

County Commission Meeting March 1, 2016

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

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the minutes as sent in the mail, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann –yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The following Statement of Fees were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of February, 2016:

County Recorder, fees, \$1,425.00
Sheriff, fees \$250.00

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

General - \$ 16,628.08	Unorganized Rds. - \$ 74,863.35
Highway Dist. - \$16,997.63	Wireless 911 - \$1,601.70
911 - \$780.90	Senior Citizens - \$10,328.53

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

The February payroll warrants 65715-65743 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$ 32,580.48	Highway Dist. - \$16,356.80
Veteran Service Officer - \$441.61	County Agent - \$1,683.54
Civil Defense - \$609.33	911 - \$592.06
Veterans Van Service - \$296.75	

The following bills #65752-65809 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Bentz Supply Store,98.57;Shirley A. Murray,75.40;Howard Erdmann,108.46;WRT,761.40; Co-Op Elevator,3,251.61; N.D. Association Of Counties, 255.15;Andrea Lauer,52.00; Uniform Center, 51.46;N.D. State Radio Communication,120.00; Pro Forms,297.46;Butler Machinery Company, 209.78;Cynthia D. Wahl,148.48;Office Depot,275.75;Birch Communications, Inc.,136.84; Information Technology Dept., 494.05; McLean County Sheriff's Office, 2,200.00; Above And Beyond Plumbing, 132.75;C-Store,1.89; McLean-Sheridan Rur Water, 52.95;Elmer Jesme Conf. Of Counties,75.00;Napa Auto Parts,84.55; St. Alexius Medical Center,80.00; NDSU,49.00;Dept. Of Transportation, 2,539.71; Laurie Logsdon,53.19;Mechanics Plus, 39.72; Dakota Central Social Services, 15,789.56;ND Weed Control Association, 275.00; Steve Eisenbeisz, 108.46; Nicole Wardner, 492.92; After Prom Party, 100.00; NRG,127.05; PCS Mobile,465.59;James Paulus,113.29; Pocket Press, Inc.,20.48;NDTC, 29.24;SRT

Communications, Inc.,17.08; Ottertail,682.74; Mercer Co Sheriff's Dept., 60.00; Michael Axt,61.48; Severin, Ringsak & Morrow,2,800.00;Stein's Inc.,74.18;Ag Communication,100.00; McClusky Junior Class,50.00; H.A. Thompson & Sons,12,250.00; Menards,204.44, HACTC, 280.00; Frey Insurance Agency,490.00; Visa,850.06;Digital Ally. Inc.,40.00;Holen's Super Valu, 27.25; WM Of WI-MN, 69.95;Verizon Wireless,323.58; Ladd Erickson,121.80;Pharm Chem, Inc.,146.60

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to report that the assessors that are not certified yet, the tax director will need to sign off on the assessment books prior to the twp and city equalization meetings. Amounts of charges were discussed that tax directors in other counties charged to receive assessments by March 20th were kind of steep. It was moved by Commissioner Axt that the County approve charging \$100.00 to each organized twp. and city for the Tax Director to review their assessment books and sign off to certify assessment values are in order for the twp. and city equalization meetings as long as assessment books are received by March 24th and if assessment books are received after March 24th,the organized twps. and cities will be charged an additional \$400.00 late fee that will be all payable to the County, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. The Auditor will draft a letter to organized twps. and cities stating the fees above. Wahl requested if her comp time can be rolled over until able to use up after June equalization meeting. The Board stated they would allow the request being the short time frame.

Zachary Dosch, Bremer Bank representative from Bismarck, met with the board to discuss cash management options. Lynnette Fox, County Treasurer, was also present. Fox inquired about Bremer's bank interest rates and the grant programs that they offer. Dosch stated the Bremer's interest rates vary depending on the dollar amount and Diane Benjamin is the Bremer Bank contact person for the grant programs within the ND area.

Aaron Wick, WRT representative, met with the board to present a surveillance camera system proposal with labor and equipment costs. For an 8 channel system costs are \$6,920.00 with equipment and labor and for a 16 channel system costs are \$7,290.00 with equipment and labor. Sheriff Naser was present also to report that Tom Doesl with the intelligence of North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center (NDSLIC) can do a free assessment on security issues within the Courthouse and give a recommendation. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve NDSLIC to do a free assessment on security issues within the courthouse, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. Wick stated a lease option for a surveillance camera system may be available soon from WRT and the labor would stay the same price. The board recommended to hold off on a surveillance camera system from WRT until NDSLIC does a surveillance security assessment in the Courthouse. Axt requested that the County shops be included in the surveillance security assessment also. At this time the County Commission did a walk thru with Wick around the courthouse where possibly the cameras could be placed.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to bill Ronald Novak for the County road crew to move the fence line between sections 7 & 18 in Highland Twp. when the spring weather allows due to Novak has not moved the fence as instructed by the board two years ago, seconded by

Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes
Motion carried.

Sheriff Trent Naser, met with the board to inquire about County procedures of employee random drug testing esp. when the employee is not on schedule to work. The Auditor reported that Global Safety usually sends the auditor's office an alternate name at each drawing and this last drawing there was no alternate name stated. If there is a no show than the County pays a \$250.00 penalty.

An application for abatement of 2014 and 2015 taxes was filed by Michael Richter, Goodrich for removing the residential and commercial structure values on property in the N2NE4,NE4NW4 25-148-75. The abatement hearing was scheduled for April 5, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the following load limit resolution, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. The resolution will be published in the McClusky Gazette for two weeks.

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 to 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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STEVE EISENBEISZ, CHAIRMAN
HOWARD ERDMANN
MICHAEL AXT

Eisenbeisz reported he was contacted by Blake Schaan, ND Game & Fish Dept. to place dirt and gravel on a section line between sections 26 & 35 in Johns Lake Twp that costs would be covered 100% by ND Game & Fish Dept. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to contact A&G Const. to receive an estimate on the request from ND Game & Fish Dept to place material on a section line road in Johns Lake twp. before any work is agreed to, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

Commissioner Eisenbeisz stated that Randy Melom contacted him to build up the Merle Lehman driveway between Harris and Mt. City twp. line. Commissioner Axt stated Melom

contacted him also and Axt explained to him that Mt. City has no funds at this time, however; that if he wishes to do so on his own that he could as long as no other road is damaged in hauling the material.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the abatement filed by Roger Tessmann for 50% of the 2015 taxes due to applicant is eligible for Veteran Service Credit for on property located on Lots 1-2, Blk 4., Grethen's, E2 (32 ½ft.) of David Ave., Original, W2 (32 ½ ft.) of David Ave, Jasmann's, All of Blk. 2, Jasmann's addition all in Goodrich City, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported a petition was filed in her office from the Wells County Auditor for all property in Georgetown Twp., Martin Twp., Martin City, New Germantown Twp., and Berlin Twp. requesting to establish and annex onto the Harvey Ambulance Service District with a levy not to exceed 10 mills was reviewed and accepted with over 20% qualified electors signing the petition in those twps. and Martin City in which the measure will be placed on the June 14th, 2016 ballot to be voted upon in those areas.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve migrating the Topgun Tierra motorgrader GPS system from 2G devices to 3G-enabled devices for four units in the amount of \$792.00, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the County Commission meeting recessed for the planning and zoning meeting.

The County Commission meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Eisenbeisz to approve the recommendation of the zoning and planning board of approving a conditional use permit to mine gravel and set up a hot mix plant located in the SW4 Section 31-147-76 and SE4 Section 36-147-77, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Eisenbeisz – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

Alvin Gross, road foreman, met with the board to discuss replacing some more road signs in the County and the road restriction signs will be put up this week. The board instructed the road foreman to move the Ronald Novak fence line as per stated earlier in the meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the 2015 County Financial Statement, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to enter into a funding agreement with the ND Supreme Court for 2017-2019 biennium to receive reimbursement for providing clerk services, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to set up a committee with Annie Fylling, Auditor's office, Mike Axt and a road crew employee to review the updated employee manual and return back at May meeting with recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

Special County Commission Meeting March 15, 2016

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met in special session on call of Chairman Eisenbeisz at 10:30 a.m. Commissioners Steve Eisenbeisz and Howard Erdmann were present. Absent: Michael Axt

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to adopt the following Declaration immediately, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Declaration was adopted.

FIRE EMERGENCY AND BURN BAN DECLARATION
FOR
SHERIDAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

March 15, 2016

WHEREAS, Sheridan County, North Dakota has endured abnormally dry conditions compiled with high winds which have resulted in the potential for numerous rural fires; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in Sheridan County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available Sheridan County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners declares a Fire Emergency and comprehensive Burn Ban (to include a ban on campfires and garbage burning) to remain in effect until further notice. **Any individual who willfully violates this burn ban by local order NDCC 37-17.1-10.1 is guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor. The maximum penalties for a Class B Misdemeanor are up to 30 days in jail and up to a \$1,500 fine.**

Dated this 15th day March 2016, at Sheridan County, North Dakota.

Shirley A. Murray, Auditor
Sheridan County

Steve Eisenbeisz, Chairman
Sheridan County Commission

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

Special Sheridan County Commission Meeting

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 8:00 p.m. in special session on call of the Chairman. Commissioners present were Steve Eisenbeisz, Michael Axt, and Howard Erdmann. Others present were: Allan Tinker, McClusky Gazette Editor

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the meeting to order. The board met to reconsider a new burn ban declaration. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to cancel the previous comprehensive burn ban declaration and adopt the following burn ban declaration that is linked to the ND Rangeland Fire Danger Index, seconded by Commissioner Eisenbeisz. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – nay, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

FIRE EMERGENCY AND BURN BAN DECLARATION FOR SHERIDAN COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

March 22, 2016

WHEREAS, Sheridan County, North Dakota has endured abnormally dry conditions compiled with high winds which have resulted in the potential for numerous rural fires; and

WHEREAS, all available resources remain committed to protecting life and property; and

WHEREAS, the impact of fires could threaten the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in Sheridan County; and

WHEREAS, the cost of response and the inordinate equipment wear may be far in excess of available Sheridan County resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Sheridan County Commissioners declares a Fire Emergency and Burn Ban (to include a ban on campfires and garbage burning) remain in effect when the North Dakota Rangeland Fire Danger Index is in the Very High or Extreme Index and/or a Red Flag Warning has been issued for Sheridan County, North Dakota until further notice. **Any individual who willfully violates this burn ban by local order NDCC 37-17.1-10.1 is guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor. The maximum penalties for a Class B Misdemeanor are up to 30 days in jail and up to a \$1500 fine.**

DATED this 22nd day of March 2016, at Sheridan County, North Dakota.

Shirley A. Murray, Auditor
Sheridan County

Steve Eisenbeisz, Chairman
Sheridan County Commission

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Planning & Zoning Meeting
March 1, 2016

The Board of Sheridan County Planning & Zoning board met at 2:00 p.m. County Planning Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Arthur Waltz, Eldon Ehrman, and Thomas Sauter. Others present: Michael Axt and Steve Eisenbeisz, County Commissioners; Sandy Blanes, McClusky Gazette reporter, Ronnie Krueger, land owner, and Jeff Brooks, Knife River Materials, Bemidji, MN. Absent: Karen Konschak, Bonita Kluck, and Roberta Hunt.

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

The first order of business was to elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. It was moved by Planning Commissioner Ehrman to elect Howard Erdmann as Chairman and Thomas Sauter as Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board for the ensuing year, seconded by Planning Commissioner Arthur Waltz. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Waltz – yes, Sauter – yes, Ehrman – yes, Motion carried.

Chairman Erdmann turned the meeting over to Jeff Brooks, Knife River Materials, representative. Brooks reported Knife River Materials, Bemidji, MN, was awarded upgrading the 5 miles of road north of McClusky and that is why an application for a conditional use permit was applied for to mine gravel and set up a hot mix plant located in the SW4 Section 31-147-76 and SE4 Section 36-147-77 that is owned by Troy Stein. County Commissioner Axt inquired why Knife River Materials is requesting to set up another gravel pit when there are two other gravel pits in the area. Brooks stated that it came down to the quality of gravel. Brooks stated that possibly the pit may stay open after the north road project is done if material is still available and if landowner Troy Stein agrees to do that. Brooks explained in order for Knife River Materials to get paid, the County and Knife River Materials both need to sign off a prior inspection report and an after inspection report of the road project and haul road is in satisfactory condition. Dust control will be controlled by two magnesium chloride applications on the haul road by Ronnie Krueger residence. The north road project may start mid-June with hauling of gravel starting in July. It was moved by Planning Commissioner Ehrman to approve the conditional use permit to Knife River Materials for mining a gravel pit and setting up a hot mix plant located in the SW4 Section 31-147-76 and SE4 Section 36-147-77 to be used for the north McClusky road project, seconded by Planning Commissioner Waltz. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Waltz – yes, Sauter – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman