

Forman, North Dakota
October 1, 2013

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m., with the following members present: David L Jacobson, Jerry Waswick, Mike Walstead, Steven Wyum and Bill Anderson. Absent: None. Also present was Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller.

Jon Hanna, Ransom/Sargent Veteran's Service Officer met with the commissioners. Mr. Hanna updated the Board on his training for National Accreditation; handout materials received for veterans; and, the state conference regarding many programs and benefits available to eligible veterans in Sargent County.

Sandy Hanson was present to discuss several Applications for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes for Inundated lands. Milton McLaen, Forman was also present. Mr. McLaen's applications had been sent to Weber Township for the recommendation of the Township Board. Weber Township approved 37.95 acres in the SE1/4-1-129-55 (#22-6392000) for reduction in value for inundated acres and denied 10.00 acres NE1/4-36-129-55 (#22-6553000) for reduction in value for inundated acres. Mr. McLaen stated that he did not object to the Township's findings. Concur with Weber Township. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Five Applications for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes for Inundated lands for Gerald Ringdahl had been sent to Verner Township for the recommendation of the Township Board. Verner Township approved the following: 17.12 acres in SE1/4-21-131-58 (20-6097000); 50.86 acres in SE1/4-22-131-58 (20-6102000); 21.97 acres in SW1/4-26-131-58 (20-6117000); 109.54 acres in NE1/4-33-131-58 (20-6149000); 36.08 acres in NW1/4-35-131-58 (20-6159000). Motion to concur with Verner Township. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

Approve Sunday Permit for the sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Geneseo Bar, Geneseo, ND for twelve months retroactive from September 18, 2013. The completed application and required fee had been delivered to the Courthouse following the adjournment of the September 17 Commission meeting. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve revised draft minutes of the September 17, 2013 commission meeting. (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous)

John Quandt, Oakes filed a request for a permit for drainage work within county road right-of-way to install a 10 inch dual wall pipe underneath 97th St SE (Co Road 5) approximately 2100 feet west of the 116th Ave SE intersection that will connect underground on the south side of the drainage tile (nothing above surface) and the pipe will come out on the north side at the right-of-way even with the ground. Approve the request contingent upon an approved drain permit from the Sargent County Water Board. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Motion to authorize the Chairman and the County Auditor to execute the Construction and Maintenance Agreement for BRC-4120(057) – 4 miles south and 1.5 miles west of Rutland – replacement of bridge structure with box culvert. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Discussed state lodging rates as prescribed by State law. No changes were made.

Appoint Jerry Waswick as a delegate to the North Dakota State Fair Association, to attend the annual meeting in Minot on November 20. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Motion to cut off all gravel projects for the 2013 season on Friday, October 18. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous)

The Board recessed at 10:35 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:00 p.m. for a public hearing on the 2014 County Budget. Those present: Bill Anderson, Mike Walstead, David L Jacobson, Jerry Waswick and Steve Wyum. Absent: None. Also present: Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller, and several taxpayers, some of whom were residents of Sargent County, some of whom were residents of other counties within the State of North Dakota and some of whom were residents of other States.

Chairman Jacobson opened the hearing and asked for any comments regarding the 2014 property tax levy. Some concerns were expressed about road conditions and about expected increases in taxes due to increases in property valuation. The reappraisal of all residential property in the County that had been required by the State Board of Equalization, the removal of the "Capitalization Rate" that had

artificially held down agricultural property valuations by the State Legislature in the 2011 session and the implementation of the soils based valuation system for agricultural property, all of which affected property valuations in Sargent County were discussed. Various budget line items were questioned, and answers were provided to the members of the public present at the hearing. Discussion followed on the 6.95% increase and what funds were affected.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Commissioner Walstead offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Waswick:

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Board to make appropriations for the current year beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014 of money in specific amounts for all offices, officials, improvements, roads, bridges, which are supported wholly or in part by the county.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sargent County Commission approve and adopt the 2014 budget in the sum of \$9,811,301.

Voting aye: Anderson, Waswick, Wyum, and Walstead.

Voting nay: Jacobson

Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Commissioner Anderson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Walstead:

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 among 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 the Fiscal year 2014 in the amount of \$1,500.00. Voting aye: Anderson, Waswick, Wyum, Jacobson and Walstead.

Voting nay: None

Resolution was adopted.

The following is a summary of the taxes to be levied for 2014:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
BUDGET REQUEST	919,342	8,891,959	9,811,301
BUDGETED TRANSFERS OUT		167,825	167,825
CASH RESERVE	547,592	1,926,426	2,474,018
SUBTOTAL	1,466,934	10,986,210	12,453,144
ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE (12-31-13)	550,467	3,694,529	4,244,996
ESTIMATED TRANSFERS IN		139,100	139,100
ESTIMATED REVENUE	480,860	4,848,271	5,329,131
TOTAL RESOURCES	1,031,327	8,681,900	9,713,227
LEVY REQUIRED	435,607	2,304,310	2,739,917
ALLOWANCE FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS	18,936	74,346	93,282
TOTAL AMOUNT LEVIED	454,543	2,378,656	2,833,199

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

DAVID L JACOBSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR