The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Steve Wyum, Donald Wehlander, Lysle Coleman and Bill Smith and Ray Brockman. Absent none.

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Hosford, County Auditor and the Board proceeded to organize for 1999.

Oaths of Office were administered to the following: Ray Brockman, District 5; W. E. Smith, District 3 and Steven Wyum, District 1. All terms ending December 2, 2002.

Elect Bill Smith Chairman for 1999. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Elect Lysle Coleman Vice-Chairman for 1999. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve December 15 & 16, 1998 minutes as corrected. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Following appointments approved: Wyum-Courthouse Wehlander-Police Wyum-Fairboard Smith-Road

Each commissioner will serve as road commissioners within their district.

Approve appointment/re-appointment as follows to the Sargent County Social Service Board: Bill Smith, Steven Wyum and Ray Brockman. Said term ending December 2, 2002. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

Reappoint Quentin Hoistad, Rutland and Raymon Nelson, Milnor to the Sargent County Park Board. Term ending January 1, 2000. (Coleman/Brockman, unanimous)

Set regular meeting dates on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. The first meeting in October shall be held on October 1, 1999 because of another meeting conflict. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

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

Authorize County Treasurer to invest county funds. (Wyum/Coleman, unanimous)

Bob Cookson, Mayor, Forman City, asked the Board to find another location to house the ambulance. Also discussed closing landfills, replacing sidewalks and other city matters.

The Board proceeded to open bids for one new ambulance for the Milnor squad. Several salesmen were present as well as Brian Tayer, Carol Stockstad and Dale Fuhrman, Milnor Ambulance service and Lyle Bopp, States Attorney.Bids received as follows:Premier Specialty Vehicles77,700.00 - 11,000.00 trade-in =\$66,700.00Premier Specialty Vehicles80,170.00 - 11,170.00 trade-in =\$69,000.00Premier Specialty Vehicles84,200.00 - 11,000.00 trade-in =\$73,200.00North Central Ambulance63,918.30 - 10,000.00 trade-in =\$53,918.30 80,208.40 - 10,000.00 trade-in = \$70,208.40 North Central Ambulance 68,849.00 - 10,918.00 trade-in = Wheeled Coach Industries \$57,931.00 73,070.00 - 10,918.00 trade-in = Wheeled Coach Industries \$62,152.00 77,033.00 - 5,250.00 trade-in = 86,165.00 - 9,750.00 discount & Ninety-Four Services \$71,783.00 Ninety-Four Services trade-in = \$76,415.00

After many questions and much discussion, the Board instructed the Milnor squad to review the proposals and make a recommendation later.

Cayuga City Council rejected Gregory Cann abatement requesting residential value for 1997 be lowered to \$1200. Concur with city. (Wyum/Coleman, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson and Norman Preble met with the Board requesting information on their office space during the construction of the elevator. Several options were discussed and Steve Wyum agreed to contact the Architect/Construction Engineer for the proposed timetable of the construction project. A weekly report will be requested to keep everyone informed on the status of the project.

Sargent County received another extension on the muskrat permit to snare, trap, or shoot muskrats with shotguns only. Anyone who plans to use this permit must file his or her name, address and telephone number with the Sargent County Auditor.

Approve following permits: No. 99-01 to St. Mary's Altar Society, Geneseo for bingo on February 7 & 21 and March 7 & 21, 1999 with storm dates listed as February 14 & 28 and March 14 & 28, 1999 and No. 99-02 to DeLamere Community Hall, DeLamere for bingo on January 30, 1999. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

The 4020 John Deere tractor needs a new motor. Board members will look for a rebuilt engine.

Approve 1999 Sargent Seniors Council Contract. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Instruct County Auditor to call for sealed bids in the official newspaper for furnishing supplies, purchasing culverts, etc. for the period beginning April 1, 1999 and ending March 31, 2000. Bids shall be opened March 16, 1999 as follows: Culverts-10:30 am;

Bridge Planks and Concrete Bridge Decks-10:45 am; Rental of Highway & Bridge Building Equipment-10:50 am; Cutting Edges-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. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Milnor Ambulance personnel met with the Board to make a recommendation of which ambulance to purchase. After lengthy discussion with the ambulance personnel, quality of vehicle, body style and new versus demo model, approve purchase of a 1998 Horton Type III ambulance with a 158-inch wheel base for a net price of \$73,200. (Wyum/Wehlander. Roll Call: Aye: All; Nay: None; Motion carried)

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

BILL SMITH - CHAIRMAN

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR