

County Commissioners Meeting June 7, 2016

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Steve Eisenbeisz and Howard Erdmann. Absent: Michael Axt Others present were: Sandy Blanes, McClusky Gazette Reporter

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

The following Statement of fees were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of May, 2016:

County Recorder, fees, \$2,310.25
Sheriff, fees, \$200.84

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of May, 2016:

General - \$12,123.47	Human Services - \$331.57
Unorganized Rd. Dist. - \$687.71	Secondary Road - \$3,672.00
Highway Dist. - \$16256.54	County Agent - \$429.94
Civil Defense - \$158.61	911 - \$1,578.90

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

The May payroll warrants 66135-66164 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$32,836.96	Highway Dist. - \$18,360.31
Veteran Service Officer -\$441.61	County Agent - \$1,683.54
Weed Control - \$3,936.87	Civil Defense - \$609.33
911 - \$592.96	Veterans Van Service - \$306.00

The following bills 66172-66243 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc.,66.14;Bentz Supply Store,110.19; Shirley A. Murray,104.40, N.D. Newspaper Assoc.,61.50;Howard Erdmann,100.34; WRT, 698.97; Co-Op Elevator,7,248.20; N.D. Association Of Counties, 418.31; Uniform Center,198.99; Dakota Fire Extinguishers,134.21,Office Depot,150.03; Birch Communications, Inc.,110.88; BHG, Inc.,466.13;Information Technology Dept., 988.10; McLean County Sheriff's Office,1,705.00;C-Store,138.41;Newman Traffic Signs,1,456.19;Konschak Oil Inc.,2,857.69; McLean-Sheridan Rur. Water, 218.23; NAPA Auto Parts,169.99; Power Plan,403.76; ND States Attorney Assoc., 300.00; Great Plains Directory,486.40;Atco International, 77.00;Mechanics Plus, 80.55; First District Health Unit,14,271.50; Dakota Central Social Services, 36,687.80; SCSCD, 72.81; Steve Eisenbeisz,64.96;Nicole Wardner,503.08; Alvin Gross, 31.96;Erin Lauer,59.99;Ron Selensky,3,677.65; James Paulus,181.78;TSC Plan, 31.99; Wayne Houston,104.40; NDTC, 29.24; SRT Communications, Inc.,17.08;Ottetail, 463.37; Statewide Services, 3,935.00; A&G Trucking, 12,660.00; Severin, Ringsak & Morrow,1,300.00; H.A. Thompson & Sons,1,346.25;VEC, 440.00; Wex Bank, 4.00;Menards,363.86; Frey Insurance Agency,7,288.00; Visa,925.48; McClusky City, 32.00; ES&S, 487.11; Holen's Super Valu,177.71; WM Lamp Tracker, Inc., 69.95; WM Of WI-MN, 508.16;Verizon Wireless,646.80; Orrin Holen,480.00;Nat'l 4-H Council Supply, 23.90; Lynnette Fox, 811.94; DS Solutions, Inc.,150.00; Pharm Chem, Inc., 58.00; Topcon Positioning Systems, 167.08;Wenck Associates, Inc., 6,200.00; Tim Erdmann,63.00;Koehn Marketing Co. Inc., 614.00; OMG National, 190.75; Modern Marketing,515.24; WRT,484.48; Missouri Slope Area UW, 900.00;Lynn Vietz, 200.00;

Nicole Wardner, County Agent, met with the board to report that her and Commissioner Axt did interviews for the County Agent office support staff position the end of May. Andrea Brown has accepted the County Agent office support staff position effective June 15th, 2016. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve Brown's salary to be set at \$12.00 per hr based on a 28 hr week, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. Wardner will be attending a international succession planning class in Bismarck this week that she was chosen with 3 other County Agents in the State to attend which NDSU is paying the \$1,000.00 fees. Wardner will be attending training for Annie's project and will also attend camp at Washburn later this month providing photography classes.

Eisenbeisz read a letter that was presented by email from Shelly Stafford reporting different issues on their road and their bale in the County right of way.

The time being 10:00 a.m. the application for abatement of 2014 and 2015 taxes filed by Ralph Volson was considered for part of E2SW4, Part of Lots 6-7, 6-146-75. No one was present. The Auditor reported the property was incorrectly combined with adjoining property owners and has been corrected for the 2016 assessment. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the True and Full value be corrected from 47,775 down to 24,375 for both years, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The time being 10:10 a.m. Tim, Terry, Rodney, and Roger Strobel met with the board. Tim Strobel reported the surveyor, Aaron Hummert, hired by Michael Roehl, removed a survey rock and put it back in its place that is in question of legality. Strobel stated that Roehl is farming the 33ft that was agreed not to be farmed. The board suggested to Strobels to hire a lawyer and their own surveyor to resolve their land issues.

The time being 11:00 a.m. the County Park Board meeting was held. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

Doug Straus, G & R controls, Fargo, met with the board to discuss replacing a radiator that is cracked in the courtroom and hooking up to the computer controls on the electric boiler. Straus stated an estimate of around \$14,000.00. No action was done. Replacing the radiator will be discussed again at the July Commission meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to approve the pit run royalty contract with Lynn Vietz located at the NW4 3-145-77 for \$1.00 per yd, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes, Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to approve the WRT Utility Permit crossing between Section 35 & 36, 147-77 to bury communication line to the cell phone tower, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes, Motion carried.

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

Trent Naser called by speakerphone to discuss partitioning a portion of the county shop building in Martin for the Sheriff's office rather than continuing leasing a space. A security system may need to be installed there also. Commissioners inquired about the section line dispute with Strobel's property. No action was taken at this time. The Sheriff's equipment storage space will be discussed again at the July Commission meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the County equipment and County vehicle ins. policies for the ensuing year with Nodak Mutual Ins. Co. and Frey Insurance, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss some secondary roads that were not tarred. Gross was contacted from Wells County to see if Sheridan County could use an individual that has 25 hrs. community service to fulfill. The board approved Gross to contact the community service individual to help Gross and Lee Wahl finish tarring the secondary roads that the contractor missed. A new air compressor was approved to be purchased for the Martin Shop also.

The following building permits were issued to:

Joseph & Laura Lieberman, Denhoff Village, 30'x45' and 15'x 20' pole barns,
8'x10' porch, 7'x12' front porch, & 12'x18' extra room added to home
Kevin & Shelly Stafford, SE4SE4 31-150-75, 25'x25' cold storage garage

James Haux, landowner, met with the board to request an approach to be installed along section 9-148-77. Alvin Gross will investigate further.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Equalization Meeting June 7, 2016

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; Jeffrey Martwick, Twp. and City Assessor; Sandy Blanes, McClusky Gazette reporter.

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 687,115. An increase of 5% from last year. The sales ratio came in at 99.7% so Sheridan County is within the state tolerance. No one was present at this time. Auditor Murray reported a couple of omitted properties were missed and still need to be assessed in Schiller Twp and McClusky City. The residential 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 395,752. A decrease of 7.2% from last year. The sales ratio came in at 99.5%. Auditor Murray reported an adjustment by an assessor needs to be done yet on a parcel or two to be equalized by comparable properties. 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 15.2%. At the January 5th meeting the County Commissioners only increased ag values by 6% 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 551,013.94 with a total taxable value of \$11,936,242 that included the 6% increase. The average per acre value is now at \$433.23 or 8% within the state's 10% state tolerance. The state's average per acre value for Sheridan County is set at \$471.04. 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.

Two Veteran Service Credit and Ten 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 6% for a total of 945,465 True & Full value. The ND Game & Fish Dept. in lieu of tax abstract of 28,167.79 acres was also increased by the 6% for a total of 9,731,517 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 3,427,796 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 so far would be \$13,309,940 or \$13,309.94 per mill and one mill is worth \$703.04 more than last year.

There being no further business the meeting recessed until 2:00 p.m. July 7, 2016.

Auditor

Chairman

County Park Commission Meeting
June 7, 2016

The Board of County Park Commissioners met 11:00 a.m. County Park Commissioners present were Arlington Helm, Marlin P. Engen, Howard Erdmann, and Steve Eisenbeisz. Absent: Michael Axt
Others present were – Sandy Blanes, McClusky Gazette reporter

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

Helm reported the new door for the west vault toilet was painted and installed. The County Park camping attendance has been in full swing. The two hanging fans were installed in the 4-H building.

The Auditor presented the environmental compliance audit program review from the ND Dept. of Interior with no findings for the Hoffer Lake Recreation Area.

The Auditor reported the GDCD grant was approved for costs associated with developing beach access at Hoffer Lake Recreation. Contacts to the Bureau and ND Game & Fish Dept. for approval of placing materials to develop beach access need to be done yet.

Helm requested ordering four more rubber speed bumps for Hoffer Lake Recreation camp area, due to the detour of the north farm to market road, more traffic is going thru and to be more safe for children crossing the road. The auditor will order the speed bumps.

The following bills were approved:

McLean-Sheridan Rural Water, \$167.16; VEC, \$362.00; WM of WI-MN, \$443.21; Bentz Supply Store, \$13.47; CO-OP Elevator, \$101.85; C-Store, \$66.72; SCSD,\$12.00; TSC, \$31.99; Menards, \$219.98; Holen's Super Valu, \$72.93

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman