

County Commission Meeting March 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 J. 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 February, 2007:

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,090.00
Clerk of Court, Fees, \$410.00
Sheriff, Fees, \$351.40

The total Miscellaneous Receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of February, 2007:

General – \$3,829.56	Secondary Road - \$3,621.00
County Road - \$7,954.58	Highway Dist. - \$12,574.26
S.S. & OASIS - \$321.95	Weed Control - \$167.66
911 -\$852.15	Wireless 911 - \$652.60

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

The February payroll warrants #30958-30986 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$19,176.18	Veteran Service Officer - \$241.66
County Agent Fund - \$760.57	Civil Defense - \$400.00
911 - \$387.50	Highway Dist. - \$11,272.49
Social Welfare - \$5,305.02	

The following bills #31013-31085 were approved for March and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv., 83.10; Bentz Supply Store, 19.56; Walter M. Lipp, 39.09; McClusky Gazette, 12.75; McClusky Rexall, 1.73; Shirley A. Murray, 54.40; Howard Erdmann, 84.74; WRT, 656.29; N.D. Assoc. Of Counties, 261.04; City Of McClusky, 30.50; Waste Management Of N.D., 38.81; Eldon Ehrman, 40.66; Dakota Fire Extinguishers, 168.00; TSC, 7.40; Herb Neuharth Plumbing, 37.56; Fireside Office Plus, 12.45; Cenex Credit Card, 154.23; Birch Telecom, 104.25; BHG, Inc., 330.28; Information Technology Dept., 375.00; Shirley J Jorgensen, 42.18; McCusky Postmaster, 204.00; Institute Of Local Gov't, 180.00; Centre Inc, 480.00; NDEMA, 30.00; Bismarck Tire Center, 160.00; D&J Oil, Inc., 3,866.15; Lawson Products, 39.65; Korschak Oil Inc., 1,793.93; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water, 75.79; Napa Auto Parts, 56.03; Power Plan, 270.91; Decatur Electronics Inc, 48.00; Alltel, 196.33; NDSU Extension Service, 8,320.00; Crystal Schaunaman, 60.04; NDSU, 35.00; Midwest Graphics & Signs, 90.00; Zircon Construction Inc., 39,662.50; Mechanics Plus, 54.94; NCCRC, 55.00; ND Surplus Property, 27.50; Dakota Central Social Services, 1,406.37; Insight Public Sector, 7,684.00; Interstate Batteries, 79.65; Bob's Photo, 8.95; ND Youth Correctional Center, 1,576.08; NDLTAP, 150.00; ND Weed Control Association, 120.00; Redwood Biotech Inc., 200.00; ND 911 Assoc., 10.00; Chemsearch, 471.73; Midwest Business Systems, 337.55; Alvin Gross, 40.56; Zones Corporate Solutions, 458.44; Seatol, 1,250.00; Slide Lock Tool Co, Inc., 75.37; NDSU Ext Ag & Natural Resource, 90.00; NDTC, 11.47; SRT Communications, Inc., 12.88; Menards, 17.64; RV Enterprises, 3,951.00; Insight Public Sector, 3,494.60; Alberta Strobel, 168.00; Tyler Post, 41.20; Debra Mortenson, 144.00; Jerica Jesz, 51.50; Brandon Mortenson, 51.50; Andrew Roubal, 41.20

The following transfer of funds was approved as follows:

\$42,400.00, Unorganized Rd. Districts to County Road – Annual Road Maintenance

The Commission presented a list of names to represent the Sheridan County Soils Committee. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to compensate \$10.00 plus mileage to soils committee members for attending meetings that will be paid out of the unorganized rd. districts for those members that are from their unorganized road districts and the organized twps pay their own representatives, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

The time being 10:30 a.m. the County employees met with the board to discuss the County Fleet vehicle use guidelines. Insurance coverage issues will be investigated further. Fuel will be filled at D-N-J Amoco for after hour convenience. Oil changes will be done by the County Road crew after every 3,000 miles. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve that the County employees use the 1996 Crown Victoria to attend County associated meetings and that the fuel will be charged against each department budget when vehicle is used and that the tire repairs,etc will be billed to the General Fund under the County Fleet vehicle account and also that County employees who do not use the County vehicle for attending meetings will still receive the regular County mileage rate, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

Crystal Schaunaman, County Agent, met with the board to report on County Extension activities. Ag Day had low attendance due to other events were scheduled the same day. Schaunaman’s evaluation with the District NDSU Director was re-scheduled to March 13th.

Gordy Strandemo, Sanitary Plumbing & Heating, Mandan, met with the board to discuss hot water heating system verses the current steam heat system that is in the Courthouse. The board requested that Sanitary Plumbing send an estimate of what the costs would be to change over to a hot water heat boiler system for the Courthouse. Hot water heat could be run on dual electricity / fuel oil.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to appoint Sylvia Schell to the Housing Authority Board effective immediately, 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 load limit resolution, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Resolution adopted.

LOAD LIMIT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, County and Secondary Roads in Sheridan County, North Dakota, are being damaged and are in danger of being destroyed by reason of snow, rain, and climatic conditions, and;

WHEREAS, It is necessary that load restrictions be made limiting the weight of loads on said County and Secondary Roads,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, North Dakota, that no loads shall be hauled over or upon said highways or roads when the same are properly staked as provided in Section 39-12-03 of the North Dakota Century Code as follows: Where the weight exceeds – Single Axle – 300 pounds per square inch width of tire, plus 2000 pounds, not to exceed 12,000 pounds. Tandem axle – 300 pounds per square inch of width of tire, not to exceed 12,000 pounds per axle.

ATTEST:

Auditor

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

The time being 1:30 p.m. the Planning & Zoning Commission met. The Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Karen Korschak, Choice Financial Insurance agent, was present after the County Planning board met upon the board's request. Insurance questions were asked to Korschak on coverage for the County Employees on the County Fleet vehicle. Only the County employees listed as designated drivers are allowed to drive County vehicles in order to be covered by the County insurance policy.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the abatement hearing for Joanne Rittenbach was held. Cynthia Wahl was present and stated Rittenbach was eligible for 100% Homestead credit as provided for in her application. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the application for abatement of 2005 and 2006 taxes filed by Joanne Rittenbach for on Lots 1-2-3, Block 5, North, McClusky City being she is eligible for Homestead Credit seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Motion carried.

The application for Abatement of 2006 taxes filed by Ruth Sauter on E2 Lot 7, All of Lots 8-9-10, Blk. 2, Grethen's, Goodrich City was considered and the hearing was scheduled for April 3rd, at 2:00 p.m.

The Chairman announced a letter was received from the Court Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee stating that the Grant in the amount of \$2,797 was awarded to Sheridan County for blinds and sound panels in the Courtroom. The County's cost is 932.25 or 25% of the cost. The Auditor was instructed to order the blinds and sound panels from the estimates received.

The time being 2:30 p.m. the Upper Sheyenne Joint Water Board Members, Sheridan County Water Board Members, Wells County Water Board Members, SCSD, NRCS, GDCD, and McClusky City and County Officials met in the Community Room with the County Commissioners. Dave Koland, GDCD representative, reported on the history and need of water to the Red River Valley area and explained the different alternative routes that GDCD has looked at and each one has been denied access. A pipeline from Hoffers Lake to Lake Ashtubula (north of Valley City) would cost around 700 million. Costs would be paid by Federal funds, State funds, and users of the pipeline system. Importing water would be used mostly when in the dry years. The Canadians request that the water be treated before entering into the Missouri River drainage area, therefore; a treatment plant would be constructed at Hoffers Lake. A timeline of possibly 3-6 years for pipeline to be completed, if everything is approved yet this year by U.S. Congress. Benefits for Sheridan County would be construction workers to stay and patronize the communities in the area while constructing treatment plant site & installing pipeline in the area. No new revenues would be projected due to the water treatment plant would be constructed on Bureau land and water pipeline is not taxed at this time. The Devils Lake outlot was questioned why that water is not piped out to the Red River Valley area. Koland responded that Devils Lake goes dry in the dry cycle years and it would need to be pumped rather than gravity fed from the McClusky canal.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to report that the 2000 Chevy Impala started on fire earlier in the day when it was started. Insurance coverage will be investigated. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the agreement with youth corrections in the amount of \$146 per day, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the Mechanics Plus estimate of \$635.00 in fire damage on the 2000 Chevy Impala and that repairs be done, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll vote - Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried. Naser reported on a issue with the laptops that were purchased. Hidden fees of \$100.00 for one time installation and a \$25.00 per computer per month fee on laptops for in the Sheriff's vehicles was just found out by other Sheriff departments and other departments are not sure what they will do. Possible homeland security monies for next year may be able to go towards this extra expense. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve that the Sheriff's office still start the set up of their laptops, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote - Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried. Naser requested to purchase a new pager. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve purchase of a new pager through Homeland Security monies, seconded by Commissioner

Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve installing wireless internet service in the Courthouse for \$141.00 by NDACo, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

Joyce H. Dockter, County Recorder, met with the board to discuss purchasing a lighter ladder for her office to access the recording books on the top shelves. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to purchase a lighter ladder, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

Cynthia Wahl, Tax Director, met with the board to discuss the upcoming Soils Committee informational meeting on Wednesday, March 14th at 1:00 p.m. Cindy Melby, Wells County Tax Director will conduct the information meeting.

The Auditor reported that her office will be attending the HAVA central voter file workshop March 13-16th in Bismarck.

Wayne Houston, Emergency Manager, met with the board to present the Memorandum of Understanding. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as filed in the Auditor's office, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to discuss the 2007 culvert prices increased by 18% from last year. The load limit regulations will be installed next week.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote: Erdman – yes, Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes Resolution was declared adopted.

RESOLUTION ON STATE REVENUE ALLOCATED TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS SB 2322 AND HB 1447

WHEREAS, All political subdivisions in North Dakota have been financially hard-pressed by the State mandated requirement to provide services, by increasing costs and by the necessity of relying upon the property tax for the primary source of revenue;

WHEREAS, past sessions of the State Legislature have reduced the percentage of State revenue allocated to political subdivisions, including Counties;

WHEREAS, SB2322 and HB1447 in the 2007 session of the State Legislature would have restored State funding of political subdivisions, including Counties, to previous levels;

WHEREAS, Restoration of funding from revenue sources controlled by the State would allow political subdivisions, including Counties, to continue to provide essential services at current levels while reducing the property tax levy;

WHEREAS, the North Dakota State Senate and the North Dakota State House of Representatives have defeated both SB2322 and HB1447 which would have restored funding to political subdivisions, including Counties, and reduced the need to rely on the property tax for revenue;

WHEREAS, the failure to restore funding to political subdivisions will require political subdivisions to rely on the property tax to provide the funds to satisfy increased mandates for service placed upon the State's political subdivisions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Sheridan County Commission requests that the North Dakota State Legislature reconsider its decision to reject SB2322 and HB1447 without having a plan to restore the funding to political subdivisions which these bills would have provided;

That the Sheridan County Commission requests that the North Dakota Association of Counties, and each and every County Commission in the State, contact every State Legislator in the 2007 session to ask them how they voted on SB2322 and HB1447 and to explain their vote to the people of the respective Counties, Townships, Cities and other political subdivisions adversely effected by the rejection of these measures; and,

That the North Dakota Association of Counties and the North Dakota County Commissioners Association work with the members of the 2007 Legislative Assembly to restore State funding to political subdivisions to allow them to reduce their reliance on the property tax for revenue.

Dated at McClusky, ND this 6th day of March, 2007 by the Sheridan County Commission.

Attest by: Shirley A. Murray, Auditor

Shirley J. Jorgensen, Chairperson

Eldon Ehrman, Commissioner

Howard Erdmann, Commissioner

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Shirley A. Murray, County Auditor

Shirley J. Jorgensen, Chairperson

County Park Commission Meeting January 2, 2007

The Board of County Park Commissioners met at 11:00 a.m. Park Commissioners present Arlington Helm, Howard Erdmann, and Shirley J. Jorgensen Absent: Marlin Engen and Eldon Ehrman. Others present were: Crystal Schuanaman, Co Ext. Agent

Chairman Helm 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 Commissioner Erdmann to elect Park Commissioner Helm as Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Commissioner Jorgensen. Upon roll call vote– Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes, Helm abstained Motion carried. It was moved by Commissioner Jorgensen to elect Park Commissioner Erdman as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Commissioner Helm. Upon roll call vote – Jorgensen – yes, Helm – yes, Erdmann – abstained Motion carried.

Commissioner Erdmann inquired to Schuanaman to store extra police vehicles in the livestock hoop barn. Schuanaman stated an event in mid January will be held in there than the vehicles can be stored in the hoop barn after that. Schuanaman will investigate in electrician estimates for installing electricity to the livestock hoop barn for this season.

Helm stated he will investigate in chaining down the fire rings for the new camping season so the grass will not be burned out. Four events are already reserved to be held in the 4-H building for the summer months. Fritz & Darlene Hirsch Korn will volunteer their help in mowing again at the County Park for the new season.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman