

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Maurice Orn, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum, Jerry Waswick, and Bill Anderson. Also present Holly Jessen and Lisa Fauss, The Sargent County Teller.

Approve October 7, 2008 minutes as corrected. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous).

Sandy Hanson, EMS/911 Coordinator, Travis Paeper, Sheriff and Jeff Anderson, Gwinner Fire Dept. met with the Board. Sandy introduced two gentlemen from Washington State who are in Sargent County to conduct training on the Homeland Security grant that was awarded to the county. A discussion followed on the meetings held regarding Richland County dispatch and North Dakota State Radio. Sandy and a group of responders met to talk about proposals and Jeff Anderson, Travis Paeper and Sandy Hanson reported on behalf of the responders. The local group has been informed that the Ransom County Sheriff has requested a proposal from Richland County but no proposal has been presented as of this date. Travis Paeper stated that the general consensus is that they would like to remain with State Radio—no problems, works well, bugs with digital have been worked out. Switching to Richland County the benefit would be the cost difference (\$.27 per line in Richland County vs. \$.38 per line with State Radio). No definite answer was available on what the cost would be after three years with Richland County. One goal is to have Mobile Data Terminal in patrol cars to allow officers to view information they need. State Radio will be doing this but Richland County does not have a date when this would be available with their county. All the Sargent County equipment works well with State Radio. Jeff Anderson commented that the fire departments agree with Sheriff Paeper – lines of communication are better and more receptive. Jeff Anderson is concerned with Richland County radio coverage and dispatching. It might be necessary to install additional towers and upgrade technology. State Radio will spread costs over many counties rather than one county. Travis Paeper concluded that State Radio qualifies for more federal monies because of all the counties that they service. The commission thanked those present for their comments. No further action is necessary to continue receiving service from ND State Radio.

Several employees met with the commissioners to continue discussion on the Sargent County Restructuring Proposals. Sandy Hanson assembled all proposals submitted for review. Commissioner Waswick commented that the Board is not prepared to make a decision today. Commissioner Wyum stated that he would like a decision made by the last meeting in November. The Commission hopes to get more input from the employees prior to making a decision. Bill Anderson commented about keeping the pay plan current and if we look at the long term for Sargent County and its employees, keeping the pay plan current and keeping up with COLAs is very important. Adjustments have to be made to keep up with the plan. Travis Paeper commented about restructuring and the affects in his office, that this would be difficult to know if the time allocated would make it work. He is willing to make the effort to make it work for the county. Others present commented on the various proposals. The commission will meet on November 12th to review additional comments from department heads and employees.

The hearing on appraisals of property forfeited to the county for delinquent taxes was opened at 1:00 p.m. Approved appraisals as listed as there were no objections, and closed hearing at 1:15 p.m. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous). The public auction for sale of this property is scheduled on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at the office of the County Commission beginning at 1:00 p.m. The list of property to be sold will be posted at the front door of the Courthouse.

Approve Sargent County Road Permit to Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. to place two anchors approximately 9.5 feet into the 50 foot right of way along County Road 2 between Sections 35 & 36-130-58 in conjunction with building a new 115 Kv transmission line from the WAPA substation located south of Forman to the Ludden substation serving the Keystone pipeline. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous) Dave Leftwich, Local Government Engineer, ND Dept. of Transportation informed the commission that it is allowable to place guy wires within the easements as long as the 33' clear zone is unobstructed.

Authorize Chairman and Auditor to sign the Police Services Contract between City of Gwinner and County of Sargent. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve October payroll in the sum of \$136,759.33 (#'s2471-2532 and 59718-59729) and all bills submitted. (/Walstead/Anderson, unanimous):

59658-59663 Health District Expenditures		435.10
59686 ND Post Board	License	30.00
59687 State Land Dept.	Uncashed checks	95.00

59688 Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity	750.32
59689-59695 Health District Expenditures		7703.68
59696 City of Forman	Utilities	198.10
59704-59709 Health District Expenditures		348.80
59717 American Express	Purchasing card expenses	823.92
59730-59742 Weed Board Expenditures		22776.42
59743-59753 Human Service Expenditures		35692.74
59754 Alltel	Cell phone-sheriff's dept.	129.84
59755 Bopp Law Office	Rent and cell phone	411.98
59756 Buhl's	Cleaning service	218.07
59757 DRN	Phone service	701.20
59758 E S & S	Ballots	868.39
59759 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas and fuel	10548.44
59760 Gall's	Uniforms	280.08
59761 Gov't Mgmt Group	Job Description	140.00
59762 Sandy Hanson	Travel	132.50
59763 Hardware Hank	Supplies	58.05
59764 Gina Hillestad	Travel	207.00
59765 Sherry Hosford	Travel	98.30
59766 ITD	2 mos. LERMS	150.00
59767 Larson's Auto	Car servicing	92.54
59768 Joan Lee	Atlas	15.00
59769 Martinsen's	Supplies	81.40
59770 Minnkota Communications	Pager and labor	649.00
59771 NDACo	Marriage license program	13.00
59772 Post Board	David Kozok evaluation	110.00
59773 ND State Radio Communications	Teletype rental	120.00
59774 Quality Printing Service Inc.	Small Claims packets	79.20
59775 Quill	Supplies	288.93
59776 Ramkota Hotel	Lodging	715.00
59777 Reardon Office Equipment	Supplies	65.95
59778 The Sargent County Teller	Publishing fees	364.08
59779 SC Treasurer	Reimbursement for postage, etc.	3379.31
59780 Stein's	Supplies	232.27
59781 Mike Walstead	Travel	27.00
59782 Jerry Waswick	Travel	63.00
59783 White Banner	Uniforms	556.95
59784 AW Diesel	Repairs	344.86
59785 Bernard Mahrer Construction	Gravel, sand and hauling	7630.56
59786 Martin Bommersbach	Repairs	120.00
59787 Dyste's	Supplies	103.02
59788 Enderson Const.	Labor-Bergh-McLaen culvert	1910.00
59789 Farm Plan	Repairs	32.42
59790 Flint Hills Resources LP	MC-800	101767.77
59791 The Home Shop	Medical supplies	119.11
59792 Johnston Fargo Culvert	Culverts	8570.15
59793 Sweeney Brothers	Repairs	454.39
59794 Barnes County Corrections	Prisoner Board	605.00
59795 Kathleen Brakke	T-shirts	52.00
59796 CPU	Data Processing charges	1006.07
59797 DRN	911 contracts	259.00
59798 Gwinner On-Stop Inc.	Gas	978.91
59799 ITD	WAN access and anti-virus	452.20
59800 Interstate Engineering, Inc.	Eng.-Project SC4111(065)	17816.30
59801 David Kozok	Travel	22.99
59802 NDACo	Verizon wireless	759.20
59803 ND State Radio	State Radio	2788.80
59804 ND Workforce Safety & Ins.	Premium	109.20
59805 NDACO Resource Group	Technical services	262.50
59806 NDSU	Registration	65.00
59807 NDSU Extension Service	Payroll and travel	13737.00
59808 Brenda Peterson	Travel	118.50
59809 Norm Preble	Travel	187.71
59810 Qwest	911 Contracts	191.88
59811 Radisson Hotel	Lodging	37.50
59812 Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	495.00
59813 Rutland General Store	Five County meeting	34.78

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Traffic Safety Contract for FY 2009 between ND Dept. of Transportation and Sargent County Sherriff's Dept. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous). This contract provides \$2200 for overtime wages to provide the public with the safest roads possible by removing the impaired driver from the public roads, and \$4000 to purchase the video camera surveillance systems.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for professional services for Lake Agassiz Regional Council to perform all work items pertaining to Sargent County-Dakota Micro, Inc. contingent upon States Attorney approval. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Appoint Jerry Waswick as a delegate to the North Dakota State Fair Association to attend the annual meeting in Bismarck on November 20. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist, Road Supt. and Richard Ruch, Brampton arrived at the meeting. Mr. Ruch is concerned about County # 2 and the west end of County #5. Sparky explained that with the pipeline construction activity, harvest and hunting season, these roadways sustained damage. The road department is maintaining and placing gravel on the roadways. Also discussed the frequency of blading the roadway. Sparky indicated there were 14 times that County # 2 has been bladed in 2008. Mr. Ruch stated his opinion that, with the increased use, and heavier loads, on these roadways, they required more frequent attention. Mr. Ruch left the meeting. Sparky reported that the county road department has completed the chipping on Co # 12 south of ND Highway #13 and on #10 north of Milnor but the striping has not yet been completed. County # 1 north of Forman has the first seal coat on 4 miles but the supplier ran out of oil. The Road Department has some of the appropriate oil on hand, and as much of the remaining seal coating as can be done with the available oil will be completed later this month, weather permitting.

Norm Preble submitted a letter of resignation effective January 1, 2009. Mr. Preble is willing to work with the new Tax Director and/or Veterans Service Officer following January 1st as needed.

Motion to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

MAURICE ORN - CHAIRMAN

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR