

Forman, North Dakota  
January 4, 2005

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

The Board discussed the position of the County Tax Director/Veteran's Service Officer. Effective January 1, 2005 this position is sixty percent. There was a lengthy discussion on the reduction of time for this position. Tabled until the Board can meet with Norm Preble.

Approve December 21, 2004 minutes as corrected. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

The County Officials Prep School is scheduled in Bismarck for March 14 and 15. This conflicts with the second meeting in March. Approve changing the March 15 meeting date to March 22.

Instruct County Auditor to call for sealed bids in the official newspaper for furnishing supplies for the period beginning April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006. Bids shall be opened March 22, 2005 as follows: Gravel-11:00 a.m.; Mixing, Laying & Drying Blacktop Surfacing-11:20 a.m.; Bituminous Materials-11:25 a.m.; 10% Blended Ethanol gasoline, Fuel, Biodiesel Blend/10% biodiesel with 90% petroleum diesel or "B10" & LP Gas-11:30 a.m. (Brockman/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve Games of Chance Permit SC 2005-01 to St. Mary's Altar Society for bingo on February 20 and 27 and March 6 and 13, 2005 at St. Martin's Church, Geneseo. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Discussed the Deputy Coroner position and whether it is necessary that we have one and the qualifications. Bill Anderson is awaiting a call with more information.

Bill Anderson reported that the Dakota State Line Board has representation from several communities and Karen Anderson was the Sargent County liaison who regularly attended meetings. Bill indicated that he serves on that Board representing Rutland City and could take over for the county and report to the commission. It was suggested that Ray Brockman and Mike Walstead as members of the Sargent County JDA could also gain from attending these meetings. Ron Narum, Chairman of SCJDA is also a member of the DSL Board.

Julie Hassebroek and Lisa Knox, Extension Service introduced Roger Haugen, District Director for Unit 6/Extension Service Director of Ag and Natural Resources to the commission. Mr. Haugen reported that the big push in extension is promoting community and economic involvement. Discussed consolidation, county fairs, 4-H clubs, various agricultural and production issues.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff reported that Brenda Peterson, Deputy Matron has verbally submitted her resignation. She will stay on until someone has been hired and trained. Travis placed an advertisement in the paper with a deadline of January 14. Also discussed job share or position consolidation. The Board agreed to contact the county pay plan consultant and ask for a preliminary classification of combining two jobs. Travis informed the Board he will be submitting bids for another new vehicle and will seek trade-in prices for used vehicles.

Approve 2005 Sargent Senior Council Contract. (Anderson/Brockman, unanimous)

Appoint Shane Decker as Sargent County Deputy Coroner. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve Construction and Maintenance Agreement and letter to NDDOT certifying that the necessary right of way for project BRC-4120(054) Bridge 118-20 – 3 miles north and 1 mile west of Havana has been acquired and that plats for these rights of way are duly filed with the Recorder, subject to States Attorney approval. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Julie Hassebroek, Extension Service presented the 2004 Annual Highlights Leading the Way booklet to the Board.

North Dakota Game and Fish Department renewed a Director's Permit through 12/31/05 to snare, trap or shoot muskrats with shotguns, .22s and muzzleloaders (.45 cal. Or smaller) inside road right-of-way or easements that are sustaining muskrat damage designated by the Sargent County Road Supervisor. The names, addresses and phone numbers of muskrat damage control agents must be filed with the County Auditor's Office.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. to a non-agenda employee meeting.

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MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR