

Forman, North Dakota  
January 2, 2007

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

Approve December 19, 2006 minutes as corrected. (Orn/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve Barnes County Correctional Facility Contract for Prisoner Boarding for 2007 at \$55 per day, per inmate. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

Joan Lee, Recorder, met to discuss rearranging the placement of office equipment and personnel in the office of the County Recorder/Clerk of Court. The commission voiced no objection on her plans.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the funeral for Gerald R. Ford, 38<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America will be conducted today, January 2, 2007, in Washington DC; and,

WHEREAS, Gerald R. Ford served his country, and his countrymen, with courage, strength and virtue as a U. S. Navy veteran of World War II, as a member of the Congress of the United States, as Vice-President of the United States and as President of the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, as a former President, Gerald R. Ford continued to provide his countrymen with an example of useful and virtuous service to his nation, and to the world, throughout his retirement; and,

WHEREAS, Gerald R. Ford became President at a particularly divisive point in our national history, at a time when the nation was divided by war, demoralized by scandal and disappointed by the behavior of some of the highest officials of the land; and,

WHEREAS, Gerald R. Ford's honest, strong and calm presence in the Presidency helped to begin the process of healing the nation and of restoring faith in the future of our country; and,

WHEREAS, the nation now mourns the death of Gerald R. Ford, a man who provided wise and compassionate leadership to the United States of America at a time when wisdom and compassion were needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sargent County Commission, meeting at the Sargent County Courthouse in the City of Forman, North Dakota, on this second day of January, 2007:

That the people of Sargent County join in extending their sympathy and condolences to the grieving family of our 38<sup>th</sup> President, Gerald R. Ford; and,

That officials and employees of Sargent County shall honor the memory of Gerald R. Ford with a moment of silence at 1:00 p.m. on January 2, 2007, with all Department heads directed to convey this directive to employees serving under them; and,

That the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff, at the Sargent County Courthouse and at all other locations at which Sargent County may be displaying the national ensign, throughout the day of January 2, 2007, in honor of the memory of Gerald R. Ford, 38<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America.

Resolution moved by: Commissioner Wyum

Resolution seconded by: Commissioner Orn

Resolution passed and adopted by the unanimous vote of the Sargent County Commission on this second day of January, 2007.

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Bill Anderson, Chairman, Sargent County Commission

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Attest, Sherry Hosford, County Auditor

Discussion followed on Holidays and Paid Time Off (Section 305) of the Sargent County Personnel Handbook. Motion to refer this section to the Personnel Board for review and possible revision. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Approve Sargent Senior Council Contract for 2007. (Walstead/Orn, unanimous)

Approve Games of Chance Permit # 2007-01 to St. Mary's Altar Society for bingo on February 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2007 at St Martin's Catholic Church, Geneseo, ND. (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve Games of Chance Permit # 2007-02 to Tewaukon Rod & Gun Club, Geneseo, ND for a raffle on January 12, 2007 at Geneseo Hall, Geneseo, ND. (Orn/Waswick, unanimous)

Jerry Waswick read a letter from ASCG, Inc. in conjunction with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe regarding a Long Range Transportation Plan and Road Inventory Update. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9 in the Sisseton-Wahpeton Community Center and an invitation was extended to Board members to attend.

Gina Hillestad presented a proposal for a survey of county employee benchmark positions for the county pay plan. Other local businesses were suggested as possible entities to survey. Motion to use the same benchmark counties that were used in 2004 at GMG discretion. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous) Discussed the various positions to be studied and question the need to increase or decrease these positions. Motion to use same benchmark positions as the 2004 study. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous)

Discussed other issues including the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Facility, road mowing and condition of roadways.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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BILL ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD – AUDITOR