

Forman, North Dakota
January 6, 2009

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Maurice Orn, Mike Walstead, Bill Anderson, Jerry Waswick and Steve Wyum. Absent: None. Also in attendance was Holly Jessen, The Sargent County Teller.

Marwood Klein and Jim Peterson, Forman Ambulance Squad presented a recap of the bid proposals for a new ambulance received on December 16, 2008. Marwood and Jim reviewed the differences in the four ambulance proposals including the specifications. They are recommending Bid Option 3 for the purchase of the 2008 E450 Ford Model 553 ambulance from Premier Specialty Vehicles, Fergus Falls, MN for \$122,000. This includes the purchase price of \$136,170 less trade-in of \$7,000, less Ford Fleet discount of \$4,600 and a demo discount of \$2,570, which totals \$122,000. Motion pursuant to recommendation of the Forman Squad and the ambulance coordinator to accept Bid Option # 3 from Premier Specialty Vehicles for one new ambulance. Further that Option 3 although not the low bid it contained equipment that the squad and ambulance coordinator feels it would better serve the needs of Sargent County. The county will lend the Forman Ambulance Squad money from the Capital Improvement fund to pay for the ambulance. Repayment will be made from CD's that the ambulance squad will cash this year and \$22,000 in a zero percent note up to six years for the balance. Said payments will be made in March and September. (Anderson/Walstead. Roll Call vote. Aye: Wyum, Waswick, Orn, Anderson and Walstead. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.) Motion to authorize appropriate persons to execute all contracts for this purchase. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

Approve December 16, 2008, minutes as corrected. (Orn/Waswick, unanimous)

Steve Wyum read an Application for Property Tax Incentives for New and Expanding Businesses received from project operator Forman Community Development Corporation. The application requests a 100% 5 year tax exemption for a new business located on Sub lot One of the SE1/4 of the NE1/4-13-130-56 to include a 60' x120' steel un-insulated building with a full cement floor to be used for seed storage and handling, seed treatment sales and application. Motion to schedule a hearing on this application for February 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. and instruct Auditor to have applicant publish the Notice to Competitors of Hearing on Application for Property Tax Incentives. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Sherry Hosford reported on information she received from ArcaSearch to include digitizing the handwritten county commission minutes from 1883-1929. Cost to digitize, image enhance, OCR and create pdf's and index the minutes would be \$1.00 per page or \$3,000. Questions followed on hosting the county content, IT support and network issues. The Board instructed Sherry to contact the NDACo NRG to get answers to these questions and report back at a future meeting.

A County Officials Academy has been scheduled in Bismarck for March 2-3 to give both veteran and new officials an overview of county government, including the duties associated with different offices, important legislative issues and more. The meeting time conflicts with the regularly scheduled commission meeting. Motion to reschedule the March 3, 2009 commission meeting to March 5 at 10:00 a.m. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Approve 2009 Sargent Seniors Council Contract. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve appointment of Donald Wehlander, Milnor to the Sargent County Job Development Authority to complete the term of Lu Dorr, which is December 31, 2010 and reappoint Karen Anderson to the Dickey-Sargent Housing Authority for a 5 year term. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist, Road Supt. and Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. met with the Board to review a letter from ND Dept. of Transportation (NDDOT) informing city and county officials of an infrastructure economic recovery package that could become law as early as January 20, 2009. The dollar amount is unknown but several stipulations are attached to the recovery dollars. NDDOT needs to know by January 16, 2009 if the county will be able to deliver plans for projects by April 20. Steve Wyum presented an overview of dollars available and Damon DeVillers provided cost estimates for several projects. Bridge projects were also discussed and Chairman Wyum asked that Sparky and Damon make a recommendation to the Board at the February 17 meeting of which bridge to proceed with in a replacement project.

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Steve Wyum recommended that the wage of Jamey Lien, temporary road department employee be increased from \$12.50 per hour by a 3% COLA to coincide with the COLA for other employees. Authorize 3% COLA increase for Jamey Lien. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve appointment of the following to the Sargent County Soils Committee: George Bishoff, Cogswell; Cyril Kudelka, Forman; Duayne Baldwin, Geneseo; Roger White, Stirum, Clarmont Ulven, Gwinner and Randy Pearson, Milnor. Appointment is for three years with the initial terms staggered to include two positions for a one year term two positions for two year term and two positions for three year term. Members will determine by lot who gets what terms. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Damon DeVillers informed the Board that right of way is necessary on Bridge 127-20. Damon will prepare the easements and Steve Wyum, Sparky Engquist and Damon will meet with the landowners to obtain the right of way.

Accept letter of resignation from Lance Gulleson who resides in Lisbon and was on the Sargent County Planning Commission and appoint Cody Gulleson, Rutland to fill his term until June 15, 2011. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Authorize Request for Proposal for Construction Engineering Services for Project SC4124(052) and SC4125(059) and BRO0041(011). The proposals will be opened on February 3, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

STEVEN R WYUM – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR