

County Commission Meeting July 2, 2013

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

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

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

County Recorder, fees \$1,156.00
Sheriff, fees, \$304.00

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

General - \$74,711.94	County Road - \$4,210.81
Highway Dist. - \$19,091.05	County Park - \$2,389.54
HPCR- \$275.00	911 - \$1,593.15

An itemized listing of miscellaneous receipts is on file at the County Treasurers office.

The June payroll warrants #61471-61506 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$27,219.27	Highway Dist. - \$14,580.02
County Park - \$1,832.50	Veteran Service Officer - \$367.92
County Agent - \$741.30	Weed Control - \$1,693.43
911 - \$536.58	Civil Defense - \$522.17
County Corrections - \$2,789.17	Policing - \$387.50
BCI - \$3,865.70	

The following bills #61538-61613 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc.,46.62; Bentz Supply Store, 237.30; Shirley A. Murray, 85.50; N.D. Newspaper Association, 173.10; Howard Erdmann,266.19; WRT, 639.60; Doug's Auto Body, 680.05; N.D. Association Of Counties,783.33; Secretary Of State,1,002.19; Eldon Ehrman, 57.57; Cynthia D. Wahl,266.19; Janice D. Erdmann,178.94;Fireside Office Products, Inc., 4.36; Office Depot,61.63;Birch Communications, Inc.,124.47; BHG, Inc.,279.29; Information Technology Dept.,413.60;Mclean County Sheriff's Office,55.00; D&J Oil, Inc.,10,103.72; Kenschak Oil Inc., 2,941.20; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,106.29; NAPA Auto Parts,396.02; Power Plan,218.07;Farmers Union Oil Co.,405.00; Marshall Feland,150.00; Mechanics Plus, 161.48; Wal-Mart,77.06;First District Health Unit, 6,257.50; Alberta Voegele, 554.28; OMB/ND Surplus Property,120.00; SCSCD, 212.84;NRG,890.67; James Paulus,150.54; Tractor Supply Credit Plan,308.93;Wayne Houston, 335.16; NDTC,18.30; SRT Communications, Inc., 17.08; Statewide Services,3,673.00; A&G Trucking,59,079.20; Kingdom Construction, Inc., 301.88; ND Insurance Dept.,1,455.77; Michael Axt,102.60; Northwest Tire, Inc.,1,120.84;Wex Bank, 393.65; Menards,188.20;HACTC,403.69;Visa, 538.17; McClusky City, 41.00; Holen's Super Valu,97.56;Turtle Lake Rexall Drug,7.49;WM Lamp Tracker, Inc.,69.95; WM Of WI-MN, 332.90; Daniel Reich,50.00;Matthew Bender & Co Inc.,80.98; Verizon Wireless,269.75; Ladd Erickson,39.90; Pharm Chem, Inc.,42.00; Sarah Crimmins,696.89; Quality Electric LLC, 482.00; Ryan Mindt,75.00;James Nordquist,184.88; Stutsman Co. Auditors Office,199.50; Mr. Squeegee,2,950.00; Keller Plumbing & Heating,150.99; Inventory Trading Co.,121.00; True North Steel,2,923.47; Ameri Inn, 69.30; Ecolab Pest,150.00; Canad Inn, 69.30;Elvin Boe, 401.54; Monarch Products Co., 306.33

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

The time being 9:25 Commissioner Michael Axt was present.

Herb Bargman, Wold Engineering, called by speakerphone to discuss having a meeting on acquiring the remaining 20ft of road right of way for a total of 75ft. for the south farm to market road from McClusky. The meeting was set for July 24th at 9:00 at the Courthouse. The Auditor was instructed to send notices out to the landowners involved. Also on July 24th road projects will be discussed to apply for a road grant for HB1358 for non-oil producing counties.

Fred Wilson, landowner in Harris Twp., met with the board to request having the section line road built up so he can get access to his land. The board will discuss the site further with the road foreman.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to discuss the interest of the city of McClusky setting up a man camp within city limits for the company - Minnkota Power to erect the new transmission power line from the city of Center to Grand Forks project that will add more time in his office possibly.

Wayne Houston met with the board to report that the preliminary flood disaster assessment was completed a week ago with the emergency management crew from the state to assess if Sheridan County will be eligible for FEMA. The State Governor is waiting to hear the final results if the state made the dollar amount threshold to be eligible for FEMA in disaster counties.

The County Agent narrative was reviewed that included activities she conducted and students participated in horse judging contests in April, 4-H Communication Arts Contest in May, 4-H horse camp in June, 4-H Consumer Choice Judging, and 4-H Achievement Days will be in July. The 4-H Council held its annual barrel racing event June 23rd with many participants. The 4-H council has given the 4-H arena a facelift with new paint and updating of signs. The Spring Fling was held May 8th with 85 guests that enjoyed creative gardening ideas and raising and selling fresh produce. Extension calls have been mostly horticulture questions more than cropping questions. There seems to be an ash tree disease known as ash anthracnose that has appeared in the area this year due to the cool wet weather we had in the spring. Several commercial pesticide applicator exams have been conducted in the office. Crimmins has also applied to become a CCA (Certified Crop Advisor). She will find out by July 15th if she is approved.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the following Resolution of Support for the Minot Air Force Base, Seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Resolution of Support

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sheridan County Board of Commissioners that it recognizes the importance of the Minot Air Force Base to the local and regional economy and the need to protect its operational capacity.

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners supports the application to be made by Souris Basin Planning Council to the Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment for the Minot Air Force Base Joint Land Use Study.

The Chairman of the Sheridan County Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign this resolution on behalf of the board evidencing its good faith commitment to implement appropriate recommendations to ensure only compatible development will occur in accident potential zones and areas impacted by high noise.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2013.

ATTEST:

Chairman

County Auditor

The time being 2:00 the County Commission meeting recessed for the County Equalization meeting. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to discuss billing the City of McClusky for assessing their parcels for 2013 assessment year at \$3.00 per parcel. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to pay out Cynthia the 61.76 comp hours she has built up for assessing the city of McClusky, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The time being 3:00 the auction of County surplus property was held. The top bids for items were received as following:

Pellet Stove – Alvin Gross -\$5.00
Snow Light Kit – Alvin Gross - \$75.00
Artic Cat 4 wheeler – Alvin Gross - \$350.00
Helmet – Delbert Hoffman - \$15.00
Helmet – Gerald Bertsch - \$15.52
Helmet – Gerald Bertsch - \$8.05
Helmet – Gerald Bertsch - \$15.52
Parts Box – Tom Saueressig - \$75.00
Chop saw – Gerald Bertsch -\$6.02
Snow blower – Gerald Bertsch -\$35.00
Pressure washer – David Martwick - \$11.00
Edger – Gerald Bertsch - \$18.00
2 hp Generator – Gerald Bertsch - \$2.00
Welder – Bryon Belile - \$21.25
8 hp Generator – Josh Baker - \$19.75
Air Compressor – David Martwick - \$15.75
Air Compressor – James Haux - \$30.00
Honda motor – Alvin Gross - \$5.00
Dirt Bike – Tom Giese - \$300.00
Gas pump & hose – Gerald Bertsch - \$70.00

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to inquire about ordering 2 Accurete tires for Cecil’s motorgrader in the amount of \$1,550.00 each from Northwest tires and repairing roads that were under water. Byron Belile is having surgery so the road crew will be short one blademan unless a part time blademan is hired temporary. Gross will make contacts to interested persons to operate the Motorgrader part time at \$13.00 per hour if experienced operator.

John Volochenko, landowner and twp supervisor in Highland Twp., met with the board to inquire that no blading has been done yet in Highland Twp. The Auditor’s office will review the GPS report on the motorgrader located in that area and report back to Volochenko.

The County equipment insurance policy with Nodak Ins. Company and County property with State Fire & Tornado Fund was reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the insurance policies as filed in the County Auditor’s office, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The application for abatement of taxes filed for homestead credit on East 75’ of Auditors Lot A, McClusky City was considered. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the application for abatement for 2012 taxes, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The auditor was instructed to publish the 1st cut weed mowing notice by July 15th with the road crew to start mowing after August 1st.

There being no further business the meeting recessed until July 24th, 2013.

Auditor

Chairman

Reconvened County Equalization Meeting
July 2, 2013

The Sheridan County Board of Equalization met at 2:00 p.m. Members present were County Commissioners Howard Erdmann, Eldon Ehrman, and Michael Axt. Others present were: Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director and James Haux, Twp. assessor

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was the equalization of residential property. The residential assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 607,525. An increase of 5.47% from last year. The Tax Director, Cynthia Wahl, reported the residential tolerance factor is at 99.1%. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the residential values as is, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The second order of business was the equalization of commercial property. The commercial assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 359,576. This is an increase of 4.9% from last year. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. Wahl reported the total Commercial Value factor was at 100%. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the commercial values as is, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Axt - yes Motion carried.

The third order of business was the equalization of agriculture property. The agriculture property was assessed by detail soil type. The total taxable acres in Sheridan County are at 551,504.91 with a total taxable value of 9,771,871. After another 2% increase from the June equalization meeting the average per acre came in at \$354.36 for a total of 15% increase on all agriculture values. The State Board of Equalization tolerance percentage is back to 5% for ag land. Sheridan County is within a 4.6% tolerance of the \$371. 60 per acre required from the State. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the ag values as is, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman-yes, Erdmann – yes, Motion carried.

(1) Veteran Service Credit and (12) Senior Citizens Homestead tax credit & disabled tax credit applications were filed as approved by the City boards. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman that the applications be approved as returned by the assessors and City and Twp. Boards, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call – Axt – yes, Erdmann- yes, Ehrman – yes, Motion carried.

The Auditor also reported a 15% increase was also added to the Game and Fish abstract acres of 28,010.42 for a total of \$8,082,124 in True and Full value on top of the detailed soils and same with the In lieu of taxes for the State Land the True and Full Value was set at \$753,725 and the Non-Profit Conservation acres of 10,112.01 was set at \$2,620,332. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the increase in the In Lieu of abstracts, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann - yes Motion carried.

The auditor reported the total taxable value with estimated utilities would be \$10,944,900 or \$10,944.90 per mill and increase of \$1,318.37 from last year. So being the mill is worth more, there will not be as many mills needed to generate the same amount of money for the entities budget's requests.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Commission Meeting July 24, 2013

The Sheridan County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. County Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Michael Axt, and Eldon Ehrman. Others present: Herb Bargmann, LeRoy Lauer, Byron Zingg, and Cynthia Wahl

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order.

Herb Bargmann, Wold Engineering representative, met with the board to discuss the process and answer any questions of the County purchasing an extra 20ft of right of way to make the full 75ft from landowners LeRoy Lauer, Byron Zingg, Doug, Cynthia, and Freida Wahl for the remaining 2.5 miles south from McClusky City in order to upgrade and complete that road project. The fence removal can be done by the landowner or hire it done. Prices of right of way and expense of moving the fence were considered to the prices that were set from the 2009 road project that was completed then. The new easements will be drawn up by Wold Engineering and sent to Michael Axt to receive signatures of landowners. The road project will be bid out at NDDOT in November. Also Commissioner Ehrman inquired to Wold Engineering to pay for pumping water by a New Germantown Twp road that was built up last year and almost went under water this year again due to the hydrology study was incorrect.

Steve Kensmoe, landowner in Prophets twp. met with the board to request two more approaches be constructed along the east side of the farm to market road in sections 22/23 and or section 26 and also section 35 in Prophets twp. due to section line access has been flooded. Kensmoe suggested using borrow material from the Minnkota transmission pole leftover materials. The County would need to sign off a waiver from Minnkota first before acquiring borrow material. Kensmoe also stated borrow material can be acquired from his land. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve installing two approaches on requested sites, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. No material from Minnkota pole holes will be used being it is a federal funded road. Kensmoe inquired if the County will be graveling all of the north Pickardville road. The Board stated depends on what amount of gravel Graytek, Inc., places on the Pickardville road from them hauling rock last year. The road foreman will be contacted to meet with Graytek to gravel haul road that they used.

Herb Bargmann, Wold Engineering, presented the 9.5 miles north of McClusky road project to be sent in for the HB1358 road grant project for non-oil producing counties. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the application as presented by Bargmann for the HB1358 road grant, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Motion carried. A meeting with multi-county districts will be held in September to consider if road project is approved.

The Auditor presented the road crossing applications from SRT for review. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve road crossing applications to cross 26th Str. NE and 22nd Ave NE, all in Martin Twp., seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Motion carried.

The Auditor reported that the Holmes twp farm to market road site between sections 3 & 4 was under water and is eligible for Emergency grade raise of 2ft that is 100% federal reimbursed if completed by this fall. Bargmann will mark the area to place pit run and gravel on ER project for A & G Trucking to haul material in.

The Auditor reported that Sheridan County was notified of the flood disaster assistance for road work through FEMA was approved by the President. The incident period is May 17 thru June 16, 2013. The FEMA briefing meeting will be held at Rugby Tuesday, July 30th. The Auditor and Commissioner Ehrman will attend the FEMA briefing.

The electrical estimates from Quality Trenching Services, LLC, McClusky was reviewed for upgrading the Courthouse to add more outlets in order for breakers to not keep going out. The estimates were tabled until the August Commission meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Park Commission Meeting July 2, 2013

The Board of County Park Commissioners meeting was held at 11:00 p.m. County Park Commissioner present was Arlington Helm, Michael Axt, Howard Erdmann, Marlin P. Engen, and Eldon Ehrman.

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

It was moved by Park Commissioner Ehrman to add to last month's motion to include a \$100.00 fine on the sign when driving on grass, seconded by Commissioner Engen. Upon roll call vote – Engen – yes, Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Helm – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Helm inquired about installing the electricity to the new west camping addition. Axt stated the Bureau is waiting on the ok from the cultural study then VEC can dig bi-directional under the canal for the electrical wire and Meckle excavating can lay the water line along the road and dig in the water spickets at the new camping addition. Helm also stated there was a problem with the door locks in the restrooms for a couple of events. Helm will investigate into a better door locking system.

The Auditor reported that Ecolab came last week and installed 5 mice traps inside the 4-H building and 4 mice traps outside of the 4-H building. The initial service is \$150.00 and every quarter thereafter will be \$87.50.

The following bills were approved and paid:

McLean-Sheridan Rural Water,\$49.00; Waste Management of WI-MN, \$273.99; Ecolab Pest, \$150.00; VEC, \$420.00; Bentz Supply Store, \$60.24; SCSCD, \$67.50; TSC, 308.93; Menards, \$53.95; Holen's Super Valu, \$40.36; Monarch Products, 306.33

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman