

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, Mike Walstead, Maurice Orn and Jerry Waswick. Absent none.

Approve September 19, 2006 minutes as corrected. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve the appointment of Nancy Glarum, Rutland to the Sargent County School Reorganization Board to fill the open position vacated by the death of Homer Martinson. Term ending June 2007. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Lysle Coleman and Gerald Dill, Verner Township met with the Board to discuss the split on the gravel costs for two miles east of the Sargent/Dickey County line. There is need for spot gravel at this time. Sparky Engquist arrived at the meeting and indicated that he agrees this area needs gravel. Lysle Coleman visited about other concerns on the roads and traffic and suggested a section of County Road # 1 between sections 5,6,7 & 8 in Verner Township could use some work and backsloping. Sparky explained the situation with that road and what he plans to do to improve travel conditions, including tree removal.

The Board proceeded to conduct the final hearing on the 2007 County Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Commissioner Orn offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner 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 2007 in the amount of \$1500.

Voting aye: All

Voting nay: None

Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

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

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Board to make appropriations for the current year beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007 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 2007 Budget.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting nay: None

Resolution was adopted.

The following is a summary of the taxes to be levied for 2007:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
BUDGET REQUEST	834,121	3,743,251	4,577,372
BUDGETED TRANSFERS OUT		0	0
CASH RESERVE	0	250,509	250,509
SUBTOTAL	834,121	3,993,760	4,827,881
ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE (12-31- 06)	212,347	1,008,950	1,221,297

ESTIMATED TRANSFERS IN		204,178	204178
ESTIMATED REVENUE	237,785	1,254,878	1,492,663
TOTAL RESOURCES	450,132	2,468,006	2,918,138
LEVY REQUIRED	383,989	1,525,754	1,909,743
ALLOWANCE FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS	18,000	50,269	68,269
TOTAL AMOUNT LEVIED	401,989	1,576,023	1,978,012

Correspondence was reviewed including a proposed credit card policy for the Sheriff's Dept., a letter from the ND State Water Commission regarding repairs to Silver Lake Dam and the court facilities improvement grant. Chairman Waswick read a letter from the ND Division of Community Services regarding manufactured homes.

The Board discussed the proposal for services to conduct a comprehensive market survey and comparison of salaries of comparable counties (approximately 15) of selected benchmark positions (approximately 20) for Sargent County. Motion to retain the services of Government Management Group, Lakeville, MN to prepare a market survey, follow up and review of information and analysis, pay plan preparation, regression analysis, discussion of pay plan results or alternatives and report and recommendation preparation, charts and handouts. Said work to begin in calendar year 2007. To complete this work the maximum cost is \$5650. (Wyum/Orn) Roll call. Aye: Walstead, Orn, Wyum, Anderson and Waswick. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Joan Lee, Recorder met with the Board to report that LaJuana Hayen, Deputy Recorder was hired on May 15, 2006 and has completed her 90 days of probation. Approve removal of Ms. Hayen from probation as of August 15 and make her eligible for the September 1 step increase. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Sheena Breker, Rutland and Ryan and Crystal Johnson, Milnor, 4-H members along with Lisa Dawson, Home Economist met with the commissioners in recognition of National 4-H Week (October 1-7). The 4-H members presented note pads and lanyards as well as Purple ribbon donuts, baked by Ryan Johnson and explained some of the programs, which they have participated in.

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened after the Park Board meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Jeff Rauh, Keystone Project Team Public Consult for TransCanada met with Board to provide an update on the proposed pipeline project. Also attending the meeting was Norm Preble, Tax Director and Gerald Dill, Verner Township. Mr. Rauh addressed the proposed re-route that could affect the pipeline in Sargent County. He explained the US Fish and Wildlife concern over avoiding the Hecla sand hills. The Board expressed their concern on the new route and asked for more information on Sand Lake and more detailed maps that depict the entire area. Mr. Rauh explained the timeline for easement acquisition in 2007 and state review. A copy of the TransCanada's Ten Year Plan for 2006 with regard to the Keystone Pipeline Project is on file and available for review in the County Auditor's Office.

Norm Preble, Tax Director, met with the Board to set appraisal valuations on county lands and lots forfeited to Sargent County for non-payment of taxes. Motion to approve appraisals. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous) A list of property and appraisals will be posted at the front door of the Courthouse on November 7, 2006. According to law, the time for hearing objections to the minimum sales price agreed upon was set for 10:30 a.m. on November 7, 2006. Discussed the property located in Cayuga 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) (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous). Mr. Preble discussed the Conditional Use Permit with the Dairy Dozen-Milnor, LLP DBA Five Star Dairy issued by Hall Township. He has visited with the State Tax Dept. about the payment in lieu of taxes and is waiting for additional information. Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, arrived at the meeting to further discuss the payment in lieu agreement. Mr. Bopp said Hall Township minutes should reflect what type of agreement was agreed upon between the township and the owner of the dairy. The Board directed Mr. Preble, assessor for Hall Township to get a copy of Hall Township minutes and proceed with appraising the property located on the Dairy Dozen acreage

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

JERRY M. WASWICK – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD – AUDITOR