Forman, North Dakota January 2, 2001

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

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Hosford, County Auditor and the Board proceeded to organize for 2001.

Elect Donald Wehlander Chairman for 2001. (Wyum/Brockman. Cast a unanimous ballot. Carried)

Elect Ray Brockman Vice-Chairman for 2001. (Wyum/Smith. Cast a unanimous ballot. Carried)

Donald Wehlander arrived at 9:04 a.m.

Approve December 19, 2000 minutes. (Anderson/Brockman, unanimous)

Reappoint Lorraine Jacobson, Milnor as County Coroner for a 2-year term. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Reappoint Quentin Hoistad, Rutland and Raymon Nelson, Milnor to County Park Board for a 1-year term. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Following appointments approved: Anderson-Courthouse

Wehlander-Police Anderson-Fairboard

Smith-Road

Brockman-Weed Board Wyum-Health Board

Each commissioner will serve as road commissioners within their district.

Approve appointment/re-appointment as follows to the Sargent County Social Service Board: Donald Wehlander and Karen Anderson. Said term ending the first Monday in December 2004. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

Discussed meeting with the Tax Director on a regular basis. Agreed on first meeting of each month at 10:30 a.m. Chairman will talk to Mr. Preble.

Set regular meeting dates on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. (Brockman/Wyum, unanimous)

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

Authorize County Treasurer to invest county funds. (Brockman/Anderson, unanimous)

Discussed the police arrangement with the City of Forman.

Instruct County Auditor to call for sealed bids in the official newspaper for furnishing supplies for the period beginning April 1, 2001 and ending March 31, 2002. Bids shall be opened March 20, 2001 as follows: Rental of Highway & Bridge Building Equipment-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. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve 2001 Sargent Seniors Council Contract. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

Steve Wyum, representative on the Legislative Committee reported that the NDACo will pay expenses for those meetings but it is hoped that each county will agree to pay for their own commissioner. The Sargent County Commission agreed that the state association should pay these expenses.

Approve re-applying to the ND Game and Fish Department for an extension on the permit for county and township governments to shoot or trap muskrats out of season. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Discussed a meeting for the Job Development Authority. Schedule a meeting for January 10, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. at Sargent County Courthouse. Approve \$35 per diem plus mileage for JDA members. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Norm Preble, Tax Director, met with the Board to discuss the proposed increase in agricultural land for 2001 taxes. It appears an additional 4% increase will be necessary to comply with the variance.

Reviewed pledge of assets and approved as adequate according to law. Sargent County Bank - \$3,065,000 and First National Bank - \$1,525,000. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.	
	DONALD WEHLANDER - CHAIRMAN
ATTEST:	
SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR	