

County Commissioner Meeting September 6, 2011

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. County Commissioners present were Howard Erdmann, Eldon Ehrman, and Michael Axt.

Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved as sent in the mail.

The following Statements of fees were approved and submitted to their appropriate funds:

County Recorder – Fees, \$2,082.00

Sheriff - Fees, \$550.50

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of August, 2011:

General - \$4,599.76

Sec. Road - \$85.00

Highway Dist. - \$12,725.61

County Ext. - \$10.00

Civil Defense - \$793.51

Wireless 911 - \$785.65

Unorganized Rd. Dist. - \$574.26

County Road - \$5,515.63

County Park - \$2,165.00

Weed Control - \$0.36

911 - \$800.85

The August Payroll warrants #38617-38646 were approved from the following funds:

General Fund - \$24,501.19

County Park - \$792.50

County Agent - \$722.72

Civil Defense - \$462.50

County Corrections - \$2,333.33

BCI - \$3,000.00

Highway Dist. - \$14,650.19

Veteran Servicer Officer - \$304.17

Weed Control - \$2,111.25

911 - \$450.00

Policing - \$80.00

The following bills 38658-38732 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Linen & Apparel Srv., 89.50;Bentz Supply Store, 260.34;Howard Erdmann, 147.39;WRT,1,327.86; Unity Insurance Agency, Inc., 29.00;Eldon Ehrman,67.83;Cynthia D. Wahl,257.04;Office Depot,541.01; Birch Communications, Inc.,188.07;BHG, Inc., 625.71; Information Technology Dept.,433.60;Mclean County Sheriff's Office,455.00; Institute Of Local Gov't,70.00;Cass County Treasurer,85.00;C-Store,1,790.09;D&J Oil, Inc.,4,771.36;Newman Traffic Signs,135.78;Johnston Fargo Culvert, Inc.,1,708.98; Kenschak Oil Inc.,5,544.58; Mclean-Sheridan Rur Water,104.98;Napa Auto Parts,416.52; Power Plan,831.85; Heringer Lumber,31.98;Community Memorial Hospital,75.00; Edgemont Township,2,153.17;Diane Fyelling,12.38; McClusky Township,9,944.62; The Herald Press,18.47;Mechanics Plus, 57.20; Wal-Mart,88.50; Sybil Peterson,18.00;Alberta Voegelé,35.07;Dakota Central Social Services,4,054.52; Redwood Bio-Tech Inc.,113.71; NRG,304.18; James Paulus,154.34; NDPOA, 60.00; NDTC,18.20;SRT Communications, Inc.,17.08;A&G Trucking,19,323.50; Kingdom Construction, Inc.,7,573.57;Michael Axt,108.12; Sheridan Animal Hospital,67.50; Moldenhauer Properties,2,830.00;Meckle Excavating,360.00; Verendrye Electric Coop.,606.95; Menards, 54.68; Bismarck Tribune,93.30; Visa,430.82; McClusky City,43.00; Holen's Super Valu, 197.95, Turtle Lake Rexall Drug,50.98; Emily Kline,492.25;WM Of WI-MN,341.07;Alex Naser,40.00;Merchants Capital Resources,2,700.00; Matthew Bender & Co Inc.,30.14; AT&T Mobility, 26.42; Slotis Business Forms,425.00;Verizon Wireless,1,041.51; Dakota Gaming Supply,33.00;Central Dakota Electrical, PC, 2,680.48; Orrin Holen, 980.00;Country Auto Clinic, Inc.,262.42; Randy Miller, 220.00; RV Enterprises,5,900.00;Dallas Pfennig,10.00; Larry Gessner,50.00; Ms J's Drive In,22.08;Wesley Stein, 25.00;Atco International,102.00

The following transfer of funds were approved:

\$3,635.25, Unorganized Rd Dists to Secondary Road for crushing gravel

\$16,842.81, Unorganized Rd Dists to County Road for hauling gravel

Susan Ebach, County Nurse, met with the board to request approval of the County paying for flu shots for the County employees. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve that the County pay for flu shots for the County employees, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to hire Bryon Belile as Equipment Operator, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote- Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to report on the repairs of the 2005 Ford Expedition. An alignment and the tie rods will be repaired yet on the 2005 Ford Expedition. One of the sheriff's office taser guns is no longer working either. A new taser gun will cost \$550.00. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to purchase a new taser gun for the Sheriff's Office, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried. Naser also stated that their office copy machine is not working properly. Further investigation on prices of copy machines will be researched for the next meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve purchasing detour signs for the south Pickardville farm to market road detour sites from 3D Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$10,644.00, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the royalty contract sale of pit run with Marvin Hoffman on the SW4SW4 Section 11-145-78, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote - Axt –yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve hiring Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. to appraise the new McClusky Co-op Elevator Structures and equipment for tax purposes of which the cost of the appraisal will be shared between the City of McClusky and the County each paying \$2,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Herb Bargmann, Wold Engineering, was contacted by speakerphone to discuss the detours of the south Pickardville farm to market road. All detour road work needs to be completed prior to September 19<sup>th</sup> in order to receive 100% funding. The land owner for the access easement is the only item holding up the project for now.

The Auditor was instructed to publish the 2<sup>nd</sup> notice of weed cutting to be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Also the auditor was instructed to add to the notice to remove equipment along road right of way by November 1<sup>st</sup> or towing charges will be placed against equipment owner.

