

Forman, North Dakota
October 6, 1998

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

Approve minutes of last meetings and financial report. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Sandra Hanson, EMS, informed the Board that the ND Division of Emergency Management would work with Sargent County to develop an effective Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This will form a disaster prevention program and dwell mainly on areas that are flooded. The interest is for public entities, not private and they will prioritize our hazards. She also reported that the Master Plan for Crooked Creek is waiting for additional information. The deadline is 12-29-98. Forman City is proceeding with their portion of the application.

The Board discussed the 1997 state audit report and asked Sandy to obtain proper documentation for all DSR's and only authorize payments to townships after proper documentation has been received.

The Board proceeded to hold a public hearing on the 1999 County Budget

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Smith offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Wehlander:

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Board to make appropriations for the current year beginning January 1, 1999 and ending December 31, 1999, of money in specific amounts for all offices, officials, improvements, roads, bridges, etc., which are supported wholly or in part by the county,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sargent County commission approve and adopt the 1999 Budget.

Voting aye: All

Voting nay: None

Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Coleman offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Wehlander:

WHEREAS, the Lake Agassiz Regional Council strives to assist in the planning and economic development of Sargent County and Lake Agassiz Regional Council as a whole, and

WHEREAS, planning and economic development are the objectives of the Board of Commissioners of Sargent County,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Sargent County approves and supports the planning and economic development program and budget of the Lake Agassiz Regional Council during Fiscal Year 1999 in the amount of \$1500.

Voting aye: All

Voting nay: None

Resolution was adopted.

The Board conducted a hearing for Duane E. Johnson on Lots 3 & 4, Block 7, Original Addition, Gwinner City. Reject application based on improper filing procedures. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Sandra Siekaniec, Tewaukon Refuge Manager, met to discuss new land acquisitions by US Fish & Wildlife. She presented information concerning caps for acreage's in the county, FSA loan foreclosure as it relates to transfer of property to USFW and information on the supplemental Refuge Revenue Sharing payment. The Board is concerned that future tax deficits would not meet the present formula for supplemental Refuge Revenue Sharing payments. On the state level, schools and townships share the money 75% and 25% respectively. On the federal level, payment in lieu of taxes is computed that $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% of the appraised value of Service lands are paid to the counties. The Board felt this should be changed to pay 100% of the taxes. Send letters to the congressional delegation expressing concern of this formula of USFW land and request legislation to change the current formula to 100%. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Les Bjore, Architect/Construction Manager, Handicapped Accessibility for the courthouse, met with the Board to discuss the difference between the estimate and actual bid for the electrical contract. He said the electrical engineer did not consider all aspects of the project and the estimate was too low. He suggested some deducts for the electrical bid that would not affect the overall project. The Board asked Mr. Bjore if he was comfortable doing the project this time of the year and he felt it would be better now than to wait until spring because of other projects and the cost would more than likely increase. He also mentioned a change

order to move the cable for the computer and telephone system. He did not have an estimate for said change.

The Board recessed for lunch.

Travis Paeper, President, Sargent County Personnel Board, informed the Board that the Board met on 9-24-98 to elect officers and terms. Travis received a 1-year term; Sparky Engquist, vice-president-2 year term; Darlene Colbert, secretary-4 year term; Gina Hillestad-3 year term. Other members are Steve Wyum, Commissioner and Lyle Bopp, States Attorney (Advisory capacity) The next meeting is 11-9-98 at 3:00 p.m. Information will be sent out to employees with the October payroll.

Les Bjore returned to the meeting. Approve additional \$8700 to the original motion to construct handicapped accessibility to the courthouse. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous) Construction will begin October 12, 1998.

Approve Contractor Agreement with Comstock Construction, Inc., Wahpeton, ND for Bid Package #1-\$12,000 and Bid Package #9-\$4,200. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve Richland-Wahpeton Law Enforcement Contract for Board of Prisoners at a rate of \$40 on a per prisoner per day basis. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve cost share for the following culverts in Dunbar Township: 48-inch between Sections 30/32; 32/33 and southeast edge of 33 and 36-inch on the southwest edge of 33 in concurrence with the Water Board. (Smith/Coleman, unanimous)

Randy Pope and Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. and Sparky Engquist arrived at the meeting to review the 2000-2001 County Federal Aid Program. Projects include areas of County # 1,4,10 & 14 and Bridge 132-10. Approve projects and submit to NDDOT. (Wyum/Coleman, unanimous)

Randy updated the Board on the County # 4 ER project. The contractor will not complete the project by 10-10-98 and it will cost the county between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Approve games of Chance No. 98-05 to Tewaukon Rod & Gun Club for a raffle on 10-10-98 and ask that they apply earlier for future permits. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Appoint Bonnie Anderson, Rutland, as a delegate to the North Dakota State Fair Board. (Smith/Coleman, unanimous)

Discussed the Coroner position and Lorraine Jacobson, Milnor is interested. Schedule an interview for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

BETTY HEWITT, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD, AUDITOR