

2009 FEMA PW Sites

Denhoff Twp - \$615.51
Schiller Twp - \$1,405.00
Lamont Twp - \$303.13
Mt. City Twp - \$690.00

2011 FEMA PW sites

Martin Twp - \$16,690.83
Mauch Twp - \$1,727.24
Sperry Twp - \$11,145.87
Whittaker Twp - \$654.97
Lamont Twp - \$2,467.30
Mountain City - \$11,217.03

SCIPY to FFA – Cost share of New Years Eve student program -\$500.00

Asset Forfeiture Distribution fund to BCI fund - for local matching on 2010-2011 grants - \$22,349.22

Transfers:

\$10,000.00 from General fund to County Agent fund for operating expenses
\$20,000.00 from Highway Fund to County Road fund for operating expenses
\$50,000.00 from General fund to Secondary Road fund for hauling gravel

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to amend the 2011 budget in the following funds due to unexpected costs with snow and flood disasters, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

County Road - \$171,500.00 to \$290,600.00

Civil Defense - \$6,955.00 to \$8,110.00
SS & OASIS - \$149,960.00 to \$150,860.00

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman