

County Commission Meeting June 1, 2018

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

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

The following Statement of fees was collected for the following funds and approved for the month of May, 2018:

County Recorder, April fees, \$1,583.00  
County Recorder, May fees, \$1,749.50  
County Sheriff, May fees, \$116.02

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of May, 2018:

General - \$13,673.90	Secondary Road - \$14.25
Highway Dist. - \$17,154.27	County Agent - \$468.07
Weed Control - \$2,212.48	Civil Defense - \$227.70
911 - \$820.52	

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

The May payroll warrants 69303-69339 were approved from the following funds:

General - 35,977.12	Highway Dist. - \$23,224.67
Veteran's Service Officer - \$477.60	County Agent - \$1,456.00
Weed Control - \$1,362.44	Civil Defense - \$643.75
911 - \$616.67	Veteran's Van Service - \$3,046.00

The following bills 69351-69407 were approved and paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc.,63.79;Bentz Supply Store,408.97;Walter M. Lipp,518.20; Shirley A. Murray,226.20;WRT,761.71; Co-Op Elevator, 1,841.14; N.D. Association Of Counties,1,545.00 Butler Machinery Company,23.84; Office Depot,175.92;Sea Change Printing And Mkt.,604.94; Birch Communications, Inc.,105.05; BHG, Inc., 593.50;Information Technology Dept.,553.00; McLean County Sheriff's Office,1,980.00; Rough Rider Industries,398.50; Newman Traffic Signs, 482.13;McLean-Sheridan Rur Water,194.94;Napa Auto Parts,1,936.42;Power Plan,654.74; NDSU, 2.00; G&R Controls, Inc.,1,292.50;Post Board,135.00;Mechanics Plus,147.4;First District Health Unit,8,083.25; Steve Eisenbeisz, 88.16;Nicole Wardner, 836.67;Verizon, 55.94; Selensky Services, 1,013.10; American Insurance, Inc.,16,296.00; NDAAO,140.00; James Paulus, 95.25; NDTC,8.24; SRT Communications, Inc.,12.88; Statewide Services, 3,964.00; Edney Distributing Co., Inc.,157.55;

Michael Axt,104.40; Severin, Ringsak & Morrow,280.00; Elisha Dockter,13.64,:H.A. Thompson & Sons,1,093.32;Visa,1,189.90;McClusky City, 57.50;Verizon Wireless,457.83;Farm & Home Publishers, Ltd.,450.00; Ladd Erickson,55.68;Penguin Management, Inc.,1,134.00; Pharm Chem, Inc.,28.55;Topcon Positioning Systems, 252.00;Joey Belile, 75.40;Wold Engineering, PC,81,904.28;WRT, 472.48; Knife River Materials,58,244.06; Kotaco Fuel & Propane,4,265.66; Purchase Power,37.09;NDSU-McHenry Co.,100.00; Ramsey Co. Highway Dept,1,463.00

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to report the new 2018 Black Sheriff Expedition was delivered on May 10<sup>th</sup> and discussed what to do with the old Deputy Sheriff 2012 Ford Expedition. The 2012 Ford Expedition will be advertised for bids in the paper. The bid letting will be held, Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. when the next County Commission meeting is held. Naser requested to increase the Sheriff per hr. wages up to \$20.00 per hr. for extra licensed security help when transferring prisoners, etc. The board agreed to increase wages to \$20.00 for extra licensed security help within the Sheriff's office. Naser also reported the antenna system for the County radio channel does not work and has not worked for a number of years that is located on the McClusky City water tower. An estimate from Mid States Wireless, Fargo in the amount of \$10,470.00 was reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve to have Mid States Wireless attend the next Commission meeting for more info, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. Motion carried.

Lynnette Fox, Treasurer/Tax Director, met with the board to suggest that Jeff Martwick be compensated \$12.00 per assessment card and Tracy Stein will help acquire assessment data also as needed. The assessment card process and the extra time in the field by Fox was discussed. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve compensating \$12.00 per card for assessment purposes to Lynnette Fox, Jeff Martwick, and Tracy Stein for extra time spent collecting data out in the field plus mileage, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote- Eisenbeisz – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried. Fox also inquired about the County purchasing committee. A purchasing committee meeting will be held in the near future.

Nicole Wardner, County Extension Agent, met with the board to report on legislative County Extension funding issues and inquired about having a public info meeting again in the next few months. Wardner attended the District 4-H meeting with the clover buds. Wardner planted flowers in front of the Courthouse and vegetables in the vegetable boxes in the back courtyard that the 4-H students will be caring for and can be paid under programming from the County Agent budget.

James Meder, River City Data representative, and Kathleen Mindt, County Recorder, met with the board to review AIM view for scanning County Recorder documents thru River City Data with a variety of indexing features at different rates according to pinned books or bound books. Meder stated scanned documents can be shared by the user as needed. Microfilm can be looked at to see if documents are good to scan. The board suggested waiting for now and will consider at budget time.

The time being 11:30 a.m. the County Park Board met. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

At this time Mike Rivinius, Wold Engineering; John Ronsberg, Zimmerman Contracting; and Tim Schulte, Mayo Constr. met with the board to conduct a pre-construction review on micro-surfacing

the south 6 miles of farm to market road from Martin and north 4.5 miles of farm to market road from Goodrich. Crack sealing should start the first two weeks in June with micro-surfacing to begin around June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The starting location will be south of Martin. Sub-contractors for the road projects will be Newman signs, J&J striping, Killchowski Trucking, Zimmerman Contracting, and Sundre Sand and Gravel. Completion date is by September 1, 2018.

The Auditor reported the rented JD mower tractor has arrived from Gooseneck Implement, Velva.

The Auditor reported the following building permits were issued:

Darren Johnson, constructing a 40'x40' Pole Barn on the NW4NE4 8-150-77

Douglas Hildenbrand, constructing a 24'x48'x8' garage on the SW4 23-150-75

Eric Blumhagen, constructing a 50'x80'x16' steel building in Outlot A 15-148-76

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the local gaming permit to the McClusky Sportsmen club for conducting a 50/50 raffle located in the 4-H building at Hoffers Lake Recreation Area on Father's day June 17, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to approve the County Liability, County vehicle and County Equipment insurance policies with American Insurance and Nodak Ins. Companies, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

Missouri Valley Const. Co., Bismarck, called by conference call requesting if installing irrigation pipe across a County road if they need to bore across the road or dig thru road. The Commission Board stated if is a farm to market road it needs to be bored across.

The meeting recessed until June 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. for the County Equalization meeting.

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Auditor

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Chairman

### County Equalization Meeting June 5, 2018

The Sheridan County Board of Equalization met at 2:00 p.m. Members present were County Commissioners Steven Eisenbeisz and Commissioner Axt by conference call. Absent: Howard Erdmann Others present were: Lynnette Fox, County Treasurer/Tax Director, Marlin P. Engen, Land owner

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order.

The 1st 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 6%. At the January 2nd meeting the County Commissioners only increased ag values by 5% 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 550,918.76 with a total taxable value of \$13,216,573 that included the 5% increase. The average per acre value is now at \$479.79 or 2% within the state's 10% state tolerance. The state's average per acre value for Sheridan County according to the State Tax Commissioner office is at \$487.33. 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 Axt. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried. Fox stated a separate motion was requested to accept ag property assessment due to a notice of increase was not sent in time prior to Boone township equalization meeting for Tim Frantz property as being assessed for one acre rather than over the correct 9 acres. However; Frantz did receive notice to County Equalization meeting with assessment value corrected and included in above total ag values. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to accept values on Tim Frantz property located in Outlot 1 33-147-74, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The 2nd 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 716,419. This was an increase in valuation of 3% from last year. The sales ratio came in at 1% so Sheridan County is within the 10% state tolerance. Fox requested to accept Darren Johnson's residential structure that was not assessed in time to send out notice for Strassburg Twp.'s equalization meeting. However a notice was sent to Johnson for the County Equalization. It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to accept the residential value on Darren Johnson property located in Outlot A 8-150-77 that is included in the total values above, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the residential values as filed in the Auditor's office, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The 3rd 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 477,337. An increase of 1% from last year. The sales ratio came in at 0% so commercial values were right on. Marlin Engen, land owner was present. Fox reported Engen's 80 commercial acres were not assessed at the \$2,000.00 per acre as the set county rate, rather were they were valued at ag acres. Currently 80 acres were commercial and the discussion was to reduce down to 50 acres commercial and 30 acres kept at ag valued acres due to scrap iron business has decreased in size. It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to approve assessing 50 acres at commercial property and 30 acres at ag property on the Engen property located S2N2SE4, S2SE4 16-149-75, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to approve the total commercial values as is with the reflection of the Engen property, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried. There was an overall increase of 4% on total values countywide.

The Auditor reported the total County taxable value with estimated utilities so far would be \$14,733,930 or \$14,733.93 per County mill and one County mill is worth \$613.97 more than last year.

The Auditor reported the State School Lands in lieu of tax abstract of 1,395.00 acres that are leased for crop or hay was also increased by 5% for a total of 1,052,302 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

10,831,539 True & Full value. The Non-profit organizations (Ducks Unlimited and Nature Conservancy) abstract of 10,266.84 acres was also increased by 5% for a total of 3,815,135 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 Axt. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

Two Veteran Service Credit and Twenty Senior Citizen Homestead Credit applications were filed as per Tax Director submitted and will be reimbursed from the State. It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz, seconded by Commissioner Axt that the applications be approved as returned by the assessors. Upon roll call – Eisenbeisz – yes, Axt – yes motion carried.

Fox reported she had a call from Shawn Weltz to remove the new detoured road acreage off his property assessment. The board stated no right of way was purchased by the County so Weltz still owns the property, however; the value of the property of where the road is located can be adjusted. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to authorize Tax Director Fox to lower the value of Weltz property where new detour road was constructed on his tract of land in NW4 1-149-75 of 2.00 ag acres and 9.32 commercial acres, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

Fox also reported that data collecting on all residential structures throughout the County will start this summer by Jeffrey Martwick, Tracy Stein, and Fox as data collectors with a suggested compensation of \$12.00 per assessment card. The farm exemption worksheet should be sent out with the new tax statement in order to prove the farm exemption status. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve compensating data collectors at \$12.00 per assessment card plus mileage and instruct the Tax Director to send out the farm exemption worksheets with the new year tax statements, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve taking the load limit restrictions off of county roads effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman

County Park Commission Meeting  
June 1, 2018

The Sheridan County Park Board met at 11:30 a.m. County Park Commissioners present were Arlington Helm, Steve Eisenbeisz, Marlin P. Engen, and Michael Axt. Absent: Howard Erdmann  
Others present were: Allan Tinker, McClusky Gazette editor

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

Helm reported there was (5) 30 amp breakers he replaced and there is still one 50 amp breaker that needs to be looked at the Hoffer Lake Campground. The gazebo needs repairs on the roof. Helm will contact Nathan Rhoads to repair the roof. The fire rating index sign was purchased from Rough Riders Industries and installed at Hoffers Lake Recreation Area. The fishing pier was pushed back into place again and new cable wires installed. More fertilizer will be purchased and applied. The hoop barn is in need of repairs also.

The following bills were approved as follows:

McLean-Sheridan Rural Water, \$126.03; Bentz Supply Store, \$166.31; Rough Rider Industries; \$398.50, Visa, \$299.87

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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Chairman