The Auditor reported on the following building permits:

Tim & Delila Schindler, SW4 6-147-76, build a 16'x 40' log cabin or 30'x 40' house cabin  
Arlin & Diane Fylling, NW4 31-149-77, build a 14'x 20' & 40'x 40' addition to current home

Estimates of disc mowers were reviewed at this time. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to purchase a (new) New Holland H 6750 disc mower from Lem Implement, Inc., Harvey, less trade in of the new idea old disc mower in the total amount of \$10,500.00, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the Special Use Permit from the Bureau of Reclamation for using the Bureau Pit of up to 700 cu yds of gravel spoil material located in the SE4, Section 31-146-77, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to present the NDDOT grant with the click it or ticket enforcement program for overtime hours provided by the Sheriff's office. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the Chairman sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

The time being 2:30 p.m. the County Commissioner meeting recessed for the planning and zoning meeting. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the Conditional Use Permit to Minnkota Cooperative, Inc., to construct and operate a 345-Kilovolt transmission line through Sheridan

County, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes Motion carried.

Thomas Sauter, County Water Resource board member met with the board to inquire about the water quality issue and lowering the water level along the farm to market road by Virgil Laib. Sauter will contact NRCS to see if the water quality issue has been approved before the water board approves also.

It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the beer and liquor license for the Confederate to sell beer and liquor on site at Hoffer's Lake for a wedding dance September 17, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes, Erdman – yes Motion carried.

The time being 5:00 pm. the County Commission meeting recessed until 6:00 p.m. for the 2012 County Budget hearing.

The time being 6:00 p.m. the County Commission meeting reconvened for the 2012 County Budget Hearing. Those present were: Tracy Stein, Deputy Auditor, Delton and Betty Blumhagen, Sally Martin, Strassburg twp residents; Arlean Martin, Don Adam and Arlo Blumhagen, Rosenfield Twp residents; Byron Zingg, McClusky twp resident; Wesley Helm, Johns Lake resident; Glenn Heitzman, Harris twp resident; Ken Rauser, Schiller Twp resident; Doug & Vangie Hausauer, Hellman twp. land owners; Lynnette Fox, Mt. City twp resident; Janice Erdmann, County Treasurer, and Joyce Dockter, County Recorder

Chairman Erdmann called the budget hearing to order. The County Auditor handed out comparisons of levies from last year to this year and the 2012 County Budget report on the estimated increase of mill levies to be 10.51 % more than last year due to increased land valuations to allow the mill to be worth more. The 2011 estimated one mill will generate \$8,064.93 rather than \$7,468.01 that was generated in 2010. The reasons of increased land valuations are from a mixture of three main items - the increase of productions off the land according to NDSU surveys and research, sales of land transactions, and the capitalization interest rates. The other reason for increased mill levies is that it costs more to operate the County from the year before with increase in fuel prices, health insurance for county employees, housing prisoners, and to re-coup the emergency fund from the 2011 snow and spring disasters to name a few big issues that came up.

The public had questions on why the different funds. Why the state doesn't help out with the surplus funds on hand. Road repairs were the big issues. Questions on how many times should a maintainer blade the road in a month. Weed mowing sides of roads is difficult with a big windrow in the way. Roads need to be widening out when blading, etc.

The Auditor stated the different funds are approved by the legislature and the maximum levy amount is governed by legislature that can be changed if the legislature approves and passes to make it law. The state does provide some state aid distribution, however; it does not cover the increasing costs of most items.

Commissioner Ehrman stated the maintenance of roads depends on the weather. If it rains a lot the roads are not maintained as much due to the roads would just be all rutted up from the motorgrader. Also if farmers would hold off from using their heavy farms trucks/farm equipment when the roads are wet, this would be a big help so the roads would not get as damaged as they are. So a certain number of times of the roads being maintained per month are not likely. Two new blademen are learning to blade and everyone needs to be patient to allow them to do there job.

Arlo Blumhagen stated and presented a letter to the Commission that he is in favor of the increase in mills as long as the increase is for improving the County roads.

The 2012 County Budget will be finalized at the October County Commission Meeting.

There being no further statements the hearing adjourned.

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Auditor

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Chairman

County Park Commission Meeting  
September 6, 2011

The board of Sheridan County Park Commissioners met at 11:00 a.m. Park Commissioners present were Arlington Helm, Howard Erdmann, Eldon Ehrman, Michael Axt, and Marlin Engen.

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

Helm reported the septic tanks were repaired and an overflow culvert installed for sump pump to pump water seepage out. A pedestal sump pump will be looked into for next year. An electrical pedestal by a camper pad was run over again at the Hoffer Lake Recreation area. Helm repaired and reset it back in place.

Michael Axt reported on the GDCD grant proposal that he sent in for installing 14 more camper pads with electrical and water hookups on the west side of the canal by the arboretum. The grant will be considered by GDCD later in September. The total estimate cost was \$38,900.00. GDCD could match up 25% unless another County will help support then the matching funds could go up 50% of the total cost.

The following bills were approved:

McLean-Sheridan Rural Water, 46.00; Verendrye Electric, 232.00; Waste Management, 292.80; Bentz Supply Store, 86.13; C-Store, 321.41; Newman Traffic Signs, 37.90; Mechanics Plus, 12.00; Meckle Excavation, 360.00; Menards, 43.76; Visa, 89.50; Holen's Super Valu, 60.49; Central Dakota Engineering, \$2,680.48

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

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Chairman