

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, David L Jacobson, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum and Jerry Waswick. Absent: None. Also present was Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller, Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. and Sparky Engquist, Sargent County Road Supervisor.

Damon DeVillers and Sparky met with the Board to review projects that should be considered for 2013-2014 County Federal Aid. Discussed several projects and approved submission of the following to ND Dept. of Transportation:

- Micro surfacing Project on County Road No. 12 CMC Route 4129 from ND 13 south 6 miles to Junction of County Road No. 1
- Micro surfacing Project on County Road No. 12 CMC Route 4129 from Junction of County Road No. 1 south 6 miles to Junction of ND 11
- Bituminous Mill and Overlay Project on County Road No. 12 CMC Route 4129 from ND 11 south through Cayuga 2 miles
- Bituminous Mill and Overlay Project on County Road No. 14 CMC Route 4135 from ND 11 south through Geneseo 1 mile
- Bridge Replacement [on County #5,] 4 miles south and 2 miles west of Rutland
- Bridge Replacement on Wilde Rice River, 4 miles south and 3 miles east of DeLamere

. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, Tax Director/Emergency Manager/911 Coordinator; and Gary Anderson, Jeff Breker and Bill Huckell, Supervisors for Tewaukon Township joined the meeting. Sandy provided a handout concerning a bridge located between Sections 27 and 28 (142nd Ave SE) of said township and the possible alternative route between Sections 29 and 32 (141st Ave SE). FEMA monies are involved in this project and an approved Project Worksheet for 2010 was reviewed. By a resolution recorded in the Township's minutes, the township has abandoned this roadway between Sections 27 and 28 and the township board has proposed transferring FEMA funds to improve an alternate route between Sections 29 and 32, which would allow the elimination of the bridge on 142nd AV SE, between Sections 27 & 28. An estimate to upgrade this alternate roadway was received from Crandall Construction for \$31,770 but does not include any easements. The total of the PW from FEMA is \$35,050. The county agreed to participate in the alternate route to upgrade the roadway and transfer the funds from the 142nd Ave SE location to the 141st Ave SE location. The county will participate in 50% of the local share cost up to \$20,000. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous) Sparky Engquist was directed to install proper signage and a berm at the 142nd Ave SE location.

Approve minutes of September 18, 2012 meeting as corrected. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

Bill Anderson presented a Resolution in support of "Red Shirt Fridays" as per the discussion at the September 18th meeting. Commissioner Jacobson moved for the adoption of the resolution and Commissioner Waswick seconded the motion. Roll Call vote. Aye: All. Nay: None. The motion passed and the resolution was adopted. A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to all county employees and the ND Association of Counties.

Motion to authorize the Chairman and the County Auditor to sign the Traffic Safety Contract #12121758, Project #PHSP4021305-04-58, PHSP4101303-01-59, & PHSP4101303-03-14 for Occupant Protection Enforcement, Impaired Driving Enforcement, and Video Camera Surveillance Equipment for a total of \$11,300. (Walstead/Jacobson, unanimous) States Attorney Lyle Bopp will prepare a written memo to Sheriff Paeper concerning the proper implementation of this contract.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, provided copies of a Resolution establishing fees which may be charged for the time spent by County employees to research Open Records of Sargent County and to establish fees for copies for the Board's consideration. Motion to approve the adoption of the resolution, a copy of which is hereby attached to, and made a part of, these minutes, as though fully set forth herein. (Wyum/Walstead. Roll call. Aye: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.)

Motion to increase the 911 fees in Sargent County from \$1.30 per phone to \$1.50 per phone effective January 1, 2013, due to a projected shortage of funds in the 911 account. A fee of up to \$1.50 had been approved by a vote of the people in 2010. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Discussed November 11, Veteran's Day, which falls on a Sunday in 2012. The Board agreed that the official observance of Veteran's Day in Sargent County for 2012 shall be Monday, November 12, as recommended by County Veterans Services Officer Tom McKinnon.

Appoint Jerry Waswick as a delegate to the North Dakota State Fair Association, to attend the annual meeting in Bismarck on November 15. (Walstead/Jacobson, unanimous)

An Application for Abatement or Refund of Taxes was received from Joy E Christiansen, Milnor, ND. A structure located in the SW1/4-16-132-54 was removed on May 1, 2012 and she is asking for a reduction of \$6,139 in the true and full value of this property for the 2012 tax year. Milnor Township approved the abatement. Motion to concur with the township and prorate said abatement of taxes for 8 months. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Members of the 4-H Ambassadors, Amy Martinsen and Amy Ruch along with Melissa Blawat, Extension Agent and Lisa Dawson, Family Consumer Science Agent arrived at the meeting to announce that next week is National 4-H Week, and, in recognition of the occasion, the members presented the Board with Blue Ribbon Fruit Pizza made by Amy Martinsen, and with mints in recognition of their commit-“mint”; encourage-“mint”; involve-“mint”; invest-“mint”; and providing a productive 4-H environ-“mint” to learn and gain lifelong skills. The Board adopted the Proclamation signed by Governor Dalrymple designating October 7-13 as National 4-H Week, congratulated 4-H Ambassadors Ruch & Martinsen on their accomplishments, commended Miss Blawat and Mrs. Dawson for their work with 4-H in Sargent County and thanked the 4-H'ers for their visit.

The Board recessed at 11:50 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:00 p.m. for a public hearing on the 2013 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; Lysle Coleman, Crete; Georgette Pickell, Gwinner and Sandy Hanson, Forman.

Chairman Anderson opened the hearing and asked for any oral or written comments regarding the 2013 property tax levy. Discussion followed on the 5.03% increase and what funds were affected. Mr. Coleman asked about road monies and suggested other funding sources. Ms. Pickell stated that she was unhappy with the reappraisal process and additional taxes. No other comments were made and the Board proceeded to review the budget.

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, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013 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 2013 budget in the sum of \$6,985,873.

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

Voting nay: Jacobson

Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Commissioner Wyum 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 2013 in the amount of \$1500.

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 2013:

GENERAL	SPECIAL	TOTAL
FUND	REVENU	ALL
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BUDGET REQUEST	874,270	4,834,963	5,709,233
BUDGETED TRANSFERS OUT		18,500	18,500
CASH RESERVE	302,210	955,930	1,258,140
SUBTOTAL	1,176,480	5,809,393	6,985,873
ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE (12-31-12)	331,810	1,743,981	2,075,791
ESTIMATED TRANSFERS IN		140,100	140,100
ESTIMATED REVENUE	336,100	1,862,632	2,198,732
TOTAL RESOURCES	667,910	3,746,713	4,414,623
LEVY REQUIRED	508,570	2,062,680	2,571,250
ALLOWANCE FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS	11,000	63,720	74,720
TOTAL AMOUNT LEVIED	519,570	2,126,400	2,645,970

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous)

BILL ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR