

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 10:30 a.m., following the park board meeting, with the following members present: Mike Walstead, David L Jacobson, Bill Anderson, Sherry Hosford, and Jerry Waswick. Also present were County Auditor Pam Maloney, and Paige Cary, The Sargent County Teller.

Bids for the 1994 Ford F350 Crew Cab Pickup and the John Deere lawnmower from the courthouse were opened & reviewed. Only one bid was received for the pickup, from Kevin Willprecht, for 219.99. There were four bids received for the lawnmower – Kevin Willprecht, Jerry Waswick, Rich Lehmann & Dale Beaver. Dale Beaver was the high bidder with a bid of \$1,655. Motion to accept the high bids, and to sell the pickup to Kevin Willprecht for \$219.99, and to sell the lawnmower to Dale Beaver for \$1,655. (Jacobson/Anderson, unanimous)

Sandra Hanson, Tax Director, arrived at the meeting. The board proceeded to set appraisal valuations on lands and lots within Sargent County forfeited to Sargent County for non-payment of taxes. Twenty-three parcels were appraised. Motion to approve appraisals and minimum sales prices set. (Hosford/Jacobson, unanimous) The time for hearing objections to the minimum sales price agreed upon was set for 9:30 a.m. on November 3, 2015. A list of properties and appraisals will be posted at the front door of the Courthouse on November 4, 2015. Discussed the property located in Cayuga shown as being owned by Rutland-Havana Farmers Co-Op Elevator Company. Motion to direct the county auditor not to proceed with a tax deed for Parcel No. 30-9267000 (42,120 sq ft) (Hosford/Anderson, unanimous)

The board & Ms. Hanson also discussed a burning ban now when conditions are so dry, although the fire index has been low for months. Ms. Hanson had contacted several fire departments for alternative ideas for a fire ban at this time, but she has received no response. Rain is in the forecast, so it was decided not to make any changes at this time.

Charissa Rubey, Cayuga, arrived at the meeting to discuss different road issues. She has her business, Dakota Micro, on County Road #14 north of Geneseo. She is concerned about the commissioner's decision to forego dust control for the year of 2015. She has noticed that this fall the dust from the high volume of traffic has created a dangerous driving situation, with low visibility due to dust clouds from other vehicles; & also an unhealthy environment for employees outside during their break periods. She also inquired about when that area of County Road #14 will receive new gravel with the Base 1 applied, as it badly needs new gravel in her opinion. Another area of concern is sign replacements along County Road #1 and #14. Many signs are faded and unreadable which makes it difficult for the driving public. She understands that Stop and Yield signs are more important and take priority over road number & directional signs, but requests a more specific time frame on signage replacement. Her last area of concern is a clean out of debris from under a bridge south of Jim & Vicki Berndt's farm on County Road #14. There is debris buildup under the bridge and she is concerned about severe overland flooding in the spring. She requests that the blockage be removed yet this fall. She has also spoken with Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor, regarding all of the above concerns, but wants assurance from the commissioners that these issues will be addressed. Bruce Speich, Delamere, and Phyllis Delahoyde, Cogswell, had also contacted Commissioners to express their concern over dusty road conditions, and to request that the application of dust control materials be resumed. The board will look into the issues brought forward and discuss them with the road supervisor.

Motion to approve a new "Electronic Communications Device (ECD) and Internet Policy" to replace the current Policy #516 "Internet Usage" in the Sargent County Personnel Policy. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous) Commissioner Anderson pointed out that the proposed policy change had been circulated to all Department Heads on 2 different occasions in the past month, and that no adverse comments or suggestions for additional revisions had been received. Some discussion held on purchasing ECD's for those employees currently using their personal cell phones for county business, and on a uniform system of reimbursement for the use of personal phones as well as for providing county furnished phones for certain employees. The matter was tabled for consideration at a future meeting.

More discussion on the Quandt application to perform work within the county road right-of-way on County #3 in Jackson Township. A letter from Jackson Township Supervisor Dan Delahoyde

protesting unpermitted private work in county and township rights of way had been received and reviewed by the Commission. It was decided to have Interstate Engineering, our county engineer, look at the project to determine if the project was actually in the county road right-of-way and if the work was being done according to county specifications. There was also discussion about revising the current application process to add that there will be no permits issued after work on a private project has begun, and to insert a penalty clause if any work is begun before a permit is issued. The States Attorney, County Engineer and Road Supervisor will be requested to provide input before any changes are made.

Some discussion occurred on requiring background checks prior to interviewing and hiring new employees. Some checking will be done on the current policy regarding background checks and the hiring of new employees.

Approve minutes of October 6, 2015 meeting as corrected. (Hosford/Anderson, unanimous)

Commissioner Walstead had received a phone call from Jerry Lamb, Ransom County Road Supervisor, regarding repairs to a haul road from Storhaug Pit in Ransom County. Crandall Construction is currently hauling gravel from the pit to Sargent County projects, and had informed Mr. Lamb that they would do the hauling if Sargent County agreed to furnish the gravel. Motion to provide up to 6 loads of gravel to repair the road, with Crandall Construction to haul the gravel at its expense, as needed. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Board members proceeded to review all bills. Motion to approve the October payroll in the sum of \$186,665.90 (Nos. 11287-11352 and 72209-72223) and the following bills: (Jacobson/Waswick, unanimous)

72032-72033		Weed Board Expenses	96.58
72049	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	757.97
72050		Weed Board Expenses	69.00
72051-72080		Health Unit Expenses	9,521.60
72081	Forman City	Water/Sewer/Garbage	197.15
72082	Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity	1,044.83
72083-72093		Health Unit Expenses	1,913.14
72114-72134		Human Services Expenses	8,763.72
72135	Access Printing Solutions	Comm. Minute Book	489.64
72136	Baymont Inn & Suites-Fargo	Sheriff Travel	74.70
72137	Baymont Inn & Suites-Mandan	Auditor Travel	74.70
72138	Bopp Law Office	Cell phone/Rent	411.98
72139	Buhl's, Inc.	Cleaning Services	161.80
72140	Cenex Fleet Card	Auditor/EM Travel	84.25
72141	Dacotah Paper Co.	Paper Supplies	55.77
72142	Dakota Plains	Gas Purchases	110.60
72143	Dakota Water Solutions	Water Jugs	18.00
72144	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	920.94
72145	Forman Drug	Auditor Envelopes	9.32
72146	Forman Market	Supplies	14.69
72147	FP Mailing Solutions	Postage Machine Rental	135.00
72148	Galls, Inc	Sheriff Deputy Uniforms	289.99
72149	Gjesdahl Law	Guardian AD Litem	306.00
72150	Gwinner One Stop	Sheriff Gas Purchases	327.76
72151	Hardware Hank	Supplies	124.46
72152	Jacobson, Dave	Commissioner Travel	385.32
72153	Johnson, Bryan	Car Wash	10.99
72154	Lexis Nexis-Mathew Bender	Century Codes	1,011.27
72155	Maloney, Pam	Auditor Travel	21.00
72156	Paeper, Travis	Courthouse Lawn Mowing	427.50
72157	Paul's Electric	AC Drains Cleaned	129.00
72158	Quill.Com	Office Supplies	35.96
72159	Radisson	EM Travel	224.10
72160	Reardon Office Equipment	Copier Lease	333.56
72161	Sargent County Insurance	Insurance Premiums	641.00
72162	Sargent County Teller	Printing/Publishing	715.52

72163	Secretary of State	Election Support/Maint.	2,959.41
72164	Stein Chemical Co.	Towels/Soap	244.96
72165	Teal's Market	Hillestad Retirement Cake	49.99
72166	Verizon Wireless	Sheriff MI-FI Cards	159.64
72167	Walstead, Michael	Commissioner Travel	301.30
72168	Zirnhelt, Patricia	Clerk/Court Travel	131.10
72169	Arrowhead Transport	Gravel #1, #4, & #6	41,239.82
72170	Bernard Mahrer Const. Inc.	Gravel #2 & #5	90,466.27
72171	Butler Machinery	Cat Repairs	183.72
72172	Crandall Construction	Gravel #1, #14, & Shop	4,292.32
72173	Dakota Plains	Fuel/Gas Purchases	3,189.03
72174	Ekstrom Repair	Battery/ Clamps	128.25
72175	Enderson Construction, Inc.	Gravel Haul Fee	21,947.06
72176	John Deere Financial	Oil Filter/Bushing	78.74
72177	Laker Chemical	Road Patch	1,356.00
72178	Mark Sand & Gravel	Paving Projects	211,589.09
72179	NDDOT Financial	Road Repairs/Engineering	11,519.06
72180	R & A Contracting	Road Shop Roof Repairs	161.41
72181	Sanford Health	DOT Physical	111.00
72182	Avid Hawk, LLC	Website Services	45.00
72183	Computer Prof. Unlimited, Inc.	Data Processing	1,206.70
72184	Dakota Plains	Sheriff Gas Purchases	680.31
72185	Dickey Rural Networks	911 Contract	275.00
72186	Information Tech. Dept.	Lerms User Fee	54.20
72187	Lisbon Area Health Services	Blood Alcohol	80.00
72188	NDACO	911 Wireless	1,010.70
72189	ND State Radio	State Radio/LETS	6,442.80
72190	ND Workforce Safety	Volunteer Coverage	61.25
72191	NDACO Resources Group	Computer Software	514.61
72192	NDSU Extension Service	2016 Calendars	7.53
72193	NDSU AG Budget Office	Extension Salaries	19,566.00
72194	Office of Attorney General	Scram 24/7	1,575.00
72195	Pharmchem, Inc.	Sweatpatch Kits/Analysis	908.00
72196	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	275.00
72197	Sargent County Treasurer	Extension Postage	60.51
72198	Starion Bond Services	2006 Road Bond Interest	2,337.00
72199	Visa	Ext. Supplies/Registration	209.96
72200	Wayne Trophies	Retirement Plaque/Hillestad	37.50
72201-72208		Weed Board Expenses	698.21

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PAM MALONEY - AUDITOR