

Forman, North Dakota
September 23, 1998

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 8:15 with the following present: Betty Hewitt, Don Wehlander, Lysle Coleman, Steven Wyum, and Bill Smith. Absent none. Also present: Lyle Bopp

Michael Carter arrived at the meeting to discuss concerns of the commission. He explained use of the coroner call letters and filing reports. Michael stated that he feels many people are dissatisfied with his performance and he was not trained for the position. He presented his letter of resignation as county coroner effective immediately. Accept resignation and advertise position. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous) Mr. Carter will be instructed to deliver files, paperwork, pager, kits and other materials to the States Attorney's Office.

Michael Carter also resigned as EMT Coordinator for the Forman Ambulance. He will be meeting with the Forman Ambulance Board on Thursday evening. Mr. Carter stated several reasons for the resignation and suggestions for the future of the ambulance.

Les Bjore, Architect, reviewed several engineering value deducts on the handicapped facility bids that were opened September 15, 1998. The Board discussed the various deducts and agreed on \$12,400 total deducts. Accept the bid packages for construction of an elevator for Handicapped Accessibility totaling \$325,112.45 to maintain and improve service to the public into the next millenium. (Smith/Wyum. Voting aye: Smith, Wyum, and Hewitt. Voting nay: Wehlander, Coleman. Motion carried)

Approve standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Construction Manager for Handicapped Accessibility Project that includes an elevator and stair tower addition and some minor remodeling to existing spaces. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Gina Hillestad, representing the Forman Community Club asked the Board for approval to purchase two banners to hang in front of the courthouse. Cost is \$85 each. Approve purchase. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

The Board discussed the 1999 budget with Gina regarding the Deputy Treasurer working in the Clerk of Courts Office. Patty Carlen asked for more time because she handles two offices. Several suggestions were made and each office will work on better communications and scheduling.

Orville and Lance Erickson met with the Board with a bid to sandblast, prime and paint the coal bin, black trailer and unloading auger for \$3,540. Paint will match courthouse exterior. Approve project to be completed before October 1, 1998. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Dan Fawcett and Lonnie Gold, Forman Ambulance Board members, met with the Board to discuss Michael Carter's letter of resignation. They will meet with Mr. Carter on Thursday night and report back to this Board.

Chuck Gates met to discuss the recommendation from the State Auditor's Office. His office is making changes as per the suggestion on the 1997 audit. Also discussed the \$42,000 equipment line item on the 1999 budget.

The Board discussed road repairs and prepared a list for NDDOT for of various roadways that will be improved. Estimated total for improvements is \$2,095,000.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

BETTY HEWITT, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD, AUDITOR