

Forman, North Dakota
January 3, 2012

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, David L Jacobson, Mike Walstead and Jerry Waswick. Absent: None. Also present was Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller.

Approve minutes of December 20, 2011 meeting as corrected. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve 2012 Sargent Seniors Council Contract and authorize Chairman to sign. (Waswick/Jacobson, unanimous)

Approve County Deed to Kim and Sharon L Beckstrom, Gwinner, ND for Sublot 1 and Sublot 2 of the NW1/4NW1/4-26-132-56 (5.78 acres) for a sum of \$2,600. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

Authorize the Chairman and States Attorney to sign the County's Federal Aid Contract and Bond for Project SC-4111(068) on CMC 4111 – county road from ND 13, north – micro surfacing and incidentals with Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp., St. Cloud, MN upon review and approval by the States Attorney. (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous)

Motion to renew the contract with Village Business Institute (Employee Assistance Program) with an effective date of January 1, 2012. (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous) Sherry Hosford, County Auditor will continue as the coordinator for this program.

Richard Ruch arrived at 10:00 a.m.

Sandy Hanson met with the Board to discuss the Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP). North Dakota Dept. of Emergency Services (NDDDES) is promoting the development of a statewide Regional MHMP. This is a one-time opportunity coordinated and fully funded with NDDDES mitigation funds. Motion to participate in this program and recommend Sandy Hanson and Brian Tayer as representatives from the southeast region. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson also reported that the three townships (Denver, Verner and Tewaukon) are meeting this week to complete the soils maps.

Motion to approve a 2.6% COLA effective January 1, 2012. (Wyum/Jacobson, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp arrived at 10:50 a.m.

Proceeded to discuss combining the commission districts. Lyle did not receive an Attorney General's opinion but explained the ND Century Code regarding combining districts and terms of office. Commissioner Wyum moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Committee for Sargent County has filed its report with the County Auditor, creating 5 Commission Districts in Sargent County;

WHEREAS, the Sargent County Commission is authorized by law, Section 11-07-03(2) of the North Dakota Century Code, to combine 2 or more Commission Districts by resolution;

WHEREAS, since 2002, the citizens of Sargent County has elected Commissioners from 2 Combined Commission Districts, with Combined District #1 electing 2 Commissioners and Combined District #2 electing 3 Commissioners;

WHEREAS, the Sargent County Commission finds that combining Commission Districts affords the citizens of Sargent County more opportunity to participate in County government; greater choice of potential candidates; and, a method of selecting County Commissioners that is consistent with American principles of democracy and representative government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, pursuant to section 11-07-03(2) of the North Dakota Century Code, the 5 Commission Districts reported by the County Redistricting Committee are hereby combined into 1 Commission District, to be identified henceforth as Combined County Commission District #1; and,

That the 5 Sargent County Commissioners shall, henceforth and until a different method of election is lawfully provided, be elected At Large, with 2 Commissioners to be elected to 4 year terms in 2012 and 3 Commissioners to be elected to 4 year terms in 2014.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Waswick.

(Wyum/Waswick. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Wyum, Waswick, Anderson and Walstead. Voting nay: Jacobson. Motion carried and resolution was adopted.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

BILL ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD – COUNTY AUDITOR