

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Maurice Orn, Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, and Jerry Waswick. Absent: none. Jacque Dotzenrod, the Sargent County Teller, was also present.

Approve minutes of January 5, 2010 meeting as corrected. Board members also received a copy of the year end financial report. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous)

Randy Gibbon, Milnor stopped by the meeting to inquire about commission districts and the upcoming election.

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. and Sparky Engquist, Road Supt, met with the Board to discuss second infrastructure (roads and bridges) Economic Recovery Package monies that are proposed at 75-100% of last monies that Sargent County received which was \$197,000. There are several road and bridge projects that would be eligible for these monies. According to Damon there are several state seal coat projects that are scheduled for this area. Discussion followed on which projects (bridge or road) that the Board should consider for submission. The Board instructed Damon to proceed with sending out letters for solicitation comments for two bridge projects and one road project. Also discussed the upcoming bid opening on January 29<sup>th</sup> in Bismarck for County #7 and #10. Mr. DeVillers also informed the Board that the bid opening for the crossing south of Rutland that washed out in 2009 is set for May 2010.

Board members requested information from Sparky Engquist regarding a bill for oil products, overtime for Jamie Lien and the bill for the Eagle Ditcher from Erickson Manufacturing, Inc. Sparky explained the use for the Eagle Ditcher and plans for future work. Motion that any capital assets for the Road Dept. from \$0-\$500 are at the discretion of the Road Supt., any from \$500-\$5000 the road commissioner will approve and any over \$5,000 shall have a motion by the entire Board of commissioners. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist asked the Board about purchasing a new road grader. The road department has tried out a few machines and would like a 4 wheel drive without snow equipment that will have a ripper attachment. The Board instructed Sparky to get some price quotes and check into lease purchase options.

The Board reviewed an Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes for 2009 from Geraldine Hoffner, Fargo, ND for property described as a 6.66 acre parcel in the NW1/4-30-131-53 (Herman Township). The structure was destroyed by fire in May, 2009. The request is to remove the value of the structure for the eight months following the fire. Herman Township approved reduction of the valuation for 2009. Concur with Herman Township. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Steve Hutcherson, Elite Heating and Air, Colfax, ND met with the Board to discuss the heating system in the courthouse. He provided quotes for two options – thermal storage units and propane fired boiler. Both proposals will have very little impact on the exterior façade and will be able to preserve the historical nature of the courthouse. The information provided is necessary to prepare an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant through the Department of Energy. Authorize the Chairman and Auditor to submit the grant application upon completion to the Department of Commerce before the February 12, 2010 deadline. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Appoint Sheriff Travis Paeper as Deputy Coroner as per the request from Lorraine Jacobson, County Coroner to fill the vacancy by the resignation of Shane Decker. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Approve reappointment of James Bosse, Cogswell to the Sargent County Water Board. Approve appointment of Chris McFarland, Gwinner ND to the Sargent County Water Board to replace Dan Jacobson who is moving to Fargo. Both are terms of three years. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve January 2010 payroll in the sum of \$138,931.65 (nos. 4048-4099 and 61909-61924) and the following bills. (Anderson/Wyum unanimous)

61767		Human Services Expenditure	6972.98
61775	Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity	1805.18
61791-61804		Health Unit Expenditures	2387.46
61805	City of Forman	Water & Sewer	247.80
61811	Gretchen Vann	JDA Economic Development	35000.00
61812-61833		Human Services Expenditures	14272.81
61834	American Express	Card Purchases	4211.39

61835	Bill Anderson	Travel	27.50
61836	B&K Electric, Inc.	Electrical Work	1854.78
61837	Buhl's	Cleaning	184.86
61838	Chunky's Standard Service	Parts & Service	84.00
61839	Comfort Inn	Lodging	413.00
61840	Dakota Communications	Computer repairs	227.00
61841	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	695.98
61842	Dickey/Sarg. Housing Auth.	Annual Internet & Copies	961.20
61843	Dyste's Food Pride	Supplies	93.81
61844	Farm & Home Publishers	Plat Books	771.00
61845	Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas & supplies	958.15
61846	Gall's	Sheriff Badges	147.94
61847	Gwinner One Stop	Gas	593.05
61848	Sandra Hanson	Travel, Heater	382.43
61849	Hardware Hank	Supplies	112.92
61850	Sherry Hosford	Retirement Supplies	90.00
61851	Info. Technology Dept.	WAN, LERMS	519.80
61852	Lexis Nexis	Century Codes	726.92
61853	Martinsen's Home Center	Supplies	69.61
61854	McLean's Service, Inc.	Oil Change, Tire Repair	68.74
61855	Midstates Wireless	Install equipment	900.00
61856	ND County Auditor's Assoc.	Dues	75.00
61857	ND DOT	Highway Maps	35.25
61858	ND Newspaper Assoc.	Extension printing	162.30
61859	ND State Radio Comm.	Teletype rental/ LETS	237.84
61860	PNC Equipment Finance	09 Durango payment	1904.44
61861	Quill	Office Supplies	1039.62
61862	Safetec	Annual Service Agreement	178.00
61863	The Sargent County Teller	Printing & Publishing	376.10
61864	Sargent County Treasurer	Postage Fees	4635.70
61864	Sargent Co. Treasurer	RE Taxes	1515.93
61865	Secretary of State	Election Equip./SC Fair filing fee	749.34
61866	SEMCA	Crime Prevention	1200.00
61867	Stutsman Co.	Supplies	150.00
61868	Supply Distribution Center	Toner	459.85
61869	US Express, Inc.	Coal	2294.70
61870	Jerry Waswick	Travel	107.80
61871	White Banner	Uniforms	99.00
61872	AW Diesel	Parts and repairs	607.11
61873	Crandall Construction	Gravel	20405.00
61874	Dakota Improvement	Haul Rock	1092.88
61875	Ekstrom Repair Shop	Parts	554.43
61876	Merrill Engquist	Travel	202.00
61877	Erickson Mfg. Co. Inc.	Eagle Ditcher	19996.00
61878	Farmers Union Oil Co.	Fuel Oil	5118.00
61879	Forman Repair	Parts	369.14
61880	Schaeffer Mfg. Co.	Oil products	3196.51
61881	Barnes County Corrections	Prisoner Board	2015.00
61882	Computer Professionals	Tech Support	1278.11
61884	Lisa Dawson	Travel	90.90
61885	Dickey Rural Telephone	911 contracts, database updates	255.00
61887	Martinsen Home Center	Response vehicle filing & storage	3495.67
61888	Meritcare Medical Group	Prisoner Board	297.00
61889	National Assoc. of Counties	Dues	400.00
61890	ND Assoc. of Counties Dues, WC premium, 911 wireless		22357.92
61891	ND Cnty. Commission. Assoc.	Dues	1275.00
61892	ND State Radio	911 lines	5552.94
61893	ND Workforce Safety & Ins.	Volunteer Coverage	93.60
61894	NDACo. Resource Group, Inc.	Tech Support	21840.00
61895	Newman Signs	Plastic Barricades	466.50
61896	NRG Technology Services.	Two monitors	879.56
61897	Qwest	911 Contracts	191.88
61898	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	4451.74
61899-61908		Health Department Expenditures	2568.74

Instruct County Auditor to call for sealed bids in the official newspaper for furnishing supplies for the period beginning April 1, 2010 and ending March 31, 2011. Bids shall be opened March 16, 2010 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. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve County Deed to Megan Cleary, Fargo, ND pending confirmation of no delinquent taxes in North Dakota, for the following parcels: the North 50 feet of Lots 1,2,3,4 and the North 70 feet of Lots 5,6,7,8,9,10, Block 3, Original Addition to Village of Brampton for \$110; Lot 5, Block 1, Devlin's 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, City of Cayuga for \$95 and Lots 7 and 8, Block 3, Devlin's 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, City of Cayuga for \$95. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR