

County Commissioners Meeting February 7, 2012

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

Chairman Ehrman called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was sent out in the mail to board members and approved as sent.

The following Statements of fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for January, 2012:

County Recorder, fees, \$1,345.12
Sheriff, fees, \$300.00

The following miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of January, 2012:

General Fund - \$68,380.75 Unorganized Rd Dist. - \$38,157.42
County Road - \$1,597.50 Highway Dist. - \$25,868.38
Ins. Reserve - \$147.00 County Ext - \$10.00
Civil Defense - \$767.66 911 - \$1,568.45

The January payroll warrants #39270-39295 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$25,410.65 Highway Dist. - \$13,055.02
Veteran Service Officer - \$337.50 County Agent Fund -
\$673.97
Civil Defense - \$487.50 911 - \$475.00
County Corrections - \$2,489.17 Policing - \$650.00
BCI - \$3,206.25

The following bills #39306-39368 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv., 45.25; Howard Erdmann, 94.86; WRT, 653.70; NDACO, 200.00; South Central Crime Conference, 15.00; N.D. State Radio Communication, 2,163.09; Fireside Office Products, Inc., 1.79; Office Depot, 270.75; Birch Communications, Inc., 138.88; BHG, Inc., 476.89; Information Technology Dept., 704.95; McLean County Sheriff's Office, 295.00; D&J Oil, Inc., 1,139.07; John Deere Credit, 45,604.33; Computer Software Assoc Inc., 1,695.00; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water, 0.38; Elmer Jesme Conf Of Counties, 105.00; Power Plan, 222.42; Farmers Union Oil

Co., 903.95; Dakota Prairies RC & D, 300.00; Mechanics Plus, 1,484.99; Tony Volochenko Jr., 370.00; Dakota Central Social Services, 12,287.55; Interstate All Battery Center, 40.17; Myron Dieterle, 250.68; NRG, 952.48; James Paulus, 229.07; Comfort Inn, 73.00; Wayne Houston, 578.40; NDTC, 54.60; SRT Communications, Inc., 34.16; Kingdom Construction, Inc., 10,511.93; Severin, Ringsak & Morrow, 1,060.00; NDCVSOA, 50.00; Stein's Inc., 154.93; Northwest Tire, Inc., 41.07; Martin City, 15.00; Verendrye Electric, Coop., 146.00; Menards, 680.44; Visa, 219.70; McClusky City, 257.00; Holen's Super Valu, 58.32; Emily Kline, 98.18; Van Diest Supply Co., 2,101.20; Ward Williams, 32.50; David Jorgenson, 20.00; WM Of WI-MN, 50.06; Eric Hetland, 47.84; Matthew Bender & Co Inc., 18.00; Verizon Wireless, 362.38; Uniform & Acces. Warehouse, 50.71; L-Tron Corp.; 1,300.50; Caterpillar Financial Services, 3,655.00; RV Enterprises, 9,433.00; Wold Engineering, PC, 26,116.23; Dallas Pfennig, 30.00; Don Wenning, 440.00; Charles Netzloff, 40.00; Tom Sauressig, 300.00

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to present the new True & Full value on agriculture land according to detailed soil type. The assessors will be given detail soil printouts of the parcels in their twps to review. More landowners may need to file for inundated acres being some water acres are not subtracted off the parcels if original filed that way at NRCS.

Herb Bargman, Wold Engineering, met with the board to discuss road issues.

Stephen Hamkens, Finley Engineering representative, met with the board to present a map of crossing over roads in Sheridan County with fiber optic lines. Hamkens requested that the fiber optic lines that cross over only the Farm to Market roads would be bored through and the rest of the roads that the fiber optic line cross over would be plowed through. The lines would be dug 36" to 48" deep. It was moved by County Commissioner Erdmann to approve plowing the fiber optic lines across in the Georgetown, New Germantown, and Schiller Unorganized Twps rather than boring the fiber optic lines, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote - Axt - yes, Ehrman - Aye, Erdmann - yes Motion carried. County Commissioners Ehrman and Erdmann along with the road foreman Alvin Gross will be contacted to follow up to check on roads that they are in good condition after the lines are plowed through. The starting date is by May 7th, 2012.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to discuss

purchasing a new 2012 Ford Expedition in the amount of \$29,153.00 with tow package from Hatton Ford who has the State Highway patrol bid. The stripe kit is \$376.00. The cages, removal and installation of radio equipment, etc. would be around \$5,000.00. Naser talked to both local banks in Sheridan County. North Country Bank, McClusky, interest rate is at 3.75% on \$34,000.00 with annual payment \$7,500.00 for 5 years. Naser stated it would take 2 months to get the new expedition. Choice Financial will be contacted for interest rates also. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to order a 2012 Ford Expedition for now and will consider which bank to go through at the March meeting, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call - Axt - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes. Motion seconded. Naser inquired about possibly discontinuing the sheriff office cell phone plan and reimbursing the Sheriff's office employees for part of personal cell phone bill so Sheriff's office employees do not have so many devices to keep a handle on. No action was taken at this time. Naser also reported that there was a burglary at Bentz Supply and other items stolen within the County in the last week or two. Suspects have been apprehended in McHenry County with further info to be released soon.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve Sherril Houser's resignation from the District Assessor position effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Axt - yes, Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes Motion carried.

The time being 12:00 p.m. County Commissioner Axt left the meeting for the day.

The Auditor reported a Sunday Alcohol beverage permit was issued to The Union Grill & Bar to be open to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday February 5, 2012 for Super Bowl Sunday.

Tom Hrdilicka, OTESCO representative, was contacted to inquire about the wind farm status. Hrdilicka reported that marketing the electricity generated from the wind turbines is still an issue and operating a wind farm right now is risky if you do not have a buyer for the electricity. A public forum or sending a letter to landowners on the status of the wind farms in Sheridan County will be sent soon from OTESCO.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to appoint Eden McLeod as District Assessor for the unexpired term until 2014, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the application for abatement of 2011 taxes for Homestead Credit on the South 9' of Lot 6, Lots 7-8, Blk. 3, Hamilton's Addition, McClusky City, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman - yes, Erdmann - yes, Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve a Quit Claim Deed to Robert A. Dieterle for redeeming delinquent property taxes on the SE4 less road 30-149-76, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman yes Motion carried.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to report he and the road crew has been working on the equipment repairs and the new windows for the County Shop are in from Menards to install.

Janice Erdmann, County Treasurer, met with the board to review the pledge of assets. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the pledge of assets as filed in the office of the County Auditor, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann - yes, Ehrman - yes Motion carried.

Eric Hetland, States Attorney, met with the board upon the board's request. The Board inquired about items from a previous burglary a couple of years back that need to be sold and what the procedure is to officially be able to sell items. Hetland will work with the Sheriff's office on public notices on stolen items that no one has claimed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman