

October 2, 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 Wehlender, Karen Anderson and Steve Wyum. Absent none.

Approve September 18, 2001 minutes. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Authorize a letter to Tom Heimbuch regarding the past due amount of \$66,568.02 on the CD85-ED-022. (Wyum/Brockman. Carried)

Discussed the Emergency Fund levy for 2001 taxes. The balance in the fund cannot exceed an amount produced by 10 mills. No further levy shall be made until required to replenish the emergency fund. Discontinue the levy for 2001 taxes as fund balance exceeds the amount allowed by law. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

The Board proceeded to conduct the final hearing on the 2002 budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

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

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 the Fiscal Year 2002 in the amount of \$1500.

Voting aye: All

Voting nay: None

Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

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

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Board to make appropriations for the current year beginning January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2002 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 2002 Budget.

Voting aye: All

Voting nay: None

Resolution was adopted.

The following is a summary of the taxes to be levied for 2002:

The 2002-2004 County Federal Aid Program was reviewed and approved which will include 18.5 miles of overlay and removing 2 bridges and replace with roadway. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Norm Preble, Tax Director, met with the Board to discuss equalizing the true and full property value as certified by the State Board of Equalization. The agricultural land will receive a 7% increase for the 2001 taxes. Residential and commercial values are within the tolerance level and received no change. He also discussed the application for property tax exemption of a farm residence. Norm is recommending that in the future the county require these applications be filed on or before February 1st of each year for which the exemption is requested. The board endorsed his recommendation.

Sandy Hanson, EMS met with the Board to present the 2002 workplan. The federal share of 50% is requested for reimbursement for Sargent County.

The Board received a request from the Sargent County Water Board regarding lowering of a pipe between Section 27 and 28 in Hall Township. Moore Engineering has determined the invert elevation of the pipe under County Highway 14. Currently there are 2 pipes at this location and one is crushed and the other is 2.5 feet too high. Approve installing a 7' diameter pipe 2.5 feet lower to replace the present crushed pipe with a 60% cost share from the Water Board. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve a Special Permit for North Forty Bar, DeLamere for the Fireman's Dance on October 13, 2001. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Appoint Karen Anderson as the county delegate to the North Dakota State Fair Association. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

Oakes Enhancement Inc. contacted the Board concerning the Empowerment Zone Application and requested \$500 from Sargent County for the continuation of the Empowerment Zone Status of the entire region. The Board discussed this request

and Karen Anderson will attend a meeting to get more information to present to the Job Development Authority.

Karen Anderson received some estimates to fix the roof on the Main Street Building. Tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

DONALD WEHLANDER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD -AUDITOR