

Forman, North Dakota
January 7, 2020

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at the Sargent County Courthouse at 9:04 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Lyle Bopp, Richard Ruch, Jerry Waswick, and Jason Arth. Also present was Sharon Halmrast, Chief Deputy Auditor, and Mary Engst, Sargent County Teller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve December 17, 2018 meeting minutes as corrected. (Bopp/Ruch, unanimous)

Commissioner Bopp reported that G & R Controls had informed him that their repair personnel will be coming soon to install the new heating elements. The courthouse has been maintaining a comfortable work temperature on all floors as of the present time.

Commissioner Waswick reported that Shay Walden had informed him that he will be turning in a written cost estimate on the needed cleanup and repairs to the floor in the Emergency Manager's Office soon.

Melissa Seykora, NDSU Extension Ag and Natural Resources (ANR) Agent; and, Cindy Klapperich, NDSU Extension Family and Community Wellness (FCW) Agent; met with the commission to report on the activities of the County's Extension Service office personnel from October through December, 2019. A written report was delivered to each commissioner and to the county auditor. A copy of the report can be obtained from the Extension Office. Ms. Seykora had worked with numerous projects including: Natural Resource Management; Farm Business Management; Crop Management and, 4-H Youth Development. She reported on the time spent on her trip to Bangkok & Chiang Mai in Thailand. She had also attended other meetings and events on behalf of Sargent County. Ms. Klapperich has been involved with numerous projects involving county residents, including: Human Development; Family Science Education, and Personal & Family Finance Education; 4-H Youth Development; Nutrition; Food Safety & Health Education; Leadership and Civic Engagement; and, Community Involvement. She also attended many other workshops & meetings on behalf of Sargent County. The commission thanked the Sargent County Extension Service staff for a job well done.

Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney arrived at the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Motion made to proceed with review and possible revisions to the 2008 draft of a proposed Home Rule Charter for Sargent County; for Commission Chairman Waswick to form a new 5 person panel to move forward with the proposed Home Rule Charter; and, to bring it to the vote of the people in either the June 2020 primary election or the November 2020 General Election, if possible. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to approve payment by the Treasurer and County Auditor to the State of North Dakota in the amount of \$199,145.75 to repay the State's overpayment of the June 2019 Department of Human Services formula payment, upon the review and approval of both the Human Services Director and the County Auditor. States Attorney Pfau advised that the repayment was required and authorized by State law. (Anderson/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Approve beer and liquor licenses for 2020 to Dale Lugert, Geneseo Bar, Kingston Township; and, to refund 11/12 of the \$425.00 license fee for 2020 paid by previous owner in December of 2019. There were no objections to the license approval from either the State's Attorney or the Sheriff. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Approve 2020 Sargent Seniors Council Contract, which had been reviewed by the States Attorney and found to conform in form and content to the provisions of the prior contracts. Authorize Chairman to execute the same. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Luke Anderson, Forman City Councilman and Travis Paeper, County Sheriff arrived at the meeting. They were present to discuss ongoing negotiations concerning a potential police services contract between the City of Forman and the Sargent County Sheriff's Department. Discussion held and

options given. This matter was tabled until the City and the Sheriff present a mutually acceptable agreement at a future meeting.

Sheriff Paeper informed the commission that the former sheriff patrol car was ready to be transferred to the county for use by the various county departments for official purposes. He also requested meal voucher approval for out of state travel for Vanessa Bayger and Bryan Johnson who will be traveling out of state for training purposes in the near future. Mileage and lodging are being taken care of by the agency performing the training. Motion made to approve out of state meal travel vouchers for 5 days travel in February 2020 for sheriff department employees Bayger and Johnson as requested. (Anderson/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor arrived at the meeting and was asked to give a brief report on the condition of county roads after the recent winter storm. Plow trucks were out the morning of the onset of the storm but were pulled when it became evident weather conditions had severely diminished any progress that was being made on opening the roads. When the winds subsided, the full county road crew was out. County Roads #7 and #10 were reported to have packed snow and ice on the roadway.

Discussion held on the Main Street sidewalk in front of the courthouse being ice packed and slippery and road department will be sanding it when necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. at the call of the Chairman.

JERRY WASWICK – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHARON HALMRAST – COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY AUDITOR