

County Commission Meeting June 2nd, 2015

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann and Steven Eisenbeisz. Absent: Michael Axt Others present: Gable Rhoads, McClusky Gazette reporter

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

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

County Recorder, fees, \$3,931.50
Sheriff, fees, \$315.00

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of May, 2015:

General - \$8,220.50	Human Services - \$689.78
Unorganized Rd. Districts - \$662.82	Secondary Road - \$39,885.30
County Road - \$7,560.00	Highway Dist - \$19,619.63
County Park - \$2,405.00	Insurance Reserve - \$2,398.35
County Agent - \$610.06	Co. Ext. - \$250.00
Civil Defense - \$2,193.12	911 - \$792.30

The May payroll warrants #64752-64789 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$34,035.83	Secondary Road - \$17,432.50
County Park - \$1,479.80	County Agent Acct - \$817.29
Weed Control - \$750.16	Civil Defense - \$591.58
911 - \$575.69	County Corrections - \$2,887.50
BCI - \$3,120.00	

The following bills #64621-64687 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc.,60.59; Bentz Supply Store,295.56; McClusky Gazette,45.00; Shirley A. Murray,150.80;Howard Erdmann, 200.68;WRT,654.14; Co-Op Elevator, 1,359.15;N.D. Association Of Counties,165.00; Sylvia Schell,10.00;Uniform Center, 22.50;Cynthia D. Wahl,73.08; Fireside Office Products, Inc.,3.74;Office Depot,266.78; Birch Communications, Inc.,148.39; BHG, Inc.,757.13;Information Technology Dept., 414.05; McLean County Sheriff's Office,715.00; US Postal Service,1,000.00; C-Store, 101.71; Rhoads Home Improvement,1,500.00; Newman Traffic Signs,117.85; Kenschak Oil Inc., 2,245.10; McLean-Sheridan Rur. Water,162.96; Village Family Service Center, 900.00; Advanced Business Methods,98.00; Hewlett-Packard Company,918.88;Marshall Feland, 150.00; NDDOT,581.27;Christine Gass,476.08;Mechanics Plus, 1,701.65; First District Health Unit,6,601.75; OMB/ND Surplus Property,10.00;South Sakakawea Narcotics Task,6,000.00; Dakota Central Social Services,14,534.12;Steve Eisenbiesz,93.96;Nicole Wardner, 994.49; 58 Marshall & Swift/Boeckh, LLC, 614.20; Erin Lauer, 40.34;American Insurance, Inc.,6,940.00; Capital Trophy, Inc.,146.00;James Paulus,222.57;Chasely Houser,300.00;Dell Marketing, LP, 325.18;Tractor Supply Credit Plan,104.98; NDTC, 29.24;SRT Communications, Inc.,17.08; Ottetail,54.86;Statewide Services,3,862.00;A&G Trucking,4,361.00;Stein's Inc.,176.86; Verendrye Electric Coop.,500.00;Wex Bank,166.24; HACTC,1,235.00;McClusky Public School, 85.04;Frey Insurance Agency,5,578.00; Visa,1,214.36;McClusky City,45.50;St Aloisius Medical Center,65.00;WM Of WI-MN,339.46; Verizon Wireless,341.44; Pharm Chem, Inc.,125.00; Topcon Positioning Systems,299.40; McLean Co. Auditor,51.38;

Eisenbeisz reported some twp. roads are being transferred over from Bobby Martin to Michael Hoffman's route to be maintained.

Eisenbeisz also reported the Holmes twp. road along the McLean County Section 1-149-78 and Section 6 148-78 Sheridan county line was graded up and estimated costs will be around \$18,000.00 plus material costs. The cost will be split ½ with Sheridan County and ¼ with McLean County and ¼ Medicine Hill Twp. since FEMA will not cover any costs. Graveling will be done next year after the road has been packed down.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to report that there are items within the courthouse that have been missing lately according to some offices that have reported to him.

Sheriff Naser suggested to the Board to instruct all offices to lock their office doors over noon and after hours and the janitor's keys be placed in a secure area. Naser requested to replace three old flashlights with three new 12 volt re-chargeable LED flashlights in the amount of 127.29 each. It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to approve purchase of three re-chargeable LED flashlights, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Naser also reported the club cab cage in the deputy pickup will not fit in the new pickups. More information on new a Deputy pickup will be presented at the next meeting.

Nicole Wardner, County Agent, met with the board to report on her upcoming activities with-in the extension office. Wardner reported on her rhubarb extension office social media post had an overwhelming response reaching people all over the world.

The County Auditor reported the NDPERS County Health Insurance plan premiums are going up 15% effective July 1st, 2015 which amounts to \$76.42 per month per employee to the County.

The County Auditor reported a building permit was issued to Dennis Hase, Anamoose, for moving a house and garage onto a concrete basement and floor in Outlot C (SE4SW4) 8-150-74.

Janice Erdmann, acting County Treasurer, reported that the American Bank Center, McClusky, is not matching the same interest rate as Choice Financial Bank, Goodrich, for the County account. Erdmann is waiting to hear back from American Bank Center on their action.

The Auditor presented the application for abatement of taxes filed by Marvin Schlafman, etal, was reviewed for inundated acres on the NE4 31-146-77 for 2014 taxes. The hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, July 7th, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Equalization meeting was held. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the General Liability Insurance policy with American Insurance, McClusky; Vehicle Insurance policy with Frey Insurance Co., Harvey; and Equipment Insurance policy with Nodak Mutual Ins., McClusky, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

At this time the job applications for the Auditor/Treasurer office position were reviewed.

Morris Lounge, Drake presented an application for a special beer and liquor license for selling alcoholic beverages July 10th for an event in the 4-H bldg. It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to approve the beer and liquor license to Morris Lounge, Drake, for July 10th in the 4-H bldg., seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes, Motion carried.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to inquire if weight restrictions on County roads should be lifted yet. A decision on lifting the weight restrictions will be made at the special June 8th County Commission meeting. Tarring roads and repairing roads were discussed. Gross reported on the in-class training the road crew all attended at Beulah and the upcoming hands-on motorgrader training they are all participating in Thursday, June 4th on the Hoffer Lake Recreation Area road with the N.D. Local Technical Assistance Program leaders and the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute.

There being no further business the meeting recessed until Monday June 8th at 9:00 a.m.

Auditor

Chairman

County Equalization Meeting June 2, 2015

The Sheridan County Board of Equalization met at 2:00 p.m. Members present were County Commissioners Howard Erdmann and Steven Eisenbeisz. Absent: Michael Axt Others present were: Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director; James Haux, Twp. Assessor; Jeffrey Martwick, Twp. Assessor; Gable Rhoads, McClusky Gazette reporter; Brian Larson and Kendon Faul, McClusky Co-op Elevator Manager and employee; Tom Saueressig, landowner; and Janice Erdmann, acting County Treasurer.

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 658,233. An increase of 4% from last year. The sales ratio came in at 99.1% so Sheridan County is within the state tolerance. Tom Saueressig inquired about his residence being assessed. Wahl indicated Saueressig worked off the farm as a construction worker before his new structure was moved on his property and being he cash rents his land which is considered off the farm income also, according to state law that makes him ineligible for farm exemption of their residential structure. Auditor Murray reported a couple of omitted properties were missed and still need to be assessed in Prophets and Denhoff twps. The residential and commercial properties will be finalized at the 2:00 p.m. July 7th reconvened County Equalization meeting.

The 2nd 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 400,501. An increase of 7% from last year. The sales ratio came in right at 100%. Kendon Faul and Brian Larson inquired why the McClusky Co-op Elevator anhydrous tanks at the Denhoff junction parcel are valued so high. One tank is 18,000 gallons and the other tank is 15,000 gallons. James Haux, Denhoff Twp. Assessor will investigate further with the depreciation cost percentage for each year and respond back at the July 7th reconvened equalization meeting. No action was taken on commercial properties until the July meeting.

The 3rd order of business was the equalization of agricultural property. The ND State Tax Commissioner's office calculations requested Sheridan County to increase the ag values by 17.7%. At the January 7th meeting the County Commissioners only increased ag values by 7% to wait and see how the County Equalization values came in at to determine if more of an increase in ag values would be needed. The total taxable acres in Sheridan County are at 551,005.11 with a total taxable value of \$11,262,875 that included the 7% increase. The average per acre value is now at \$408.80 or 9% within the state's 10% state tolerance. The state's average per acre value for Sheridan County is set at \$446.33. Everyone was given the opportunity to be heard. It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to approve the ag values as filed in the Auditor's office, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

One Veteran Service Credit and Twelve Senior Citizen Homestead Credit applications were filed as per assessors submitted. It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann that the applications be approved as returned by the assessors. Upon roll call – Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes motion carried.

The Auditor reported the State School Lands in lieu of tax abstract of 2,395.82 acres that are leased for crop or hay was also increased by 7% for a total of 897,559 True & Full value. The ND Game & Fish Dept. in lieu of tax abstract of 28,183.14 acres was also increased by the 7% for a total of 9,165,244 True & Full value. The Non-profit organizations (Ducks Unlimited and Nature Conservancy) abstract of 10,266.84 acres was also increased by 7% for a total of 3,237,900 of which each organization still receives a tax statement and pays taxes. It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to approve the in lieu of tax abstract values as filed in the Auditor's office, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported the total County taxable value with estimated utilities would be \$12,304,650 or \$12,304.65 per mill and one mill is worth \$500.50 more than last year.

There being no further business the meeting recessed until 2:00 p.m. July 7, 2015.

Auditor

Chairman

County Park Commission Meeting June 2, 2015

The Sheridan County Park Board met at 11:00 a.m. Park Commissioners present were Arlington Helm, Steven Eisenbeisz, Marlin P. Engen, and Howard Erdmann. Absent: Michael Axt Others present were: Gable Rhoads, McClusky Gazette reporter

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

Helm stated the 4-H building skylights have been replaced with metal roofing by Rhoads Improvement and the bench vice was purchased at TSC. Helm also reported that the shingles on the gazebo at Hoffer's Lake Recreation Area are falling off. It was moved by Commissioner Engen to approve placing metal roofing on the gazebo also and to receive an estimate from Rhoads Improvement, McClusky, for the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Engen – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes, Helm – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported that Scott Hettinger, with the Bureau, stated the County Park can place a dock at the North Hoffer's Lake area.

Transferring of camping sites was discussed and will be followed up at the July County Park Board meeting.

Helm requested to have the plexiglass replaced in the kiosk/billboard at Hoffer's Lake Recreation area. It was moved by Park Commissioner Eisenbeisz to have Helm replace the plexiglass in the kiosk/billboard at the Hoffer's Lake Recreation Area, seconded by Park Commissioner Engen. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Engen – yes, Helm – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The following bills were approved:

McLean-Sheridan Rural Water, \$109.81; VEC, \$500.00; WM of WI-MN, \$278.63; Bentz Supply Store, \$127.75; C-Store, \$77.54; Rhoads Home Improvement, \$1,500.00; Newman Traffic Signs, \$117.85; Tractor Supply Store, \$104.98

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman

County Commissioners Meeting June 8, 2015

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. as per stated. County Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Steven Eisenbeisz, and Michael Axt.

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to remove the road restrictions effective today, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The time being 9:20 a.m. an interview with Gail Roubal, McClusky, for the appointed Treasurer position was conducted.

The time being 9:40 a.m. an interview with Janel Uhlich, Drake, was scheduled and there was a no show.

The time being 10:00 a.m. an interview with Jenny Teumer, McClusky, for the appointed Treasurer position was conducted.

The time being 10:20 a.m. an interview with Brandi Baker, McClusky, for the appointed Treasurer position was conducted.

The time being 10:40 a.m. an interview with Sheri Konschak, Goodrich, for the appointed Treasurer position was conducted.

After serious consideration, it was moved by Commissioner Axt to appoint a County Treasurer effective June 15th, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve appointing Jenny Teumer effective June 15th with an annual salary of \$24,000.00 plus health and retirement benefits, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann - yes. Motion carried.

The time being 11:00 a.m. Bradley D. Mann, with H.A. Thompson & Sons, Bismarck, met with the board to discuss the Courthouse heating system condensation tank prices – Standard and Stainless Steel. Replacing steam traps and the chemical maintenance agreement were discussed. A full maintenance agreement would include an up-front assessment on equipment first. Full maintenance includes, mileage, labor and parts on moving equipment only. 24 hr. on call service is provided with full maintenance agreement. Full service preventative maintenance plan would cost \$920.00 per quarter with H.A. Thompson & Sons, Bismarck. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the standard tank, approve changing out the steam traps that are bad, and approve the full service preventative maintenance agreement effective after the up-front assessment has been completed, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Herb Bargmann, Wold Engineering, met with the board to discuss purchasing right of way and construction easement acres from land owners along the 5 miles north farm to market road from McClusky. The tax director will be contacted to appraise land values for right of way acres to be purchased for the July meeting. One inch of pavement will be milled off of current pavement, widening the grade and some hills will be cut down north of McClusky. State bidding will be on just a little over 4 miles with a possible change order for next year to add 1-2 miles with the 2nd state funding surge monies that will first be released next year. Bidding may be open in August or September. Bargmann also presented the board options for the Martin south pavement repair – Option 1 – one ft. of gravel, base stabilizer with double chip seal 1,200 ft project - \$100,000 Option 2 – one ft. of gravel, fabric with 5” of asphalt 1,200 ft. project - \$225,000. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Commission Meeting June 15, 2015

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met in special session at 9:00 a.m. on call of the Chairman. Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Michael Axt, and Steven Eisenbeisz. Others present were: Alvin Gross, Road Foreman and Gable Rhoads, McClusky Gazette Reporter

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order and stated the reason of the special meeting was the disagreement of the rock pile along the section line of Terry and Tom Strobel’s property.

Terry and Tom Strobel, landowners, met with the board to request that the rock pile be removed along the section line by their property. County Commissioner Axt instructed Strobel’s to make an alternate route on their land. No further action was done.

Axt reported that John Volochenko, Highland Twp Supervisor, stated that Ronald Novak still has not moved the fence line along the section line as agreed at the December 3, 2013 meeting. Further investigation will be done by Axt and report back at the next regular Commission meeting.

Axt requested Gross to install a culvert in at the west entrance of the Rod Hill camping Addition in order to even the property out better for campers to park, etc. Contacts will be made to the Bureau of Reclamation for approval on installation of a culvert before project starts.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman