

County Commission Meeting September 5, 2017

The Board of Sheridan County Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. rather than 9:00 a.m. due to County budget hearing later in the day. County Commissioners present were Steven Eisenbeisz, Michael Axt, and Howard Erdmann.

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

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

County Recorder, fees, \$2,219.50
Sheriff, fees, \$193.28

The miscellaneous receipts were collected for the following funds and approved for the month of August, 2017:

General - \$8,888.68	Highway Dist. - \$12,889.05
Weed Control - \$5,451.00	911 - \$230.24

The August payroll warrants #68028-68062 were approved from the following funds:

General - \$36,369.11	Highway Dist. - \$22,125.42
Veteran Service Office - \$454.86	County Agent - \$1,456.00
Weed Control - \$6,210.85	Civil Defense -\$625.00
911 - \$600.00	

The following bills #68073-68132 were approved and ordered paid subject due to delinquent of any other indebtedness owing the County:

Ameripride Services Inc.,113.28;Bentz Supply Store,226.05;Howard Erdmann,125.28;WRT, 794.26;Co-Op Elevator,7,323.98;Secretary Of State,2,077.05;Cynthia D. Wahl,317.26; Fireside Office Products, Inc.,866.23;Office Depot,521.21; Birch Communications, Inc.,159.51;BHG, Inc.,830.00; Information Technology Dept.,556.95; McLean County Sheriff's Office,1,265.00; US Postal Service,116.00;C-Store,612.70;Lawson Products,386.47;McLean-Sheridan Rur. Water,174.01; Power Plan,1,088.68;Mechanics Plus,355.36;First District Health Unit,7,389.25; Dakota Central Social Services,12,920.92; Productivity Plus Acct.,146.20; Steve Eisenbeisz,37.12;Kathy Davis Memorial Pool,32.00; ND Emergency Mgt Assoc.,90.00;James Paulus,169.82; NDPOA,60.00; SRT Communications, Inc.,34.16;Michael Axt,15.08;Sheridan Animal Hospital,99.00;H.A. Thompson & Sons,995.00;VEC,464.00;Wex Bank,4.00;Menards,17.82;HATC,2,281.90;Visa, 1,177.66; McClusky City,66.50;Holen's Super Valu,35.95;Burleigh-Morton Detention Ctr.,225.00; WM Of WI-MN,628.21; Matthew Bender & Co Inc.,35.96;Verizon Wireless,504.48;Farm & Home Publishers, Ltd.,450.00;Ladd Erickson,40.60;Topcon Positioning Systems,252.00;Deere Credit, Inc.,20,148.19;Wenck Associates, Inc.,6,200.00; Susag Sand & Gravel, Inc.,891.00;McLean Co. Auditor,17.24;Wold Engineering, PC., 58,467.21;Lynn Vietz,60.00; Kotaco Fuel & Propane, 4,143.88;Purchase Power, 37.09;Lavern Laib, 143.94;Open Road Honda,54.83;Vallen Distribution, Inc.,32.77;E & E Rentals,85.00

Alvin Gross, Road Foreman, met with the board to report that one set of cutting edges for the pay loader was estimated from Caterpillar close to \$900.00 and ESCO was \$602.50. The cutting edges on the pay loader have not been changed since the County purchased the pay loader. The board approved to go with the ESCO estimate.

The Auditor presented the application for retail sale of liquor and beer from Morris Lounge to serve alcohol at the 4-H building for a wedding dance September 23, 2017. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve the Beer & Liquor license for on sale only at Hoffer's Lake 4-H building to Morris Lounge, Drake, ND, for the wedding dance September 23,2017, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote- Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Axt to approve purchasing a fax machine in the amount of \$772.00 from Fireside Office Solutions, Bismarck, for in the County Recorder's office, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

The application for abatement of 2016 taxes from Stephen Galik on property located in Lot A of the SE4NE4 32-148-75 was reviewed again. The abatement hearing was scheduled for October 3rd, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

The Auditor reported a building permit was issued to Robert & Karen Anderson for constructing a 18'x18' screened in porch on to their residential structure on the S2NW4, Part of NE4 of SW4 8-146-74.

The Sheridan County Water Board 2016 Annual report was reviewed and approved and is on file at the Auditor's office for review.

The time being 11:00 a.m. the County Park Board meeting was held. The County Commission meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Sheriff, Trent Naser, met with the board to discuss police vehicle issues.

The Auditor presented a loan commitment letter from the Bank of ND for the infrastructure revolving loan fund. It was moved by Commissioner Axt to authorize Chairman Eisenbeisz to acknowledge receipt by signing the Bank of ND commitment letter for the infrastructure revolving loan program for Sheridan County to borrow \$1.4 million for road projects at 2% interest with financing not to exceed 30 years, seconded by Commissioner Erdmann. Upon roll call vote – Axt – yes, Erdmann – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried. The Auditor reported a resolution from the Bank of ND will be sent later to sign off for a possible sale of a bond and pledging revenues, etc.

Alvin Gross, road foreman, met with the board to discuss the McClusky County shop garage door replacement. Estimates were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve Quality Electric, LLC. for installing wiring and pipe for operation of the garage door opener in the amount of \$400.00 and the Door Guys, LLC, for replacing the existing sliding door with a new 15'x 11'9" overhead door and a Liftmaster T50 door opener installed in the amount of \$4,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes Motion carried.

Mike Rivinus, Wold Engineering, P.C., was contacted by speakerphone to discuss the south Pickardville farm to market detour road be replaced and build up original grade to go straight on farm to market road. The Board reported the Bank of ND loan has been approved and inquired what paperwork needs to be completed first. Rivinus stated a solicitation letter needs to be sent out first to the US Fish & Wildlife, U.S. Corp. of Engineers, State Water Commission, etc. for any social, economic, and environmental effects in the development of the road project. Reply period will be 30 days. The scope of work and quantity of materials will be prepared. An advertisement of road construction bids will need to be posted being bid amount is over \$100,000.00 according to the States Attorney. Most likely the south Pickardville detour road project will not be completed until next year unfortunately. The south Martin farm to market road was also approved in the Bank of ND infrastructure revolving loan and can be repaved with a request to DOT as an add-on to the north McClusky farm to market road project that is currently being worked on.

The board instructed the auditor to publish the notice of weed mowing in the paper to be completed by October 1st, 2017 or \$125.00 per mile will be charged against the landowner.

The auditor presented letters from the Office of State Tax Commissioner's office in regards to Mary Feickert and Jefferey Martwick have not completed their assessor certification requirements by July 31, 2017 and are no longer able to serve as an assessor. Advertising for assessors was discussed. No action at this time. Cynthia D. Wahl, Tax Director, was not available to discuss assessor certification issue. Further discussion will be done at the next meeting with the Tax Director.

The time being 3:30 p.m. the Commission meeting recessed until the 6:00 County budget hearing.

Auditor

Chairman

County Commissioner Meeting September 5, 2017

County Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. as per budget hearing notice stated. County Commissioners present were Steve Eisenbeisz, Howard Erdmann, and Michael Axt. Others present were: Damon Tessmann, Myron & Kathleen Mindt

Chairman Eisenbeisz called the budget hearing to order.

The County Auditor reviewed the County Budget handout showing the County General Fund for 2016 yr. actual revenues, expenses and ending balance and estimated revenues and expenses for remaining yr. 2017 and budget yr. 2018 County Funds. After the notice of increase in tax levy for the County was published, a transfer of funds from Human Services was inadvertently not included in the

ending calculation so the County levies were estimated at a 2.28% increase rather than 15.13% increase. The Auditor stated the State Legislature approved to pick up Human Services costs for 2018 and 2019 as a pilot project so no levy will be set for Human Services and any remaining funds of that account can be deposited into the County General Fund in 2018. The estimated 2017 mills for the County tax portion on all County fund levies will be at 70.40 as compared to last year when subtracting off Human Services levy was at 68.83 mills. On 160 acres of property valued at the average acre in Sheridan County at \$458.15 as stipulated by the State Tax Dept., would calculate to \$52.64 decrease in taxes or a 16.83% decrease. On the other hand the State Legislature discontinued the 12% state tax credit being they picked up the Human Services costs, so in reality an estimated net decrease of 4.86% could be realized when looking at the County portion of each property owners taxes. The schools, fire dept., twp. and ambulance levies, etc. would need to be taken into consideration on top of the County levies whatever those entity budget requests are and what those levies are set at for a grand total of mill levies for each property owner of which district they have property in to know the grand total of increase or decrease in taxes from last year.

Damon Tessmann inquired about the levy limitations. The Auditor and the board stated that each tax levy has a cap of a certain amount set by the NDCC.

Myron Mindt inquired about the Sheriff's office budget is too much, there should be some cuts. The board stated there is the same number of officers as years ago when each city police dept. had their own full time/part time police officer to the officers in the Sheriff's office currently. McClusky City has been contracting with the Sheriff's office for a number of years already and the Sheriff's office patrols and is on call as needed in Martin and Goodrich cities. Mindt stated the Sheriff's office is always requesting equipment in the minutes. The board stated technology is always updating and the Sheriff's office needs equipment up to date in their vehicles in order to communicate with other emergency vehicles, etc. to be able to help the public. The board stated Wells County had no Sheriff's office for a while during their transition and the Sheridan County Sheriff's office could have all been employed for higher salary to work over in Wells Co. Sheridan County Sheriff's office has been very helpful to the people of Sheridan County in going out in last winter's storms risking their lives and any other situation that may arise. Mindt also stated the County snow removal process last winter in the Goodrich area could have been better. A lot of the farmers were cleaning the roads off more than the County blade. The Auditor reported the County spent over \$103,000 extra out of the disaster County Emergency fund just in extra snow removal from December/ January snowfall. Mindt did state that the tarring on the north Goodrich pavement was better this year than the year before.

Under serious consideration, it was moved by Commissioner Erdmann to approve the following Resolution setting the amount budgeted and calculating tax levies for the ensuing year for County purposes was adopted, seconded by Commissioner Axt. Upon roll call vote – Erdmann – yes, Axt – yes, Eisenbeisz – yes The resolution was declared adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the board of Sheridan County Commissioners has estimated and determined the expense for Sheridan County for 2018;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following amounts be budgeted and levied on all taxable property in Sheridan County, budgets for 2018 are as follows, all levies being subject to legal limitations:

FUND	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT LEVIED Add Interim Fund & Deduct Estimated Revenues
General Fund	1,412,421.76	606,087.31
Human Services (No Levy)	-0-	-0-
Emergency (1.00 MILL)	50,000.00	14,135.97
Veteran Service Office	12,275.00	12,217.00
Farm to Market (12.00 MILLS)	249,160.00	248,320.00
Unorganized Rd. Dists.	402,750.00	240,500.00
County Agent	51,135.00	50,425.00
Highway Tax Dist. (No Levy)	263,152.50	-0-
Health District	32,333.00	32,193.00
Grasshopper	601.14	-0-
Weed Control (3 MILLS)	92,600.00	57,506.14
<u>Other Levies</u>		
Soil Cons. District (2 MILLS)	98,112.50	40,068.11
HRCF (No Levy)	2,000.00	-0-

Emergency/911 (No Levy)	31,780.00	-0-
Senior Citizen (1 Mill Levy)	20,000.00	14,135.97
Water Resource (1/2 Mill Levy)	8,733.00	8,733.00
Historical Society (.25 Mill Levy)	4,122.00	4,122.00
Garrison Diversion Cons. Dist. (1.00 Mill)	14,135.97	14,135.97

Dated this 5th day of September, 2017.

ATTEST:

Auditor

Chairman, County Commissioners

County Commissioner

County Commissioner

There being no further business the hearing adjourned.

Auditor

Chairman

County Park Board Meeting
September 5, 2017

The Sheridan County Park Board meeting was held at 11:00 a.m. Park Commissioners present were Arlington Helm, Steve Eisenbeisz, Michael Axt, and Howard Erdmann. Absent: Marlin P. Engen

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

The Auditor presented the First District Health inspection report for the Hoffer Lake campground area that was reviewed and filed in the Auditors office.

Helm stated the low water levels are really becoming an issue at Hoffer's Lake. A call by speakerphone was made to Scott Hettinger at the Bureau to request if pumping water into Hoffer Lake can be done. Hettinger will contact an engineer from the Bureau and get back to us possibly later in the day. Also Hettinger stated to send an email back to him on the borrow materials needed and where the borrow material is coming from for the culvert to be placed in the approach at the Rod Hill campground addition in order to level the area out better by camp site #11. Hettinger reported later in the day that pumping water into Hoffer's Lake could possibly be done or install a gated culvert however; it would be at the cost of the county park. Cost share on pumping expense with GDCCD may be available Hettinger stated. Steve Eisenbeisz, will also contact the ND Game and Fish Dept. being the lake is getting so low that it could lead to fish kill this winter and request if Game & Fish can assist in the pumping or who else could be contacted for further assistance.

The following bills were approved and paid:

McLean-Sheridan Rural Water,\$108.43;VEC,\$381.00;WM of WI-MN,\$561.96; Bentz Supply Store, \$28.56; Office Depot, \$9.19; C-Store, \$88.84; Menards, \$17.82

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

Chairman

