

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

Norm Preble, Tax Director, and the Board set appraisal valuations on county lands and lots forfeited to Sargent County for non-payment of taxes. Moved to approve appraisals. (Wehlander/Anderson, unanimous) A list of property and appraisals will be posted at the front door of the Courthouse on November 4, 2004. According to law, the time of hearing objections to the minimum sales price agreed upon was set for 10:30 a.m. on November 4, 2004. Discussed the property located in Cayuga owned by Rutland-Havana Farmers Co-Op Elevator Company. Motion to direct the auditor not to proceed with a tax deed for Parcel No. 30-9267000 (42,120 Sq. ft) (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, EMS, informed the Board the County Terrorism Annex was approved by the state on 10-5-04 and \$6000 transferred to the county for Homeland Security. She discussed the list of grants totaling \$96,000 for HS equipment for various agencies in the county. Sandy presented the annual EMS performance application for the new fiscal year. Sandy's employment status was discussed and she reported on the future of HS and the Terrorism Annex. Discussed Sandy's full-time status and agreed to extend for another six months and review at that time. She will work on the application for funding reimbursement and meet with the Board at the next meeting.

Gerald Dill, Lysle and Gerald Coleman, Verner Township met with the Board to discuss a dust problem on roadways and the two miles of roadway that connects with Dickey County. Gerald Dill, Chairman, Verner Township, asked the county to maintain this road because it is so costly to gravel. Lysle Coleman reported that Dickey County wants to make a Federal Aid Road of their section of roadway and he wondered if Sargent County would consider adding this to the FAR system. Dickey County has not contacted this Board with any proposal. The commissioners informed those present that the county road budget had to be cut for 2005 because there is a shortage of funds. There may be additional federal funds but they have not been approved at this time. Mr. Dill suggested a commodity tax for additional revenue. The Board feels the state needs to come back to the county with more money. The Board is trying a project east of Rutland that might work on the two miles. Also discussed installing speed limit signs to reduce the speed of the truck traffic. Another concern is the dust problem along County No. 1 by Lysle Coleman's and he would like some solution to eliminate any accidents from the trucks/dust problem. Following a lengthy discussion, Steve Wyum reported that NDDOT has been contacted about doing a pilot project on asphalt alternatives and they were favorable. There is some opportunity that the county can work on this problem but the roads must meet federal specifications before any funding would be allowed. The Board agreed to schedule a meeting on February 15, 2005 with the township to discuss costs and suggestions for township participation.

Bob Adermann, road department, reported that 60% of the County No. 4 project is complete, and the road crew is sweeping the mud off the roadway when it gets wet. Road graveling is almost complete for the year and the Rutland-east project needs one more seal coat. Work on County 10 two miles north of Rutland is scheduled to begin later this month. Bridge projects are also scheduled for repair next month.

Approve October 7, 2004 minutes. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bills and October payroll in the sum of \$86,091.34. (Wehlander/Walstead, unanimous)

Social Service Expenditures		4952.08
50445 Barnes County Corrections	Prisoner Board	846.51
50446 Best Western-Townhouse	Lodging-Sheriff	90.00
50447 BP Amoco	Sheriff-travel	208.48
50448 Ray Brockman	Travel	186.32
50449 Buhl's	Cleaning Service	162.35
50450 Case & Bopp Law Office	Rent and cell phone	411.98
50451 Chunky's Standard Service	Car service	44.50
50452 Corwin Chrysler Dodge	2003 Durango service	148.10
50453 DRTC	Phone service	561.40
50454 Dyste's	Supplies and food	251.77
50455 Economy Oil Inc.	Sheriff-travel	348.23
50456 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Sheriff-travel and road dept. repairs	534.25
50457 City of Forman	Fairgrounds water, sewer and garbage	300.00

50458 Ken Forester	Fairground expenses	28.60
50459 Gwinner Farmers Elevator	Fairgrounds supplies	12.70
50460 Gwinner One Stop Inc.	Sheriff-travel	335.78
50461 Sandra Hanson	Travel	274.36
50462 Hardware Hank	Maintenance supplies	744.04
50463 Gina Hillestad	Travel	204.00
50464 Sherry Hosford	Travel	163.56
50465 House of Glass Inc.	Door repairs	39.00
50466 Don R. Krassin	Court appointed attorney	232.00
50467 KW Service & Supply	Service and repairs	37.73
50468 Lisa's Classic Design	EMS t-shirts	10.00
50469 Martinsen's	Supplies, repairs and tools	736.34
50470 McLeod USA	Long distance charges	197.03
50471 ND Dept. of Corrections	Parole and Probation	900.00
50472 ND State Radio	Teletype rental	120.00
50473 Officeland	Supplies	13.08
50474 Brenda Peterson	Travel	30.00
50475 Norm Preble	Travel	154.80
50476 Quill	Forms and supplies	134.79
50477 Ramkota Hotel	Lodging	630.00
50478 Reardon Office	Supplies	49.00
50479 Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	765.00
50480 Chris Sandvig	Travel	30.00
50481 SEL Lumber	Maintenance and supplies	76.72
50482 Streicher's	Uniforms	88.75
50483 The Teller	Publishing fees	54.57
50484 Mike Walstead	Travel	35.64
50485 Bernard Mahrer Const.	Oil mix and rock	22676.13
50486 Butler Machinery	140G cat overhaul	20243.53
50487 CA Contractors	Jump starter	129.90
50488 Crandall Construction	Gravel	33750.00
50489 Economy Oil	Fuel	3135.89
50490 Merrill Engquist	Travel	136.14
50491 Envirotech	Roadsaver	1368.00
50492 Federal Publishing	2005 OSHA Journal	278.50
50493 Koch Materials Co.	MC-70 and MC-800	14379.86
50494 KRS Transport	Demurrage	252.00
50495 Kustom Machine	Repairs	187.75
50496 Metcalf Archaeological Consultants	Bridge 118-20	1077.50
50497 Minn-kota Communications	4 radios	2152.10
50498 NDDOT	Bridge 105-01.0	19890.48
50499 ND Petroleum Tank Fund	Tank registration	150.00
50500 Ray Mac Inc.	Repairs	26.43
50501 Share Corp.	Citra solve	127.13
50502 3D Specialties	Strobes	812.26
50503 CPU	Data Processing charges	563.39
50504 Country Inn	Lodging-VSO	90.00
50505 Dakota Improvement	County # 2 Safety Project	1188.00
50506 DRT	911 contracts	255.00
50507 Epsilon Sigma Phi	Dues	40.00
50508 Sandra Hanson	Travel	208.86
50509 Julie Hasebroek	Travel	125.12
50510 ITD	WAN Access and Anti-virus	404.00
50511 Lisa Knox	Travel	71.40
50512 Michael J. Burns	Architectural fees	266.71
50513 NDACo	3 computers, tech. Support and 911 wireless	6418.40
50514 NDAS4-HYW	Dues	80.00
50515 Extension Staff Development	Dues	124.00
50516 Office Max	Office Supplies	387.24
50517 Qwest	911 Contracts	287.82
50518 Starion Bond Service	GO interest and bond fees	4691.75
50519 Stutsman County	Data Processing charges	690.00

Approve Road Permit to Dickey Rural Networks to replace service lines under County # 10, 75 feet north of the section line between the SE1/4-8 and SW1/4-9-131-54, subject to terms and conditions of the permit. (Wehlander/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve revision to the Sargent County Non-Social Services Employee Handbook to allow ¼ hour increments for sick leave benefits. (Brockman/Anderson, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

STEVEN R. WYUM – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR