

Commissioners Meeting June 5, 2007

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

Chairperson Jorgensen called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

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

County Recorder, Fees, \$2,053.00
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$530.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$731.00

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

General Fund - \$3,490.69	Unorganized Rd. Dist. - \$1,034.06
County Road - \$4,803.44	Highway Dist. - \$10,181.23
County Park - \$380.00	S.S. & OASIS - \$665.73
County Ext. - \$25.00	Weed Control - \$168.83
911 - \$853.10	Wireless 911 - \$636.43

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

The May payroll warrants #31373-31405 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund - \$21,472.18	Service Officer - \$241.66
County Agent - \$760.57	Civil Defense - \$400.00
911 - \$387.50	Highway Dist. - \$11,272.49
County Park - \$592.50	

The following bills #31418-31478 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,42.05;Dakota Communications,37.50; Bentz Supply Store, 208.07; Walter M. Lipp,87.31; Shirley A. Murray,66.90; Howard Erdmann,177.08;Choice Financial Group,4,925.00; West River Telecommunications, 905.45;CO-OP Elevator,20.50;N.D. Association Of Counties, 327.07; Unity Insurance Agency, Inc,7,762.00;Official Payments Corp, 165.00; Sylvia Schell, 20.00;Waste Management Of ND,79.68;Tracy Laib,98.80;Eldon Ehrman, 172.90;Burnie's, 250.33; Fireside Office Plus,48.80;Office Depot,70.29; Cenex Credit Card, 62.01;Birch Telecom,100.85; BHG, Inc.,449.92;Sam's Service,55.14;Information Technology Dept.,375.00; Mclean County Sheriff's Office,120.00;Shirley J Jorgensen,133.00; Institute Of Local Gov't,160.00;Centre Inc,480.00;C-Store,136.97;Bismarck Tire Center,299.80;D&J Oil, Inc.3,058.64; Lawson Products,11.24;Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,83.47;NAPA Auto Parts, 224.02;Schaeffer's Service,11.00;Nodak Agency Inc.,18.00;Alltel,198.45; Crystal Schaunaman, 55.84;Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender,134.23;ND Surplus Property,55.00; Redwood Biotech Inc., 220.00; ND Dept. Of Transportation,10.00; Chemsearch,471.73; NDACO Resource Group, 3,832.35;Northland Construction,300.00;Johnson's Wrecking,100.00;Statewide Services Inc., 2,510.00; McClusky Auto Glass,129.46; NDTC,18.20; SRT Communications, Inc.,12.88; Menards,128.53;Paul E. Stober,198.30;ILG.,4,820.00;Bismarck Ramkota Hotel, 50.00; Reds Fixit Shop, LLC.,3,010.00

The following transfer of funds was approved:

\$145.00, Unorganized Rd. Districts to County Road, installing signs

The time being 9:30 a.m. the hearing on the application of abatement for 2006 taxes for Wilmer Hoffer on residential structure located on Lots 3,4,5,6, Blk. 2, Hamilton's Addition, McClusky City was held. Wilmer Hoffer stated his grievances that his structure value is not in

comparison with other like property. Tax Director, Cynthia D. Wahl, stated proof of age and footage is needed on other like structures to compare for values. No proof of information was presented and a new abatement would need to be filed with McClusky City to start the abatement process over being the City has acted on the abatement already. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to deny the abatement due to no evidence provided, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

Orrin Holen, Holen Const., met with the board to present flyers of their Auction sale coming up if the County is interested in culverts, etc. Flyers will be distributed to the Road Foreman.

The time being 10:00 a.m. the hearing on the application of abatement for 2006 taxes for Walter Kukert on residential property located on West 65' of Lots 13 & 14, Blk. 5, Original, McClusky City was held. No one appeared for objection. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the abatement due to they are eligible for Homestead Credit, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

Commission Ehrman rescinded his motion from Feb 7th meeting on the Lester Buenning abatement. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the Lester Buenning abatement only at the maximum taxable value of 2000 that the State allowed for in 2004, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdman – yes, Jorgensen –yes Motion carried.

The time being 10:30 a.m. a hearing was held on commercial property in Goodrich City that was omitted from the 2007 assessment list. No one appeared for objection. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve adding the following omitted commercial property to the 2007 assessment list: Lots 9 & 10, Blk. 2 Original, and Lots 1-2-3, and Lots 10-11-12, Blk. 1, West, all in Goodrich City for a total true and full value of \$26,920, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

The time being 11:00 a.m. the County Commission recessed for the County Park Board meeting.

The County Commission meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Bradco Restoration, Fergus Falls, was contacted by speakerphone to discuss the south exterior wall of the Courthouse. Issues of dissatisfaction of repairs were discussed in length. Investigation will be discussed further with the States Attorney. Other estimates will be received from other vendors by the Auditor.

The County Liability, Vehicle, and Equipment Insurance policies were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the County Liability Insurance Policy with Unity Insurance, McClusky; County Vehicle Insurance Policy with Choice Financial Insurance, Goodrich; and the County Equipment Insurance Policy with Nodak Agency, McClusky; seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – 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 3:00 P.M.

Kari Dohrmann – Centre, Inc, Community Service Program Supervisor, met with the board to report on Legislative issues that service fees will be sent to Centre, Inc to help operating cost, however; the judges may defray these charges. There were 3 defenders in Sheridan County for 2006 that received a total of 45 hours of community service that was 100% completed. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to continue the Community Service with Centre, Inc. for another year at \$480.00 per quarter, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to adopt the following resolution for implementing a prescription drug discount program, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Sheridan County is a member in good standing with the National Association of Counties (NACO) and is eligible to participate in this program; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to offer this drug discount card program to help Sheridan County consumers save money on their prescription medications any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance; and

WHEREAS, the drug card is not insurance, but entitles the cardholder to the negotiated discount price on prescription medications when used at participating retail pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, County residents, regardless of age, income or existing health conditions may use the cards immediately upon receipt; and

WHEREAS, there is no enrollment form, no membership fee, and no restrictions on limits or frequency of use; and

WHEREAS, the discount cards will be made available throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, the discount card can be used by the county jail for prescription drugs of inmates, thus saving tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, this program will benefit the citizens of Sheridan County by helping to reduce participants' costs for obtaining a variety of prescription medications,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners authorizes the execution of the Managed Pharmacy Benefit Services Agreement between Sheridan County as member of the National Association of Counties (NACO) and Caremark PCS Health, L.P. for participation in a prescription drug discount card program.

Dated this 5th day June, 2007

ATTEST:

Auditor

Chairperson

Commissioner

Commissioner

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to discuss how much time that the soils committee members will be working with the detail soils maps in order to figure out the compensation for them. Compensation will be tabled until the maps are downloaded to see what it will all entail. Commissioners Ehrman and Erdmann will be serving on the Soils Committee also.

The Auditor reviewed the HB1332 with the board that reduces the amount of time that a property tax bill can go without payment from the current 57 months (5 year) to 33 months (3 year) and allow a waiver of penalties and interest if the Board of Commissioners makes a resolution to that effect. At this time the Sheridan County Commissioners will not waive any penalties and interest on any delinquent taxes.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, met with the board to report that the State Emergency Dept. audited the Homeland Security monies and looked at the equipment purchased and everything was found in order. The board inquired to Houston about installing another phase of 911 signing. Houston has been investigating what roads to be included in the next phase of 911 signing. The Denhoff siren will be installed soon that was provided through Homeland Security monies. The McClusky sirens were installed and tested last month for public assistance warnings.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss mowing and gravel issues. Tarring will be done when Butch Korschak returns back to work. The New Holland tractor has arrived to be rented for up to 250 hours at no cost through a lease with the ND Assoc. of Counties. Liability and damage insurance is the County's responsibility on the tractor and is insured for already.

The Auditor reported that she will be attending the Auditor's Association Convention June 13th-15th at Belcourt.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to request purchase of two used light bars at \$500.00 each and 350.00 each to install them and a light bar kit at \$250.00 each. The 4 old police vehicle light bars can be sold and possibly receive \$1,000 back. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve purchasing and installing two used light bars and two light bar kits at the above prices from Electronic Communications, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairperson

County Park Commission Meeting June 5, 2007

The Board of County Park Commissioners met at 11:00 A.M. Park Commissioners present were Arlington Helm, Marlin Engen, Howard Erdmann, Eldon Ehrman, and Shirley J. Jorgensen Also present: Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent

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

Helm reported the trees have not been replanted yet. Robert Jorgensen was contacted to replant trees. Commissioner Ehrman stated he has small trees he can give also. The port-a-potty's and outdoor restrooms were cleaned by Lamm's. Engen will contact Lamm again to order another port-a-potty to be placed by the hoop barn and instruct Lamm to have port-a-potty's cleaned every two weeks.

The Auditor presented the American flag to Helm to install a flag pole at the 4-H building.

Schaunaman is still investigating electrical estimates for outlets to be installed in the hoop barn. The shooting club that has been organized for two years is searching for a shooting area for shooting clay pigeons, etc. The Park Commissioners suggested using the County owned property by rural Denhoff area where the Sheriff's office has used the same property also for their practice shooting rather than at Hoffer's Lake Recreation Area.

The cultivator and an old disk will be hauled out by Marlin Engen.

The following bills were approved and paid:

McLean-Sheridan Rural Water, \$41.00; Bentz Supply Store, \$83.48; Fireside Office, \$39.50; C-Store, \$71.27

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman

COUNTY EQUALIZATION MEETING JUNE 5TH, 2007

The Sheridan County Board of Equalization met at 2:00 p.m. Members present were Shirley J. Jorgensen, Eldon Ehrman, and Howard Erdmann. Also present was James Haux and Sherril Houser, assessors, Kristen Engel, co-landowner, Marlin Engen, co-landowner, and Cynthia D. Wahl, Director of Tax Equalization.

Chairperson Jorgensen called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was the equalization of residential property. The assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 428,269. This is an increase of 4.91% from last year. The Auditor reported the residential tolerance factor is at 100%, so it is right on with the State. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the residential values as is, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon Roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

The second order of business was the equalization of commercial property. The assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 260,300. This is an increase of 1.92% from last year. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. Wahl reported the total Commercial Value factor was at 101% and was within the 5% tolerance allowed by State also. Marlin Engen inquired about increase in his land value. Haux stated that his property in question is where his used equipment is setting and is classified commercial due to connected with his tractor salvage business. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann that no changes be made to the commercial property, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The third order of business was the equalization of agriculture property. The Auditor reported that no increase was applied to the agriculture property in January due to the average values were within the tolerance factor according to the State Tax Commissioners Office at that time. The assessments as returned by the assessors and local boards were reported by the County Auditor for a total taxable valuation of 5,706,837 that includes 562,488.02 taxable acres. The State average per acre for Sheridan County according to the State Tax Dept. was set at \$215.22 per acre. The Auditor reported either an increase County wide of 2% will need to be applied now or when the State Board of Equalization meets in August they will instruct a 3% increase at that time being the State Board of Equalization only allow 3% tolerance at the time of their State Board of Equalization Meeting. All present were given the opportunity to be heard. Kirsten Engel inquired about their property that was increased in value. James Haux reported that the property in question was assessed at non-crop acres before and now is being assessed at just crop acres according to NRCS maps, so the crop acres are assessed more. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to increase the agricultural property by 2% for 2007 year for a total taxable valuation of 5,821,079 and the County average value at 206.95 per acre in order to be within the 5% tolerance allowed by State Tax Commissioner Office, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote Ehrman-yes, Jorgensen – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The Senior Citizens Homestead tax credit and disabled tax credit applications were reviewed. The County Auditor reported there were 14 Homestead tax credit applications filed. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann that the applications be approved as returned by the assessors and City and Twp. Boards, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call – Erdmann- yes, Jorgensen – yes, Ehrman – yes Motion carried.

The County Auditor presented the ND State Land Abstract covering 1,351.80 acres for a total True & Full Value of 258,530 with the new 2% increase included subject to assessment in lieu of ad valorem tax and ND Game & Fish Abstract covering 26,389.41 acres for a total True & Full Value of 5,361,922 with the new 2% increase included subject to assessment in lieu of ad valorem tax. Also the Nonprofit organizations for conservation purposes abstract covering 9,957.43 acres for a total true & full Value of 1,031,730 with the new 2% increase included. Nature Conservancy owns 7,003.43 acres and Ducks Unlimited owns 2,954.00 acres. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the ND State Land, ND Game & Fish land, and nonprofit organizations for conservation purposes abstracts of valuations on file in the Auditor's Office, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, updated on the detailed soil survey process. A Soils Committee has been appointed and they have had their first meeting on May 30th. One modifier is being discussed to be possibly used at this time – water. Maps will be downloaded from the NRCS office for the soils committee members to work with.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

County Auditor

Chairperson

County Commissioners Meeting June 11, 2007

The Board of County Commissioners met at 1:15 p.m. on call of the Chairperson. Commissioners present were Shirley J. Jorgensen, Howard Erdman, and Eldon Ehrman. Others present: Walter Lipp, States Attorney

Commissioner Chairperson called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss what to do about unsatisfied repairs that have been done on the South exterior Courthouse wall project by Bradco Restoration, Inc., Fergus Falls, MN. Bradco was contacted by speakerphone to discuss the Courthouse exterior wall repairs. Lipp, on behalf of the County Commissioners, proposed to Bradco that the County will only pay for the remaining County's share of \$4,400.00 out of the total remaining grant amount of \$7,400.00 to terminate the contract. Bradco stated he wants to finish the Courthouse wall project to make it right and will approve accepting just the \$4,400.00 from the County to redo the color and texture even if the ND State Historical Society does not approve the project for their remaining \$3,000.00 share of the grant and if ND State Historical Society approves the project he will receive the remaining \$3,000.00 at that time. Lipp will send a letter to Bradco stating the above terms that have been agreed to.

The following bill was approved and paid:

\$649.50, Jerry Seeklander, conducting Sheriff SFST Basic Training Class

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Auditor

Chairperson