

County Commission Meeting February 6, 2007

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. County Commissioners present were Shirley J. Jorgensen, Eldon Ehrman, and Howard Erdmann.

Chairperson Shirley Jorgensen called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

The following Statements of Fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds for January, 2007:

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,090.25
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$856.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$448.00

The following miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of January, 2007:

General – \$33,026.84	Human Services - \$2,877.59
Unorganized Rd. Dist. - \$14,483.87	Secondary Road - \$2,703.00
County Road - \$291.75	Highway Dist. - \$20,703.76
County Extension - \$396.00	Weed Control - \$ 628.15
911 - \$852.15	Wireless 911 - \$637.82

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

The January payroll warrants #30793-30825 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$19,232.18	Service Officer - \$241.66
County Agent - \$760.57	Civil Defense - \$400.00
911 - \$387.50	Highway Dist. - \$11,604.82
Human Services - \$4,641.50	

The following bills #30839-30917 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv, 41.55; Dakota Communications, 75.00; Walter M. Lipp, 233.34; McClusky Gazette, 12.75; Howard Erdmann, 77.52; Choice Financial Group, 5,202.17; West River Telecommunications, 1,349.42; Co-Op Elevator, 3,759.55; Doug's Auto Body, 412.79; N.D. Association Of Counties, 4,622.63; Sylvia Schell, 15.00; Waste Management Of ND, 39.17; Reule's Super Value, 258.29; ND Clerk Of Court Assoc, 60.00; N.D. State Radio Communication, 1,021.20; Eldon Ehrman, 90.06; Butler Machinery Company, 12.07; Burnie's 192.58; Herb Neuharth Plumbing, 21.45; Office Depot, 378.41; Cenex Credit Card, 74.90; Birch Telecom, 79.13; BHG, Inc., 358.13; Information Technology Dept., 375.00; Shirley J Jorgensen, 10.26; C-Store, 8.38; D&J Oil, Inc., 3,765.01; Lawson Products, 164.09; Caterpillar Financial Services, 19,858.54; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water, 70.89; NAPA Auto Parts, 71.72; Power Plan, 48.88; Farmers Union Oil Co., 437.38; AllTel, 195.75; Crystal Schaunaman, 71.41; Diane Fylling, 24.34; ND Co Recorders Assoc., 75.00; ND States Attorney Assoc., 250.00; ND VSO Assoc., 40.00; Zircon Construction Inc., 55,337.50; Mechanics Plus, 12.00; First District Health Unit, 350.00; Alberta Voegele, 40.51; North Country Bank, 28.00; Tony Volochenko Jr., 220.00; Dakota Prairies RC & D, 300.00; Northland Community Health Center, 41.00; ND Surplus Property, 21.00; Little Falls Machine, Inc., 44.05; Hagemeyer North America, 43.03; Tesoro Fleet Services, 60.55; Eide Ford, 7.00; ND Dept Of Corrections, 150.00; NCCRC, 220.00; Medcenter One Occupational, 25.00; Earl Garbina, 70.00; ND Weed Control Assoc., 147.50; Myron Dieterle, 275.40; James Haux, 60.80; Marilyn Schneider, 228.96; South Sakakawea Task Force, 4,250.00; NDTC, 11.46; SRT Communications, Inc., 12.88; Holen Construction, 4,942.45; RV Enterprises, 23,563.00; Kimberly Baird, 52.00; Amber Couterberry, 25.00; Jordan Ridl, 91.75; Alberta Strobel, 152.00; Tyler Post, 41.20; Debra Mortenson, 136.00; Jerica Jesz, 46.35; Brandon Mortenson, 51.50; Andrew Roubal, 41.20

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to pay \$55,337.50 to Zircon Const for partial payment of crushing gravel from last year, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes. Motion carried.

Crystal Schuanaman, County Agent, met with the board to request attendance of one of the Board members to attend her evaluation with the NDSU District Director that is coming up soon. Commissioner Erdmann or Ehrman will serve on the County Agent evaluation committee. Schuanaman reported on Annie's Project classes with attendance of 16 women. Annie's Project is for farm women who want to learn how to be better business partners on the farm. It is held at the McClusky high school with the ITV being utilized. Ag day will be held on February 20th in McClusky from 9:00 – 4:00 that is conducted by the Sheridan Assoc. in conjunction with Unity Insurance Agency's. The top speaker from the Underwood Ethanol plant will be present.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the raffle permit to the Sheridan County 4-H Council to conduct a penny chance drawing with the gaming proceeds to cover expenses for 4-H events, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor presented the letter from the N.D. Governor's office that declined the Ducks Unlimited request to acquire 2,320 acres in Sheridan County.

The application for abatement of 2006 taxes filed by Joann Rittenbach for Homestead Credit for on Lots 1,2,3, Block 5, North, McClusky City was reviewed and the hearing was set for March 6, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to discuss setting up the detailed soils Committee. One or two representatives from each township should be on the Committee. The County Commission will make contacts to interested landowners that wish to serve on the detailed soils committee in each township of their Commission District by the March regular Commission meeting. The landowners who agree to serve on the detailed soils committee will receive a notice to attend an informational meeting at 1:00 p.m. March 14th at the Courthouse community room to start the detailed soils process.

Wayne Houston and Sherry Korus, McClusky Rural Ambulance representatives, met with the board to discuss the concept of the new ambulance building possibly to be built on the Courthouse grounds. The ND State Historical Society was contacted and has some concerns with color of the building and if it will be a privately owned building. More information on the building bids to be let is being investigated by the States Attorney and waiting to hear back from the ND Historical Society on their concerns. The States Attorney did later report back that if the building cost estimate is over \$100,000, bids need to be received according to the NDCC.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the NDACo technical support agreement for 2007 in the amount of \$4,080.00, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes. Motion carried.

It was moved Commissioner Erdmann to approve the Chemsearch boiler treatment agreement for 2007 without the descaler chemical as recommended by the boiler insurance inspector, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann –yes, Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the hearing on the application for abatement of 2004 taxes filed by Lester Buenning on Outlot 1 of NE4NW4 7-149-74 for homestead credit was held. Beverly Buenning was present. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the Homestead Credit application for abatement of 2004 taxes, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

At this time the application for abatement of 2005 taxes filed by Allan Tinker for property in Harris Twp. was reviewed and discussed further with Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, and Walter M. Lipp, States Attorney. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to reject the abatement due to insufficient evidence, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

The County Auditor presented the 2006 County Financial Statement to the Commissioners for review and was found in order.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss road and equipment issues.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Shirley A. Murray, Auditor

Shirley Jorgensen, Chairman