

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Karen Anderson, Ray Brockman, Mike Walstead, Don Wehlander, and Steve Wyum. Absent: None.

Approve September 16, 2003, minutes as corrected. (Wyum/Walstead/unanimous).

Patricia Carlen, Recorder, requested chairperson's signature on 2003 Minnesota Counties Information Systems agreement for software support.

To promote National 4-H Week, October 5-11, 2003, the Country Kyds 4-H Club of Cogswell presented a basket of homemade cookies to the commissioners. Raina Ruch reported that there are eight 4-H clubs in Sargent County with approximately 140 members. Other members present were Christan Linderkamp, Bridgett and Garrett Hayen, Chance and Hunter Diegel as well as Julie Hassebroek, Extension Agent, and Lisa Knox, Extension Agent/FNP.

Gina Hillestad, County Treasurer, received approval to purchase a Dell computer from the 2003 Technology Budget at cost of \$1518.

Moved to send a letter of support for Milnor City's Renaissance Zoning. (Wehlander/Wyum/unanimous).

Discussed Servicemaster bill. Moved to accept the \$200 reduction in lieu of additional cleaning of window blinds. (Wehlander/Brockman/unanimous).

Lyle Bopp, State's Attorney, arrived at meeting at 10:10 a.m. to discuss and answer questions on county issues.

Julie Hassebroek, County Agent, requested the appointment of a commissioner to the Multi-County Program Unit council. After the initial organization, members can serve a maximum of two 3-year terms to assist in budgeting, prioritizing goals, and review programs. Moved to nominate Karen Anderson to MPU6 council. (Wyum/Brockman/unanimous)

Motion to adopt 2003 NCT Cafeteria FLEX Plan which includes updated language to meet regulations plus a county change which requires terminating employees to submit qualified Spending Account bills for reimbursement within 30 days instead of the previous 90 days allowed. (Brockman/Walstead/unanimous).

Norm Preble, Tax Director, and Board set appraisal valuations on county lands and lots forfeited to Sargent County for non-payment of taxes. Moved to approve appraisals. (Walstead/Wyum/unanimous). A list of property and appraisals will be posted at the front door of the Courthouse on November 4, 2003. According to law, the time of hearing objections to the minimum sales price agreed upon was set for 9:30 a.m. on November 4, 2003..

Sealed bids for Safety Project HSC-4103(056) –County Road #2- were opened by Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, and Lyle Bopp, State's Attorney. Bids were received from the following firms with representatives present: Dakota Improvement Inc., Orrin Holen Construction Inc., Mark Sand and Gravel Inc., and Martin Construction Inc. The bids will be reviewed, and will be awarded at a later date. Damon was requested to add cost estimates, for County Road #14 from ND #13 south 2 miles, to the Project Concept Report for sloping and overlay.

Moved to approve Site Authorization to the Bison Booster Club of Milnor with site at The Hillside Bar. (Wehlander/Brockman/unanimous).

Sandra Hanson, DES/911, reported on the Vigilant Victor Exercise held on September 24, 2003, at the courthouse. Motion to approve payment of the following bills under the FY03-EMSPG funding: (Brockman/Wyum/unanimous).

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| 47414 | Cates Earth Schience Tech | ArcView License/Training | \$1490.00 |
| 47418 | Images | Computer | 2600.00 |
| 47421 | Minnkota | 33 Weather alert radios | 572.00 |
| | Sandra Hanson | \$1000 less county-share payroll taxes/expenses | 887.63 |

Norman Preble will replace his present computer with Sandra's old computer. The Commission chairperson signed an updated Multi-Hazard Mitgation Plan Resolution presented by Sandy.

The Board of Commissioners will get a better handle on the road projects and approximate completion dates.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Karen Anderson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Elaine D. Anderson, Deputy Auditor