

County Commission Meeting September 2, 2014

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. County Commissioners present were Michael Axt and Howard Erdmann. Absent: Eldon Ehrman Others present: Gable Rhoads, McClusky Gazette reporter

Chairman Axt called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was sent out in the mail and approved as sent.

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

County Recorder, fees, \$1,276.00
Sheriff, fees, \$429.00

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and were approved for the month of August, 2014:

General - \$5,036.46	Secondary Road - \$914.00
County Road - \$1,510.61	Highway Dist. - \$18,383.69
County Park - \$1,975.00	911 - \$1,577.00

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

The August payroll warrants #63366-63402 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$28,142.21	Highway Dist. - \$17,668.12
County Park - \$1,003.75	Service Officer - \$408.33
County Agent - \$778.37	Weed Control - \$4,231.14
Civil Defense - \$563.41	911 - \$548.28
County Corrections - \$2,333.33	BCI - \$3,614.51

The following bills #63418-63479 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent or any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc.,49.36;Bentz Supply Store,227.65;McClusky Gazette,31.88; Howard Erdmann,117.42;WRT,492.48; South Central Crime Conference,15.00;Eldon Ehrman, 41.04; Butler Machinery Company,48.46;Cynthia D. Wahl,291.84;Office Depot,92.49; Birch Communications, Inc.,168.74; BHG, Inc.,717.26; Information Technology Dept.,419.35; D&J Oil, Inc., 7,182.08; Lawson Products,46.93; Kenschak Oil Inc.,6,174.34;True North Steel, 8,654.24;NAPA Auto Parts,435.35; Power Plan,862.79;Advanced Business Methods,570.00; High Plains Equipment, 299.00; JDM Schmitt Concrete,650.00;Twin City Implement,282.50; Faul Excavating,300.00; Atco International,85.00;Mechanics Plus,81.40;Sirchie Finger Print Lab, Inc.,66.99;Dakota Central Social Services,14,030.81; Interstate All Battery Center,91.50; Roberts Floral Inc.,33.50; Erin Lauer,50.31; NRG,404.15;Electronic Communications, Inc., 620.00; Kathy Davis Memorial Pool,851.00;James Paulus,230.50;Donna's Patchwork Cottage, 26.00; Wayne Houston,237.12;NDTC,31.86;Statewide Services,271.00; Office Of Attorney General,440.00;Mercer Co Sheriff's Dept.,1,470.00;A&G Trucking,62,796.00;ND Insurance Dept.,79; Michael Axt,70.11;Stein's Inc., 235.27;Northwest Tire, Inc.,1,512.65; Wex Bank, 192.90; HACTC,650.00; Visa,661.071; McClusky City,36.50; WM Of WI-MN,61.27; Verizon Wireless;321.58; Orrin Holen,4,020.00;Topcon Positioning Systems,299.40;ND Dept Of Human Services,30.00;Dallas Pfennig,700.00;Charles Netzloff,2,916.00; Kurt Mortenson, 45.00

Transfers were approved as follows:

\$65.00, from Georgetown unorganized rd district to County Road for installing sign & post
\$65.00, from Granville unorganized rd. district to County Road for installing sign & post
\$4,766.40, from Harris unorganized rd. district to County Road for hauling pit run
\$294.00, from Holmes unorganized rd. district to County Road for hauling pit run
\$3,060.00, from Johns Lake unorganized rd. district to Secondary road for crushing gravel
\$15,300.00, from Lamont unorganized rd. district to Secondary road for crushing gravel
\$12,580.00, from Mertz unorganized rd. district to Secondary road for crushing gravel
\$4,315.20, from Mt. City unorganized rd. district to County road for hauling pit run

\$352.24, from Schiller unorganized rd. district to County Road for hauling pit run
\$65.00, from Whittaker unorganized rd. district to County Road for installing post and sign
\$43,180.00, from Whittaker unorganized rd. district to Secondary Road for crushing gravel

The time being 10:00 a.m. Kathy Baer, US Fish & Wildlife rep, met with the board to present three options on the purchase of the grassland acres. 1st option is to buy 8 acres of easement and the County do the land survey at the County's cost due to US Fish & Wildlife surveyor is 5 yrs behind, 2nd option to buy out easement on 30 acre even plot for what the US Fish & Wildlife realtor appraisal amount comes up with, 3rd option to keep on doing temporary easement each year. The board decided to wait until the appraisal comes in and decide which option to go with before next year's temporary easement is due. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to extend the temporary easement for the south Pickardville farm to market detour road along the SE4 section 34-146-78 for September 1, 2014 thru September 1, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the WRT utility crossing permit to bore fiber optic lines across township and county roads located in Mountain City, Holmes, Johns Lake, Pickard, Granville, Harris, Hellman, Lamont, and Whittaker twps. in Sheridan County, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Motion carried.

The Auditor reported a building permit was issued to Brian Farrell to move a 1916 farmhouse onto a tract in the E2 of Section 18-150-74.

The time being 1:00 p.m., County Commissioner Eldon Ehrman joined the County Commission meeting.

Steve Reiser, Dakota Central Social Services Director, met with the board to review the 2015 budget. The total increase is \$254,472 split among McLean, Mercer, Oliver, and Sheridan counties. Sheridan County's share is 10% of total which is \$25,447.60. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve the Dakota Central Social Service 2015 budget, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

Trent Naser, Sheriff, met with the board to report that the South Sakakawea Narcotics Task Force grant has been cut in half, however; the AG office allowed the leftover amount from last year's grant to roll over to this year for just this one time. The future of the South Sakakawea Narcotic Task Force grant monies is uncertain due to more grants are being approved for the western part of the state. The AG narcotics task force committee has proposed to still set aside the full amount budgeted by each agency for this year in order to build the fund up. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to approve to set aside the \$1,933.33 leftover Sheridan County's share of the SSNTF from the sheriff's budget into a reserve account for the SSNTF next year's expenses in case no grant is awarded at all for next year, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

Doug Straus, GR Controls Engineer, met with the board to discuss the 3rd floor air conditioning project that created white fine dust from the calcium/concrete blocks that were cut into for the vent and duct work exits. Straus stated the ceiling tile will be painted white to seal up any fine dust and the rest of the courtroom and any other walls will be wiped down before the scheduled jury trial is held next week.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the resignation of Josh Baker as blade operator effective August 30th, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Ehrman – yes, Axt – yes Motion carried.

The auditor reported the one tree by the Sheridan County metal sign in front of the Courthouse has Dutch elm disease. The State Forester stopped at the office and reported it needs to be cut down asap. The Auditor was instructed to receive estimates from contractors for cutting the tree down to be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Courthouse custodian applications were considered at this time. The only application of Byron J. (Joey) Belile was reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Ehrman to

hire Byron J (Joey) Belile 4/5th time on a regular basis effective immediately, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to instruct the County Auditor to publish the fall weed cutting notice for landowners to cut weeds by October 1st, 2014 along the shoulder road right of way of township roads, seconded by Commissioner Ehrman. Upon roll call vote – Ehrman – yes, Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Motion carried.

Betty Kurle, landowner and Edgemont twp clerk, met with the board to request gravel to be placed on the Pickard/Edgemont twp roads. The road foreman will be contacted to inspect the road in that area.

Alvin Gross, road foreman, met with the board to discuss road projects. Commissioner Erdmann requested that the road crew tar the County pavements before freeze up. Gross reported he will be on vacation next week. Rodney Lindsey will be operating the Goodrich motor grader while Gross is on vacation. The board authorized allowing the road crew to work up to 15 hours overtime in a week that includes the 5 hours overtime they already were authorized due to being short a blade man for now. The road crew is also guaranteed a 40 hr. paid work week when the snow wings are installed on the motor graders for the winter season when on call until the spring when snow wings are removed from the motorgraders.

The Auditor was instructed to advertise for an equipment operator /truck driver. Applications will be considered at the October 7th meeting with interviews to follow later.

The County Commission meeting was recessed until 6:00 p.m. for the County budget hearing.

Auditor

Chairman

County Budget Hearing – September 2, 2014

The County Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. as per notice. County Commissioners present were Michael Axt and Howard Erdmann. Absent: Eldon Ehrman Others present: Gabel Rhoads, Roger and Kathleen Mindt and Jerone Sauter.

Chairman Axt called the budget hearing to order.

The County Auditor reported an 8.41% increase in the 2015 taxes for operating the County as per County Budget. One County mill is estimated to generate \$11,003.18. The County Auditor reviewed the County Budget line items.

Chairman Axt requested if there were any objections. No objections were heard.

There being no objections it was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the following resolution setting the amounts budgeted and making tax levies for the ensuing year for County purposes be adopted, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the board of Sheridan County Commissioners has estimated and determined the expense for Sheridan County for 2015.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following amounts be budgeted and levied on all taxable property in Sheridan County, budget for 2015 is as follows, all levies being subject to legal limitations:

FUND	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT LEVIED Add Interim Fund & Deduct Estimated Revenues
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General	566,557.22	162,372.50
County Road	257,900.00	32,900.00
Human Services	235,052.00	184,202.00
Emergency (1.00 Mills)	105,000.00	44,855.00
Veteran Service Officer	11,200.00	10,135.00
Farm to Market (12.00 Mills)	2,202,607.00	324,350.00
Unorganized Road Districts	525,000.00	138,500.00
OASIS & S.S.	233,597.46	202,357.46
Advertising	4,694.00	2,670.00
County Agent	39,068.96	33,773.96
Insurance Reserve	37,000.00	32,610.00
Highway Tax Distribution(No Mills)	263,750.00	-0-
County Park (1/2 mill)	29,750.00	16,713.00
Health District	26,407.00	26,282.00
Grasshopper	601.14	-0-
Weed Control(4.00 mills)	87,100.00	61,838.00
Health Insurance	88,024.00	87,564.00
County Corrections	74,420.00	59,020.00

Other Levies

Soil Conservation District	17,114.76	17,114.76
HCRP (No Levy)	2,000.00	-0-
County Extension (No Levy)	4,000.00	-0-
Emergency/911(No Levy)	31,788.27	-0-
Senior Citizens (1.00 Mill)	17,000.00	10,950.00
Water Resource (1/2 Mill Levy)	7,983.00	7,983.00
Historical Society (.25 Mill)	3,040.00	3,040.00
Garrison Diversion (1.00 Mill)	14,000.00	14,000.00

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2014.

ATTEST:

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Auditor	Chairman, County Commission

	County Commissioner

	County Commissioner

There being no further business the budget hearing adjourned.

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Auditor	Chairman

County Park Commission Meeting September 2, 2014

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

Vice-Chairman Erdmann called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Park Commissioner Erdmann suggested installing some pipe or drain tile beside the 4-H bldg. poles that is enclosed in cement in order to release the water pressure to allow the poles to go back into the ground. No action was taken. The Auditor reported that the insurance claim sent in to the State Fire and Tornado fund for the 4-H bldg. and picnic shelter was not approved due to the exclusion in the policy of on any water under the ground surface pressing on foundations, etc.

The Auditor reported that Helm contacted VEC to install a pole and light at the Rod Hill camping addition. The cost would be \$500.00 per 30ft pole and light. The County would need to hire to do the electrical wiring. This was tabled until next spring.

Signs and speed bumps were discussed to be installed due to Rod Hill camping addition is being used more with small children going in between to camp ground and fishing pier area. This issue will be addressed again for next year camping season.

The following bills were approved and paid:
Kurt Mortenson, reimbursement for camping for being host camper, \$45.00; Bentz Supply Store, Supplies, \$10.59

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman