

County Commissioners Meeting March 6, 2012

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

Chairman Ehrman called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was sent to all board members my mail in advance of the meeting. It was approved by Commissioner Axt to approve minutes as sent in the mail, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The following Statements of fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for February, 2012:

County Recorder, fees, \$ 2,054.00
Sheriff, fees, \$570.04

The total miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of February, 2012:

General - \$7,270.40	County Road - \$ 9,151.00
Highway Dist. - \$ 19,202.87	Co. Ext. - \$975.99
911 - \$1,495.30	Senior Citizen - \$5,601.00

The February payroll warrants #39409-39439 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$ 26,052.65	Highway Dist. - \$13,140.02
Service Officer - \$337.50	County Agent - \$673.97
Weed Control - \$ 610.35	Civil Defense - \$487.50
911 - \$475.00	County Corrections - \$2,489.17
BCI- \$3,075.00	

The following bills #39449-39514 were approved for March and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,45.25; Bentz Supply Store, 20.09; Shirley A. Murray, 101.30;Howard Erdmann,59.67;WRT, 642.91;N.D. Assoc. Of Counties, 294.15; Uniform Center & Embroidery,12.98;Trent Naser,75.00;Tracy Stein,35.00;Eldon Ehrman,41.31; Cynthia D. Wahl;132.60;Dakota Fire Extinguishers,265.10; Office Depot,263.15; Birch Communications, Inc.,175.31; BHG, Inc.,245.22; Information Technology Dept.,1,333.60; Mclean County Sheriff's Office,110.00;Institute Of Local Gov't., 40.00; Centre Inc.,480.00;Bismarck Tire Center 136.44;D&J Oil, Inc., 854.20; John Deere Financial,19,365.28;Computer Software Assoc Inc. 57.00;Mercer Machine, 6.00; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,52.46;NAPA Auto Parts,538.77; Power Plan,91.85;Farmers Union Oil Co.,5.50;Community Memorial Hospital,25.00;NDSU Extension Service,9,244.20; The Union Grill And Bar,80.10; Delbert Hoffmann,75.00; ATCO International,118.00; Mechanics Plus,40.04;First District Health Unit,6,048.75; Sirchie Finger Print Lab, Inc.,46.62; OMB/ND Surplus Property,25.00; Dakota Central Social Services, 4,741.71; ND Weed Control Association, 275.00;Redwood Boitech Inc.,111.31; NRG, 192.90; James Paulus, 379.25; Garrison Diver Conserv Dist.,2,613.13; SRT Communications,

Inc.,17.08;Edney Distributing Co., Inc.,511.22; Severin, Ringsak & Morrow, 2,970.00; Verendrye Electric Coop.,144.00;Menards,135.65; Visa, 382.35;McClusky City,45.50; ES&S,70.95;National Imprint Corp.,124.10; Holen's Super Valu,86.60;WM Of WI-MN, 50.97; Daniel Reich,75.00;Verizon Wireless,354.25; LaQuinta Inns & Suites,75.55;HR Collaborative,125.00;Main Stay Suites,174.00;Shannon Dieterle,39.28;Mark John,418.60; Rick Koble,69.88;Anna Six,93.34;Fleet Services,273.64

Terry Traynor, ND Assoc. of Counties representative, and Cynthia D. Wahl, Tax Director, met with board to discuss property values and tax issues with the board.

The County Commissioners recessed at 10:00 a.m. for a public meeting in the Community Room.

The time being 10:00 a.m. a meeting with local entities in the Community Room of the Courthouse was held to explain on how the new property values were calculated by using the detailed soils data and reviewing the property tax measure that will be voted on the Primary Election ballot. Those present were: Cynthia D. Wahl, Tax Director; Wayne Houston, McClusky Rural Ambulance Dist.; Jon & Donald Hagen, Boone Twp Supervisors; Ed Coombs, Martin City Council member; Dorothy Estrada, Andrea Kluck, and Theresa Jorgensen, McClusky City Representatives; Cindy Miller and Robert Tolfeson, McClusky School Representatives; Tom Sauter, Water Resource Brd; Ronnie Krueger, landowner; Janice Erdman, County Treasurer; Delton & Betty Blumhagen, Strassburg Twp Rep.; Roy Kensmoe & Charles Netzloff, Prophets Twp. Reps.; Arlo Blumhagen, Rosenfield Twp Supervisor; Terry Traynor, ND. Assoc. of Counties Representative

Chairman Ehrman called the meeting to order and welcomed everybody for attending.

The Auditor explained the increase in the ag values for 2012 as handed out. Three main reasons were based on Production Data statewide averaged in the last ten years, Cost of Production index averaged in the last ten years, and the capitalization rate averaged in the last 12 years. When calculated all together the state averaged a 29% increase for 2012. Sheridan County seen a 31% increase. Overall the capitalization rate accounted for 26% of the 29% increase in land values.

Questions were asked from the audience if this means property taxes will increase that much then also. The Auditor reported as long the budgets from local entities do not request an increase in budgets from their last year budget than the taxes will not increase by much at all. The value of a mill will be worth more. So the local budgets will not need as many mills as they did the year before.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, explained the detail soils data is being implemented in Sheridan County as all other counties will be doing this assessment year as per legislation action passed two sessions ago. The details soils value is based upon the soils type and applying the average ag value per acre set by the Agribusiness and Applied Economics Dept of NDSU to the soils type in each parcel. There will be some properties that will go up in value and some that will go down in value based on the type of soil.

Terry Traynor, ND Assoc of Counties representative reviewed a handout on the facts about the ND Constitutional Measure #2 (Abolishing the authority of any government entity to raise taxes that are based on the valuation of property.) that will be voted on at the June 12th Primary Election.

The County Commission Meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Arlo Blumhagen, Rosenfield Twp. twp officer, met with the board to request who the chain of command is to go to with road issues. The County Commissioners stated that the Road Foreman is first in command and he will instruct the blade operator on any road work to be done. If this does not work than contact the County Commissioner in your district. Blumhagen inquired about the county road disk usage.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manger, met with the board to request an eligible authorization with the FCC for public safety frequencies. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve applying for authorization with the FCC for a public safety frequency for the emergency agencies in Sheridan County, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to elect to enter into a funding agreement with the ND Supreme Court for reimbursement of providing clerk services for 2013-2015 biennium, Seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the resignation from Eden McLeod as District assessor, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the county Commissioner meeting recessed for the Planning & zoning board meeting. The County Commissioner meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to appoint Earl Garbina as District Assessor for the following unorganized twps:

Johns Lake Twp., Hellman Twp., Lamont Twp., Mountain City Twp.,

seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann -yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reviewed the 2011 Sheridan County Financial Statement with the board. It was moved by Commissioner Erdman to approve the 2011 County Financial Statement as filed in the County Auditor's office for review, seconded by Commission Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to discuss criminal issues. Naser reported that a officer with the South Sakakawea Narcotics Task Force has resigned and they will be hiring another officer in the near future. The States Attorney options were discussed at this time. The cell phone reimbursement was discussed again. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve a \$30.00 cell phone monthly allowance to be reimbursed for each officer for their personal cell phone account usage due to being used also for Sheriff's office duties and cancel the Verizon sheriff office cell phones, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss road issues and equipment repairs. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the following load limit resolution and instruct the road foreman to post the load limit regulation signs when the state posts load limit signs up also, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt –yes, Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

LOAD LIMIT RESOLUTION

The Board of County Commissioners again appeals to the public for cooperation in observing LOAD LIMIT REGULATIONS on County Roads. Owing to the present conditions of the roads it is absolutely necessary to observe these restrictions if roads are to be saved this Spring:

SINGLE AXLE – 300 pounds per inch width of tire, plus 2,000 pounds, not to exceed 12,000 pounds

TANDEM AXLE – 300 pound per inch width of tires, not exceed 12,000 pounds per axle

In case road restrictions are not observed it will be necessary to enforce the law regarding such restrictions.

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It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve that the Chairman sign a permit to grant NDTC to bore across the Farm to Market roads to install a Fiber Optic cable and to work with the County on crossing any unorganized twp roads, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported that new culvert prices decreased by 5% for the new year except the 36 inch size went up 15%.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman