

October 16, 2001
Forman, North Dakota

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Smith, Ray Brockman, Donald Wehlander, Karen Anderson and Steve Wyum. Absent none.

Approve October 2, 2001 minutes. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Commensurate with the rate discussed at the September 18, 2001 meeting with Sheriff's Department and States Attorney present, regarding the Special Policing Policy. In agreement with the Sheriff's Dept., grant hours and other special policing efforts included in the policy will be paid at \$15/hr. (Smith/Anderson. Roll call: Voting yes: Anderson, Smith, Brockman, Wyum and Wehlander. Voting no: None. Motion carried)

Norm Preble, Tax Director, met with the Board to assist with appraising the County Lands and Lots that have been forfeited to the County for non-payment of taxes. On motion, said appraisals were approved in the amounts shown on a list, which will be posted at the front door of the Courthouse on November 7, 2001. According to law, the time of hearing objections to the minimum sales price agreed upon was set for 9:30 a.m. on November 6th. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Karen Anderson reported on the Dakota State Line Regional Alliance meeting she attended in Oakes. Doug Sitzler, Oakes agreed to meet with this Board or the JDA to discuss the plans for this group. Goals have been set and a plan is being written. Each community in Sargent County should be informed of the next meeting.

Sandy Hanson, EMS, met with the Board. Winter Weather Awareness is scheduled for November 5-9 and she will present programs in the schools. The terrorism incident has been discussed at the state level and also the anthrax issue. She would like to schedule a meeting and invite one commissioner, health officials, law enforcement and representatives from the two largest businesses to discuss a plan of action for Sargent County. Karen Anderson agreed to represent the commission.

Norm Preble arrived at the meeting. The Board held a hearing for Harry Hempler for a 2000 application for abatement on the SW1/4-25-132-58. Mr. Hempler did not meet the filing deadline due to health reasons. Denver Township approved the reduction. Approve a 7% reduction on the 2000 taxes based on the same action taken on the Dunbar land that was abated. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

A hearing for Gladys Cihlar for a 2000 application for abatement on the SE1/4-18-132-58 due to 30%-50% of the land covered with water. Denver Township approved the abatement. Deny application based on the recommendation of the Tax Director that the land is valued correctly and there is a process for filing for inundated lands. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

A hearing was conducted for Dean and Marvel Fiala for a 1999 and 2000 application for abatement on the SE1/4-29-132-58. A residential structure has been placed on the property in error. Denver Township approved the application. Approve removal of the structure. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Approve Forman City Court Services Contract to transfer all municipal cases to the state. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Job descriptions for county employees were discussed. The job descriptions were reviewed and it was suggested that they be returned to the department heads for their review and input.

Approve 3% cost of living increase for all employees for 2002. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

A hearing was conducted for Margaret Hansen for a 2000 application for abatement on Lots 4-5-6-7-, Block 3, Original Addition, Forman City. Mrs. Hansen felt the true and full value of the structure exceeds the market value. Forman City denied the application. Norm Preble recommended that the value of the structure is in line with other homes. Concur with the city. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Gina Hillestad met with the Board regarding the phone system. A meeting with department heads was scheduled for November 6th to discuss phone needs.

The Board was informed that a public hearing would be conducted on Monday, October 22, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gwinner Community Center to discuss the application from the Dakota Municipal Solid Waste Landfill for expansion of the existing landfill.

Randy Pope, Interstate Engineering, met with the Board regarding the transportation enhancement projects in Milnor and Gwinner City. In order to apply for these funds, a city under 5,000 population must apply through the county. Mr. Pope is asking if the Board would sponsor, with no financial support, the requests from both cities and authorize the chairman to sign the applications. Approve the

Milnor application. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous) Invite Gwinner City to the next commission meeting to discuss their project. Discussed the upcoming road/bridge projects. Engineering firms will be contacted for proposals for preliminary and construction services for removing Bridge Nos. 131-11.1 and 135-10.1.

Sparky Engquist, road supervisor, discussed weed mowing with the Board and the October 1, 2001 deadline. Storage of county equipment is important and several buildings are being used to store campers, boats, etc. The Fairboard will be contacted about storage policies to eliminate the shortage of space for county equipment. The county car will be maintained at the shop. The fall projects are going well and the culvert project in Hall Township is underway.

Lyle Bopp met with the Board to discuss a letter regarding funds allegedly owed to Judith Hunter. Lyle was directed to inquire about bond status for the sheriff's office.

Approve payment of the following bills and October 2001 payroll in the sum of \$69,808.90. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Social Service expenditures		8501.67
42031 Amoco	Travel	25.20
42032 B & K Electric	Fairground electrical work	833.82
42033 Barnes County Corrections	Prisoner Board	360.00
42034 Buhl's	Cleaning service	166.01
42035 Burnie's	Supplies	745.03
42036 Rick Carney	Clipboard	22.98
42037 CellularOne	Cell phones	219.61
42038 Chunky's	Travel	64.25
42039 Cogswell City	Mowing	24.00
42040 Dacotah Paper Co.	Supplies	59.13
42041 DMG-Maximus	Pay Plan Preparation	7245.00
42042 DOCS	Labor	350.00
42043 Dyste's	Supplies	28.47
42044 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Repairs, gas & fuel	4712.99
42045 Forman Drug	Supplies	100.86
42046 FRS	Notary seal	25.98
42047 Sandra Hanson	Supplies	51.21
42048 Hardware Hank	Supplies	35.40
42049 Haroldson Office	Supplies	38.46
42050 Gina Hillestad	Travel	111.60
42051 Sherry Hosford	Travel	58.90
42052 ILG	Continuing Education	104.00
42053 Martinsen's	Fairground repairs	523.28
42054 Matthew Bender	ND Criminal & Traffic Law	41.70
42055 McLeod USA	Long Distance phone calls	205.20
42056 Minn-kota Communications	Radio repairs	52.00
42057 NDAAO	Registration	25.00
42058 NDACo	Marriage license program	4.00
42059 Boiler Inspection Program	Service	20.00
42060 ND State Radio	Teletype and 911	1435.20
42061 Officeland	Supplies	17.24
42062 Paul's Electric	Fairground repairs	83.68
42063 Quill Corp.	Supplies	308.99
42064 Reardon Office Equip.	Typewriter repair	77.54
42065 Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	2320.00
42066 SC Abstract Co.	Supplies	64.49
42067 Sargent County Ins.	Notary bond	50.00
42068 SEL Lumber	Fairground repairs	9.45
42069 Star Business Forms	Tax statements	330.81
42070 Stein's Inc.	Supplies	103.08
42071 Claude H. Strege	Roof repair	145.00
42072 Streicher's	Equipment	19.45
42073 The Teller	Publishing fees	337.49
42074 Universal Services	Ribbon	10.00
42075 Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	28.02
42076 Viking Office	Supplies	102.70
42077 White Banner	Clothing	105.15
42078 BW Doublewood Inn	Lodging	90.00
42079 The Bond Registrars	GO Bond	8320.25
42080 CPU	Data Processing charges	524.32
42082 DARE American	Workbooks	77.00
42083 Dickey Rural Telephone	911	430.50
42085 Candy Hansen	Travel	21.39
42086 ITD	T-1 & Anti virus protection	388.00
42087 NDDHS	FC & SPED	1463.28
42088 Norman Preble	Travel	105.80
42089 Qwest	911	289.77
42090 Bear Creek Gravel	Gravel	3150.76
42091 Bernard Mahrer Const.	Road projects	37128.51
42092 Butler Machinery Co.	Repairs	75.72
42093 Colonial Research	Repairs	148.44
42094 Crandall Const.	Road projects	11450.36

42095 Ekstrom Repair Shop	Repairs	1250.13
42096 Arlen Hanson	Equipment rental	750.00
42097 Josh Hanson	Equipment rental	750.00
42098 Loren Hanson	Equipment rental	750.00
42099 Mark Hanson	Equipment rental	750.00
42100 Jim's Oil	Repairs	16.50
42101 Ray-Mac Inc.	Repairs	183.38
42102 RDO	Repairs	25.17
42103 SE Propane	Propane	123.18
42104 Swanston Equipment	Repairs	496.93

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

DONALD WEHLANDER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR