

County Commission Minutes May 1, 2007

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

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

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

County Recorder, Fees, \$1,530.00
Clerk of District Court, Fees, \$651.59
Sheriff, Fees, 466.20

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

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| General - \$ 42,147.67 | Social Welfare - \$694.69 |
| Unorganized Rd. Districts - \$ 12,967.92 | County Road - \$11,662.00 |
| Highway Dist. - \$ 18,009.47 | County Ext. - \$202.00 |
| Weed Control - \$ 11,300.63 | Civil Defense - \$1,495.49 |
| 911 - \$1,049.94 | Wireless 911 - \$445.55 |

The April payroll warrants #31244-31277 were approved from the following funds:

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| General Fund - \$19,688.38 | Service Officer - \$241.66 |
| County Agent - \$760.57 | Civil Defense - \$400.00 |
| 911 - \$387.50 | Highway Dist. - \$11,272.49 |
| County Park - \$170.00 | Weed Control - \$121.90 |
| Social Welfare - \$4,687.33 | |

The following bills #31292-31355 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv.,42.05;Dakota Communications,819.40;Bentz Supply Store,252.65;Walter M. Lipp,85.89;McClusky Rexall,8.11;Howard Erdmann,80.56;West River Telecom,230.24;Doug's Auto Body,140.76; N.D. Assoc. Of Counties,178.22;Waste Management Of ND,170.36; McClusky Rural Ambulance,426.98;Tracy Laib,49.40; Reule's Super Valu, 246.45;Eldon Ehrman,48.26;Butler Machinery Company,84.34;Burnie's,33.96; TSC,175.15;Fireside Office Plus,7.50;Office Depot,478.37;Cenex Credit Card,39.00; Birch Telecom,93.82;BHG, Inc.,276.71;Information Technology Dept.,375.00;Shirley J Jorgensen, 110.58;McClusky Postmaster,78.00;Bismarck Tire Center,299.80;D&J Oil, Inc.,6,487.71; Kenschak Oil Inc.,4,409.46;McLean-Sheridan Rur Water,66.48;NAPA Auto Parts,400.90; Drummond American Corp.,267.65;Heringer Lumber,67.16;Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.,14.07; Alltel,197.10;Crystal Schaunaman,123.10;Diane Fylling,76.09;NDSU Ext. Service,32.85; NDSU Extension Pesticide Progr.,280.00;Comfort Inn,59.00;Mechanics Plus,927.54;Sybil Peterson,108.00; NCCRC,412.50;Northland Community Health Clinic,112.00;Redwood Boitech Inc.,20.00;Marilyn Schneider,185.84; NDACo Resource Group,47.00;I.T.C.,105.50;Chase Drug, 240.45;NDTC,11.47; SRT Communications, Inc.,12.88;Menards,221.56;Gary's Place,41.50; Maximus, Inc.,25.00;Alberta Strobel, 96.00;Tyler Post,51.50;Debra Mortenson,144.00;Brandon Mortenson,51.50;Andrew Roubal,51.50; Zachmeier Mfg.,150.00

The following transfer was approved:

\$145.00, Unorganized Road Districts to County Road, Installing signs

The application for abatement of 2006 taxes filed by Walter Kukert on the W 65' of Lots 13 & 14, Blk. 5, Original, McClusky City and Wilmer Hoffer on Lots 3,4,5,6, Blk. 2, Hamilton's Addition, McClusky City was reviewed. The abatement hearing for Wilmer Hoffer will be held at 9:30 a.m. and the abatement hearing for Walter Kukert will be held at 10:00 a.m. both on June 5, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to set the County Equalization meeting for June 5, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to increase the County employee's mileage rate reimbursement to .45 and the lodging rate reimbursement to \$55.00 plus taxes in order to be in compliance with the new 2007 state legislation that passed, effective for mileage and lodging that has occurred after August 1,2007, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman - yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

The County Commission Board recessed for the Housing Authority Board meeting.

The time being 2:00 p.m. the Housing Authority board met in conjunction with the County Commissioners. Members present were Thomas Sauter, Walter Filler, Arthur Waltz, Sylvia Schell, and Marcia Schneider, Wells-Sheridan Housing Authority Executive Director. Absent: Armin Erdmann

Marcia Schneider presented the 2006 housing authority report to the board. Schneider stated federal funding is really short. They decreased the fair market rate percent of rent from 100% down to 90% due to shortfall of federal funding. Priority of housing has been changed to the need. Background checks can be done now also on tenants through the ND Crime Bureau for \$15.00 per check. Fuel assistance is being duplicated through the HUD and local social services offices. Schneider will be addressing this issue and possibly channel tenants only through social service offices in order to save on federal funding for just rental assistance.

It was moved by Housing Authority member Filler to approve the 2006 County Housing Authority report, seconded by Commissioner Schell. Upon roll call vote – Filler – yes, Schell – yes, Waltz – yes, Sauter – yes Motion carried.

Discussion of combining Housing Authority Boards with Wells County was held at this time. The Board instructed the County Auditor to investigate further with other Counties how they have handled consolidating with two Counties being there is only one Executive Director already.

It was moved by Housing Authority member Waltz to re-elect Sauter as Chairman and Armin Erdmann as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Housing Authority member Filler. Upon roll call vote – Waltz – yes, Filler – yes, Schell – yes, Sauter – yes.

It was moved by Housing Authority member Waltz to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Housing Authority member Schell. Upon roll call vote – Waltz – yes, Schell – yes, Filler – yes, Sauter – yes Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to appoint Armin Erdmann to the County Housing Authority Board effective immediately for a 5 year term, seconded by Commission Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to present a comparison report of cases and incident reports that has increased in the last two years and requested to the board to consider hiring another deputy on. Funding for another officer will be investigated. Deputy vehicle issues were discussed. Naser requested that the Impala will be taken into Mechanics Plus for a tune up. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve that the Impala have a tune up, 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 culvert and graveling road issues. Culvert prices were reviewed again and approved as is effective with any purchases as of May 1st,2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the equipment rental agreement with New Holland for renting a tractor at no cost for up to 250 hours, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Jorgensen – yes Motion carried.

The Auditor reported her office will be attending HAVA Election meetings on May 3rd & 4th at the State Capitol with the Secretary of States Office. Also the Dakota Program Users Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8th at the Ramkota for the Auditor, Treasurer, and Tax Director offices to attend.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Shirley A. Murray, Auditor

Shirley J. Jorgensen, Chairperson

County Commissioners Meeting May 30, 2007

The Board of County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. County Commissioners present were Shirley J. Jorgensen, Howard Erdmann, and Eldon Ehrman. Others present were County Soils Committee members – Sheldon Oster, James O. Haux, Kevin Vietz, Clifford Kahler, Walter Filler, Steve Hausauer, and Lewellyn Tewksbury; Tax Director, Cynthia Wahl; and McClusky Gazette Editor, Allan Tinker.

Chairperson Shirley Jorgensen called the meeting to order. Jorgensen stated the purpose of this meeting was to organize the County Soils Committee and set the modifiers if any. The County Commission meeting adjourned for the Soils Committee meeting.

Shirley Murray, Auditor

Shirley J. Jorgensen, Chairperson

The County Soils Committee met as follows.

James Haux nominated Steve Hausauer as Chairman for the County Soils Committee, seconded by Sheldon Oster. Upon roll call vote – Haux – yes, Oster – yes, Vietz – yes, Kahler – yes, Filler – yes, Tewksbury – yes, Hausauer - opposed. Steve Hausauer nominated James Haux as Chairman. There being no second, the nomination died due to lack of a second on the floor.

Cynthia D. Wahl, Tax Director, presented to the County Soils Committee members their participation in the detailed soils process. Discussion on the different modifiers to be applied on the land for water, shelter belt, etc. was held at this time. Less modifiers seem to be the best method according to other Counties who have implemented the detailed soils to their taxation process. Steve Hausauer suggested to not have any modifiers. Wahl stated water would need to be a modifier already according to the State being when there is more than 10 acres or more it is valued 10% of the County average noncropland.

It was moved by Soils Committee member Lewellyn Tewksbury to modify water. Question asked about what an inaccessibility modifier is. Wahl stated it is when an area of land is not accessible to get onto. Motion was seconded by Sheldon Oster. Discussion was held on if modifiers can change later on. Wahl stated the soils committee can change modifiers later. Maps will be downloaded from the NRCS office for the Soils Committee members to work with. Tewksbury rescinded his motion and no decision was made on the modifiers until further investigation is done. When maps are printed out the County Soils Committee will meet again.

It was moved by Soils Committee member Vietz to nominate James Haux as Vice-Chairman of the County Soils Committee, Tewksbury move that nominations cease and cast a unanimous vote for James Haux. All voting yes motion carried.

Compensation to Soils Committee members on reviewing Soils maps and contacting landowners was inquired about. The County Commissioners will review this issue at their next County Commission Meeting.

Allan Tinker personally requested that notice of the County Soils Committee meetings are to be faxed to her home.

Haux moved that there being no further business the County Soils Committee meeting adjourned.

County Park Commission Meeting May 1, 2007

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

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

Helm reported the fire rings have been staked down. The windows and the floor in the 4-H building have been cleaned. The fertilizer wagon was purchased and the lawn has been fertilized. The dock is still waiting to be installed by the road crew. The electricity and the water have been turned on for the campground. Door closers will be installed on the outside restroom doors to help keep doors closed as much as possible so bugs do not get in and that the wind will not damage the doors or building. Transplanting trees from the Bureau land will be done this month that the Bureau approved in 2005 already.

Crystal Schuanaman, County Agent, met with the board to discuss estimates on installing electricity by the hoop barn. More electrical estimates will be received. Tempo was sprayed last fall around the 4-H building and will be done again soon to help keep the bugs away.

Helm reported Lamm's Sanitary, Harvey, did not pick up port-a-potty's from last year. Park Commissioner Engen will contact Lamm to check out port-a-potty's if they are o.k. and have them cleaned out and to also order another port-a-potty to be placed by the hoop barn area.

The GDCD water treatment plant that will possibly be placed at Hoffer Lake Recreation area was discussed in length.

The following bills were approved and paid:

Bentz Supply Store, \$146.25; Tractor Supply, \$175.15; Zachmeier Mfg., \$150.00; Waste Management, \$130.67

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Shirley Murray, Secretary

Arlington Helm, Chairman