

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, David L Jacobson, Jerry Waswick and Bill Anderson. Absent: Steve Wyum. Mary Ann Gadberry, the Sargent County Teller was also present.

Approve minutes of January 3, 2012. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous) Board members also received a copy of the December 2011 financial statement.

Approve January payroll in the sum of \$144,242.20 (Nos. 6607-6655 and 65516-65528) and the following bills: (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

65408	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	2,790.56
65409-65418		Health Unit Expenses	1,648.89
65420-65421		Health Unit Expenses	307.90
65422-65423		Human Service Expenses	1,109.00
65424-65425		Weed Board Expenses	1,003.00
65426	City of Forman	Water/Sewer/Garbage	156.30
65427	Ransom County	VSO Expense	692.71
65429-65434		Health Unit Expenses	327.67
65435-65445		Human Service Expenses	5,294.70
65446	American Express	Credit Card Purchases	78.29
65447	Anderson, Bill	Commission Travel	35.70
65448	Buhl's Inc.	Cleaning Services	151.66
65449	Dakota Plains	Gasoline	1,596.49
65450	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	797.53
65451	DOCS	Grounds Maintenance	165.00
65452	Dyste's	Supplies	9.66
65453	Hardware Hank	Supplies	152.38
65454	Information Technology Dept.	Lerms User Fee	50.00
65455	LexisNexis-Mathew Bender	ND Century Codes	211.33
65456	McLaen's Service	Vehicle Maintenance	235.77
65457	Minn-Kota Communications	Battery Back-up	108.00
65458	NDACo	Special Operations	400.00
65459	ND County Auditor's Assn.	Dues	75.00
65460	ND Newspaper Assn.	Printing	169.50
65461	ND State Radio Comm.	State Radio Contract	389.64
65462	Paeper, Travis	Travel & Reimbursement	160.00
65463	Quill Corp.	Office & Computer Supplies	396.57
65464	Sargent County Teller	Printing & Publishing	359.36
65465	Sargent County Treasurer	Taxes	1,655.08
65466	Secretary of State	Fair Annual Report Fee	10.00
65467	Streicher's	Equipment & Supplies	165.96
65468	Walstead, Mike	Commissioner Travel	250.41
65469	Waswick, Jerry	Commissioner Travel	81.60
65470	Wyum, Steve	Commissioner Travel	83.64
65471	A W Diesel Service	Tires & Equipment Repairs	1,789.69
65472	Forman Repair	Equipment Repair	27.98
65473	John Deere Financial	Equipment Repairs	221.26
65474	Martinsen's Home Center	Equipment Repairs	72.96
65475	RDO Equipment	Grader Repair	740.46
65476	Rutland Oil Co.	Fuel	5,617.50
65477	Schaeffer's Specialized Lubricants	Oil/Grease	2,170.37
65478	Zep Sales & Service	Equipment Repairs	399.84
65479	Century Link	911 Contract	191.88
65480	Chunky's Standard Service	Vehicle Service	79.40
65481	Computer Prof. Unlimited	Staff Support	983.84
65482	Crandall Construction, Inc.	Gravel	27,751.00
65484	Dickey Rural Telephone	911 Contracts	255.00
65485	Gwinner One-Stop	Gasoline	578.90
65486	Information Tech. Dept.	WAN	467.40
65487	Kieffer, Brooke Suzanne	Refund-SCRAM	5.00
65488	NACo	Dues	400.00
65489	NDACo	Dues & 911 Wireless	6,652.40
65490	NDACo	Worker's Comp. Premium	19,417.38
65491	ND County Comm. Assn.	Dues	1,425.00

65492	ND State Radio	911 Contract	6,184.62
65493	ND 911 Assn.	Membership Renewal	25.00
65494	NDACo Resources Group	Tech. Support	22,776.00
65495	Ohnstad Twichell Law Office	Bonding fees	6,250.00
65496	Richland Co. WRD	Culvert Replacement	18,744.24
65497	Secure Software Solutions	Annual License Fee	1,500.00
65499	Vanguard Appraisals, Inc.	Contract & Software	61,600.00
65500	The Village Family Service Center	EAP Contract	1,080.00
65501	Visa	Credit Card Purchases	179.28

Julie Hassebroek, Extension Agent and Chris Boerboom, Interim Director & Asst. Director/ANR Program Leader, NDSU Extension Service met with the Board to present an Extension update. Julie Hassebroek presented a letter tendering her resignation as Sargent County Extension Agent effective March 30, 2012, after 26 years in the Extension profession. Julie has decided to pursue her dream job – partnering with her husband, David, farming and ranching. Chairman Anderson congratulated Julie for the many achievements she has had over the years with the youth of Sargent County, and expressed the Commission’s appreciation for all her work on behalf of the people of Sargent County. The Board accepts the resignation with regret. Discussion followed on how, and whether, to hire a replacement. Lisa Dawson, Family Consumer Science will be on leave from the Extension Office during the months of April and May. Mr. Boerboom suggested a 40% contract with Ms. Hassebroek to fill in during Ms. Dawson’s leave of absence. The Board agreed with Mr. Boerboom and he will prepare a letter for Chairman Anderson to review. Motion to form a search committee comprised of two commissioners, two producers, one extension agent and Extension Community Development Area Specialist Jodi Bruns to work with NDSU Extension Service to find a new County Agent. (Walstead/Jacobson, unanimous). Chairman Anderson appointed Mike Walstead and Steve Wyum as the commission representatives to serve on this committee.

Lyle Bopp arrived at this time.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff, called via conference phone to discuss sale proceeds from items that were recovered from a 2009 theft ring in Sargent County, individuals were convicted and multiple ads were placed in the paper to try to indentify the owners of recovered property. The remaining unclaimed property was forfeited to Sargent County and offered for sale by the Sheriff’s Dept. in December. Proceeds from the sale were \$1625. Sheriff Paeper proposed that \$800 go to the Milnor Park District as it has been the victim of several theft crimes and vandalism. Motion to approve the recommendation of \$800 from the sale of forfeited property to the Milnor City Park District. (Waswick/Jacobson, unanimous) Sheriff Paeper would like the remaining \$825 used to offset the crime prevention project (SEMCA) of which \$2,000 was budgeted for 2012 from the County General Fund. Approve allocation of the \$825 towards the crime prevention project. (Walstead/Jacobson, unanimous)

Instruct County Auditor to call for sealed bids in the official newspaper for furnishing supplies for the period beginning April 1, 2012 and ending March 31, 2013. Bids shall be opened March 20, 2012 as follows: Gravel-11:00 a.m.; Mixing & Drying Blacktop Surfacing-11:20 a.m.; Bituminous Materials-11:25 a.m.; 10% Blended Ethanol gasoline, Fuel, Biodiesel Blend/10% bio-diesel with 90% petroleum diesel or “B10” & LP Gas-11:30 a.m. (Jacobson/Walstead, unanimous) Discussion followed on preparing a list of road miles to be graveled and amount of gravel needed in 2012.

Approve reappointment of Richard Engst, Milnor, ND to the Sargent County Water Resource Board for a three year term. (Jacobson/Waswick, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist, Road Supt. met with the Board to discuss various road projects that have been completed this winter.

Motion that road department get prior approval from the Board of Commissioners on any work that is located off county right-of-way unless an easement is on file. Road Commissioner Walstead pointed out that the motion merely restates current County policy, and would be redundant. (Jacobson/Waswick. Tie vote. Motion failed for lack of a majority)

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

BILL ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
