

Forman, North Dakota
January 2, 2002

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

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Hosford, County Auditor and the Board proceeded to organize for 2002.

Elect Ray Brockman Chairman for 2002. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Elect W. E. Smith Vice-Chairman for 2002. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve December 18, 2001 minutes. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

Following appointments approved: Anderson-Courthouse
Wehlander-Police
Anderson-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 year. (Wehlander/Anderson, unanimous)

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

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

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

Lysle Coleman met with the Board to discuss voting precinct lines. He would like to see a precinct back in Stirum. The Board reviewed the population numbers for the county and the number of eligible voters. There isn't enough justification to change the precinct lines. The Board discussed voting by absentee and providing transportation to voters for traveling to the precincts. The Board will talk to the Sargent County Senior Services about transportation availability for the upcoming elections. Following the legislative redistricting Sargent County will all be within the 26th District. The precincts for the upcoming elections shall remain the same and as follows: Precinct No. 1: Milnor Township, Hall Township and the City of Milnor; Precinct No. 2: Shuman Township, Herman Township, Ransom Township, Kingston Township, Tewaukon Township, Marboe Township and the City of Cayuga; Precinct No. 3: Whitestone Hill Township, Willey Township and the City of Gwinner; Precinct No. 4: Bowen Township, Dunbar Township, Forman Township and the City of Forman; Precinct No. 5: Rutland Township, Taylor Township, Weber Township, City of Rutland and City of Havana; Precinct No. 6: Denver Township, Vivian Township, Verner Township, Harlem Township, Jackson Township, Sargent Township, Southwest Township, Brampton Township and City of Cogswell. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Instruct County Auditor to call for sealed bids in the official newspaper for furnishing supplies for the period beginning April 1, 2002 and ending March 31, 2003. Bids shall be opened March 19, 2002 as follows: Gravel-11:00 am; Mixing, Laying & Drying Blacktop Surfacing-11:30 am; Bituminous Materials-11:35 am; Gasoline, Fuel, Biodiesel Blend/10% biodiesel with 90% petroleum diesel or "B10" & LP Gas-11:40 am. (/Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

The Board inspected the two bridge sites that are included in the 2002-bridge program bid letting. There are some options to preparing the roadway in lieu of the bridges. The Board is concerned about the dollars allowed for this project. Interstate Engineering, Inc. will be contacted to inform them that other plans may be proposed and at this time the preliminary engineering agreement will be on hold.

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. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Reviewed pledge of assets and approved as adequate according to law. Sargent County Bank - \$3,485,000 and First National Bank - \$1,525,000. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve 2002 Sargent Seniors Council Contract. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting to discuss the tower lease, commission district lines and county deeds.

Nancy Bernstein met with the Board for a hearing on two applications for tax abatements. The roadway to the NE1/4-2-132-54 is inaccessible and there is a possibility of jeopardizing CRP payments and contract. She has talked to the

township about fixing the road and offered to cost share. The Board asked about alternate routes to the land and agreed to visit with the township and talk to the States Attorney about roadway accessibility. Milnor Township denied both applications. Concur with the township. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

An application for abatement from Thomas Wolter, Gwinner on the South 83 feet of Lot 4, Block 3, Southside Addition was reviewed. Mr. Wolter asked that the value of the residential structure be reduced to \$17,100 for 2001. Gwinner City Council reduced the value to \$22,000 based on the appraisal information provided by the city assessor. Concur with Gwinner City. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

RAY BROCKMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR