

Forman, North Dakota
January 4, 2000

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: W.E. Smith, Lysle Coleman and Ray Brockman. Absent Steve Wyum and Donald Wehlander.

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Hosford, County Auditor and the Board proceeded to organize for 2000.

Elect Lysle Coleman Chairman for 2000. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

Steve Wyum arrived at 9:03 a.m.

Elect Donald Wehlander Vice-Chairman for 2000. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Donald Wehlander arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Approve December 21, 1999 minutes. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

Following appointments approved:

- Wyum-Courthouse
- Wehlander-Police
- Wyum-Fairboard
- Smith-Road

Each commissioner will serve as road commissioners within their district.

Reappoint Quentin Hoistad, Rutland and Raymon Nelson, Milnor to the Sargent County Park Board for one more year. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve release of Bridge 132-10 (DPI-0036(005)411). The work is satisfactory and Sargent County accepts the project.

Set regular meeting dates on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. The first meeting in July shall be held on July 3, 2000 because of the holiday. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Authorize County Auditor to pay utility bills and withholding taxes. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Authorize County Treasurer to invest county funds. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Patricia Carlen, Register of Deeds, asked for extra help. The workload has increased in the Clerk of Courts office and the microfilming is scheduled to begin soon in the Register of Deeds office. Authorize ROD to spend \$800 out of furniture budget to hire a temporary employee to assist with catch up work. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous) Discussed implementation of HB 1275. Tabled.

Chuck Gates, Sheriff, informed the Board of problems with the tower located at the fairgrounds. Dickey Rural Communications pulled their equipment and left the door open. Some damage occurred to the cable for the county radio system. Reviewed the lease for the tower site and instructed the Auditor to call DRC for more information on the status of the tower. Authorize placement of a handheld radio in the Auditor's Office to replace old base unit. Sheriff Gates reviewed the 1999 Sheriff's Report and explained the deputy work schedule.

Larry Dahl appeared on behalf of his father, Alfred Dahl for a hearing on an abatement in NW1/4-29-129-56. Taylor Township approved removal of a building structure on the 1999 taxes because it is a farm building. Concur with township. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, EMS, asked permission to participate in the Integrated Emergency Management Course in Bismarck on January 24-28, 2000 as an instructor/facilitator. Approve attendance and state reimbursement of travel and per diem. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous) She hasn't heard anymore on Minnie McGregor's request for a buyout. The townships are filing papers on 1999 FEMA work and she is preparing for payment. Sandy will become president of the ND EM Association in February 2000.

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting to review commissioner's procedure for abatement applications. Lyle also discussed the Christmas Eve holiday.

Approve permit No. 01-00 to St. Mary's Altar Society, Geneseo for bingo on February 6 & 20 and March 5 & 19, 2000 with storm dates listed as February 13 & 27 and March 12 & 26, 2000. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

Approve 2000 Sargent Seniors Council Contract. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Instruct County Auditor to call for sealed bids in the official newspaper for furnishing supplies, purchasing culverts, etc. for the period beginning April 1, 2000 and ending March 31, 2001. Bids shall be opened March 21, 2000 as

follows: Culverts-10:30 am; Bridge Planks and Concrete Bridge Decks-10:45 am; Rental of Highway & Bridge Building Equipment-10:50 am; Cutting Edges-11:00 am; Gravel-11:10 am; Mixing, Laying & Drying Blacktop Surfacing-11:25 am; Bituminous Materials-11:30 am; Gasoline, Fuel & LP Gas-11:35 am. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Designate Sargent County Bank, Forman, ND and First National Bank, Milnor, ND as public depositories of county funds and approve pledge of assets as adequate according to law. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

Bill Smith agreed to represent the commission at the annual performance review for the county extension agents on January 21, 2000.

Any out-of-state travel requesting county funds must have prior approval from the commissioners. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous) This reconfirms the unwritten policy for the past twenty years.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

LYSLE COLEMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR