

County Commission Meeting February 5, 2013

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

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and corrected to add County Commissioner Axt also voted "yes" on the motion to approve County Employee salaries as filed in the Auditor's office.

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

County Recorder - \$2,814.52
Sheriff - \$518.00

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of January, 2013:

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| General – \$81,995.03 | Unorganized Rd Dist. - \$35,657.63 |
| Secondary Road - \$7,906.00 | County Road - \$4,445.43 |
| Highway Dist - \$26,883.56 | Insurance Reserve - \$156.00 |
| County Ext. - \$1,000.00 | Weed Control - \$63.20 |
| 911- \$775.20 | Wireless 911 - \$796.10 |

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

The January payroll warrants #60819-60844 were approved from the following funds:

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| General - \$27,038.45 | Highway Dist - \$14,580.02 |
| County Park - \$10.00 | Veteran Service Officer - \$367.92 |
| County Agent - \$741.30 | 911 - \$536.58 |
| Wireless 911 - \$522.17 | County Corrections - \$2789.17 |
| Policing - \$425.00 | BCI - \$3,100.00 |

The following bills #60856-60938 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc., 46.62; Bentz Supply Store, 54.31; Howard Erdmann, 61.56; WRT, 885.41; N.D. Assoc. Of Counties, 200.00; Gall's, LLC, 51.85; N.D. State Radio Communication, 2,319.09; Fireside Office Products, Inc., 90.65; Office Depot, 294.04; Birch Communications, Inc., 121.48; BHG, Inc., 390.57; Information Technology Dept., 413.60; D&J Oil, Inc., 2,417.42; Kenschak Oil Inc., 18.65; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water, 49.69; Power Plan, 277.48; Farmers Union Oil Co., 405.00; Mechanics Plus, 16.00; Sybil Peterson, 3,252.00; Dakota Central Social Services, 6,851.88; NRG, 1,087.07; James Paulus, 209.70; NDTC, 18.30; SRT Communications, Inc., 17.08; Michael Axt, 28.50; Severin, Ringsak & Morrow, 1,150.00; Sheridan Animal Hospital, 149.53; Ag Communication, 80.00; Comfort Suites, 79.00; HACTC, 46.58; Visa, 410.79; McClusky City, 27.50; Digital Ally. Inc., 440.00; Holen's Super Valu, 47.93; WM Of WI-Mn, 51.05; Verizon Wireless, 269.03; Ladd Erickson, 79.10; Pharm Chem, Inc., 126.00; Deere Credit, Inc., 19,344.38, Sarah Crimmins, 314.56; Bismarck District Office, 300.45

The following transfers were approved for February as follows:

\$63,560.00, Unorganized Road Districts to County Road, for annual road maintenance & snow removal

The Auditor presented a letter of resignation from Myron Dieterle as a Weed Control Board member. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve Myron Dieterle's resignation from the Weed Control Board, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Motion carried.

Chad Rauser, landowner, met with the board to request boring across the farm to market road in Section 22 Schiller Twp to install a water line. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to

approve boring across the farm to market road in Section 22 Schiller Twp, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by County Commissioner Axt to approve Leroy Becker to the Water Board effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, reported two of the GPS units in the four motorgraders have been installed. Schuh's battery is six years old on his Motorgrader and doesn't start on cold days so a battery will be purchased. Tires for the shop pickup are needed also. Two 10ply tires will be ordered. Gross will look into surplus property if there is some batteries for the used truck in order to haul rocks when the weather allows.

The Auditor presented a report from Sarah Crimmins, County Extension Agent, for activities with-in the County Extension Office for January. Crimmins was busy with 4-H livestock judging practices and contests, 4-H council meeting, planning Sheridan Ag Forum, attended her first feedlot school at the Carrington Research Center January 22-23rd, and attended Soil Health Workshop at the North Central Research Extension Center in Minot, and a Wheat and Barley Research Workshop. February will be just as busy for Crimmins with attending pesticide training programs and traveling to 4-H judging events.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve and add the omitted property located on a tract in NE4 33-149-74 to the 2012 tax list in the amount of \$1.60, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to amend the 2012 budget amounts for the County Health Insurance Fund from \$64,512.00 to \$76,500.00 and the Insurance Reserve Fund from \$38,627.00 to \$40,600.00 due to unforeseen expenditures, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Bill Klein, Nick Swenson, and Troy Mattheson, with Strata Corp., Bismarck, presented a quote of \$4.75 per ton (or \$1.35 per yd.) which includes royalty also for gravel they crushed in Edgemont twp and can be less if a commitment of number of yds is stated. The board requested if they would crush a few gravel pits in different areas of Sheridan County. Strata stated they could crush a pit on their own also. Strata will come back to the next meeting with some possible gravel pit sites available. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the crushed gravel quote of \$4.75 per ton at the gravel pit in Edgemont Twp, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the hearing for the application for the 2012 tax abatement filed by Max Guenther was held. No one was present to be heard. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to reject the application for abatement as no findings were filed and the values were approved by the detailed soil survey, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt - yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The application for abatement of 2012 taxes to request Homestead Credit on property in the N2 of Lot 1,2,3 less 10' of Lot 3, Blk. 5, Doerrings Addition, Goodrich City was considered at this time. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to reject the application due to applicant is ineligible for Homestead Credit, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, presented the agriculture value per acre from the State Tax Commissioner's Office for Sheridan County. Wahl reported the agriculture value per acre has increased by 17% from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to only increase the agriculture value by 13% and still be within the 5% tolerance allowed by the State, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Herb Bargmann, Wold Engineering, Inc., met with the board to inform that the federal aid money needs to be used up or will be wiped clean if not used. The south McClusky 2.5 mile farm to market road will be considered to be upgraded.

Doug Doerr, landowner, met with the board to disagree on the weed mowing bill he received from the County for in the SW4 Section 27-145-77. His renter cut the weeds earlier in the fall. The board stated to snap a photo next year with the date taken to have documentation.

Samantha Demurbrun and Jason Parsons met with the board to inquire about being interested in the District Assessor position that is vacant due to Earl Garbina has resigned. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to appoint Samantha Demurbrun as a District Assessor, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt - yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes
Motion carried

The 2012 County Financial Statement was reviewed, approved, and filed in the County Auditor’s Office.

Annie and Arlin Fyelling met with the board to discuss the Clerk of Court and Sheriff Clerk position. The board reported the interview process will still continue.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman