

Forman, North Dakota  
January 8, 2008

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

Approve December 18, 2007, minutes as corrected. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous). The December financial report was presented.

The Board proceeded to discuss implementing County Home Rule. Home Rule allows counties the freedom to budget, additional powers to raise revenue, implement new forms of government, and control of highway system. Several copies of Home Rule Charters were reviewed and comments made on statutory changes that have occurred over the years. Lyle Bopp agreed to review these changes and present them at the February 5 meeting.

Holly Jessen, the Sargent County Teller arrived at the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at 10:00 a.m.

Wendy Jacobson, SC Human Service Director, encouraged the Board to be involved and get others involved to participate in the Sargent County Alcohol Coalition (SAC). The mission of SAC is to increase community awareness related to healthy choices through teamwork, education, and policy development. A meeting is scheduled on January 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Forman City Hall to discuss programs and efforts that could be effective in Sargent County.

Items in surplus property were viewed and a motion to offer all items for sale through a silent auction. Sealed bids will be opened on Tuesday, February 19, 2008. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Approve 2008 Sargent Senior Council Contract. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Joan Lee, Recorder and Gina Hillestad, Treasurer joined the meeting to discuss various options to combine the office of Recorder/Clerk of Court and Treasurer. Many ideas were discussed including adopting a Home Rule Charter, assuming our current system or bringing the combination of offices to a vote of the people. There was concern and question on whether the State Judicial system should be brought in to the discussion. The Court Administrator will be invited to the February 5 meeting. Lyle Bopp, States Attorney was asked to work on an office combination resolution for the Board to review and consider at this meeting.

Approve Total Support Technical Support Services Agreement by and between Sargent County and ND Association of Cos. Inc. for 2008. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve Games of Chance Permit No. 2008-01 to Cogswell Gun Club for a raffle on February 24, 2008 at Silver Lake Park and Permit No. 2008-02 to Tewaukon Rod and Gun Club for a raffle on January 18, 2008 at the Geneseo Bar and Grill. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve reappointment of Quentin Hoistad, Rutland and Raymon Nelson, Milnor to the Sargent County Park Board. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Approve appointment of Mike Kulzer, Rutland as the extra territorial member of the City of Rutland Zoning Board. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon.

The Board reconvened at 1:00.

The following arrived at the meeting to discuss the County Road # 14 and Drain # 3 project: SC Water Board members Mark Breker, Dan Jacobson, Jim Bosse and Richard Engst; Dave Titus, contractor, Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. and Sparky Engquist, SC Road Supt. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the project and the expenditures. Mark Breker explained the FEMA project and a request to make it an improved project including installation of a box culvert. The county commission agreed to pay 40% of the costs and the county road department would do the work. Others explained the process of installing the culvert and why they believe the culvert was installed incorrectly. There was no engineer on site but Interstate Eng. Inc. did give the proper design for this project. Mr. Titus estimated his work and misfigured the amount based on the use of excess rock, water flowing and resetting the culvert. Everyone agreed a lesson was learned and the Water Board Chairman indicated for future projects he would like to see the Water Board hire their own contractor to do a project

in lieu of the county road department doing the work. The total cost of the project was \$87,042.11 less \$30,985.22 received from FEMA. The balance remaining is \$56,056.89. Mr. Titus estimated \$4,000 extra cost to properly align and connect the culvert extensions. The county commission proposed to subtract the \$4,000 from the balance and pay 40% of that amount plus the \$4,000. The amount each entity would pay is \$24,822.76 for Sargent County and \$31,234.13 for SC Water Board. Mr. DeVillers indicated that there was a good job of installing the box culvert, it fits the channel and road area and it will be there for a long time.

Irv Rustad and Amber Schaan, Lake Agassiz Regional Council (LARC), met with the Board to review the LARC budget for 2008 and explain what the council is about financially. Mr. Rustad discussed the revenues and expenses relative to LARC. Ms. Schaan further explained the projects that are currently in force, some in development, funds available, EDA funds and projects and projects in Sargent County.

Motion to adjourn at 3:30 p.m. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

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MAURICE ORN – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR