

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

Sparky Engquist and Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting to discuss the recent vacancy in the road department. Bob Adermann resigned effective September 30 as an equipment operator. An advertisement was placed in several newspapers and interviews conducted on October 3. Sparky reported on the three candidates interviewed. The Board endorsed hiring one of the three interviewees to the position of Equipment Operator III pending a follow-up call and another meeting with Sparky. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Discussed the improperly presented time card by a county employee and directed the Road Supervisor to present a corrected timecard. The States Attorney will draft a letter to the employee that this incident has been corrected, he will receive his week of pay and commission instructs the county employee to present properly completed time cards in the future. A copy of the letter will be placed in the employee's personnel file. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

The Board proceeded to conduct the final hearing on the 2006 County 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 2006 in the amount of \$1500.

Voting aye: All

Voting nay: None

Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

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

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Board to make appropriations for the current year beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006 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 2006 Budget.

Voting aye: All

Voting nay: None

Resolution was adopted.

The following is a summary of the taxes to be levied for 2006:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
BUDGET REQUEST	817,270	2,909,417	3,726,687
BUDGETED TRANSFERS OUT		60,000	60000
CASH RESERVE	60,713	237,026	297,739
SUBTOTAL	877,983	3,206,443	4,084,426
ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE (12-31- 05)	307,033	503,796	810,829
ESTIMATED TRANSFERS IN		167,974	167974
ESTIMATED REVENUES	209,450	1,140,567	1,350,017

TOTAL RESOURCES	516,483	1,812,337	2,328,820
LEVY REQUIRED	361,500	1,394,106	1,755,606
ALLOWANCE FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS	18,000	56,594	74,594
TOTAL AMOUNT LEVIED	379,500	1,450,700	1,830,200

Norm Preble, Tax Director, met to review omitted property for Lisa L. Gibbon on Lots 1-2-3, NE1/4-1-131-54. A residential structure was built in 2004 and should be added to the 2005 property tax roll. Ms. Gibbon received notification that a structure value of \$36,200 would be added to this parcel. Approve adding omitted property to the 2005 taxes. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous) Also discussed the dairy farm located in Hall Township and whether they can be added to the tax rolls. This operation involves a partnership and with changes in the law, this is considered a farming operation. Norm agreed to talk to the township officials about any tax agreements that may have been filed with them. Discussed list of delinquent properties taken for taxes by the county. Norm will proceed with appraisals for the October 18 meeting. Discussed the property located in Cayuga owned by Rutland-Havana Farmers Co-Op Elevator Company. Motion to direct the auditor not to proceed with a tax deed for Parcel No. 30-9267000 (42,120 Sq. ft) (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Eng., Inc. and Steve Minnerath, Central Specialties, Inc. arrived at the meeting to discuss the road projects that are currently underway north of Rutland and south of Cogswell. There are about 2 days of paving remaining on the projects. Discussed the liquidated damages (late fees) outlined in the project that are being charged to the contractor since 9/1/05. After further discussion, motion to waive liquidated damages, due to weather and circumstances beyond control of the contractor, provided the project is completed by October 18th. (Waswick/Wyum. Roll call. Aye: Brockman, Anderson, Waswick, Wyum and Walstead. Nay: None. Motion carried)

Caleb Christianson, Garrett Hayen, Chance Diegel, Amy Ruch, Evan Wyum, Samara Hansen and Alex Askerooth, 4-H members, accompanied by Lisa Knox, FNP Coordinator and Candy Hansen, Extension Support Staff, informed the Board that October 2-8 is National 4-H Week. They presented to Board members Purple Ribbon Almond Pound Cake, baked by Samara Hansen and a Sargent County 4-H can cooler and expressed their thanks for their support of county 4-H. The Board appreciated this acknowledgement and congratulated the members on their work with 4-H.

Gina Hillestad, Personnel Board member, reported that the PB recommends the county adopt the Grace Period Amendment for the County Cafeteria Employee Benefit Plan. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Travis Paeper, Scott Buckhouse, Lyle Bopp, Dean Ross, Valley City Chief of Police and Jon Wagar, Valley City Councilman met with the Board to discuss jailing. Barnes County has conducted a feasibility study to build a jail in Valley City and is looking for ways to improve their present jail facility. They have contacted several neighboring counties about partnering with Valley City in housing prisoners. The proposal is seeking an investment from 10 governmental agencies for \$75,000, which would guarantee a 10% ownership and 10% voting control in the new facility. This would be a Multi-County Facility, self-owned and operated and would guarantee Sargent County room for prisoners. The Board will make a decision at their October 18th meeting.

A representative of South East Multi-County Agency (SEMCA) or drug task force as it is known met with the Board and the Sheriff's Dept. and States Attorney to discuss a reduction in funding from Byrne grant funds. There has been a substantial decrease in funding for 2006 and the agency is asking the seven entities that make up the agency to contribute funding to make up the loss. They are asking Sargent County to increase their financial support from \$2800 to \$6185 for the fiscal year of 2006. If the participating agencies support this funding increase SEMCA operations will continue uninterrupted. Sheriff Paeper stated that he feels comfortable that the funding for this increase can be allocated within his department budget for 2006 and he is in favor of visiting with the city councils for additional funding. Authorize the Sheriff to increase SEMCA funding \$3385 for 2006. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve September 20, 2005 minutes. (Wyum/Brockman unanimous)

Lamoure County Development Corporation sent a letter asking Sargent County for a letter of support to study the viability of constructing a multi-county regional law enforcement center. The Board indicated they are not interested at this time.

Jerry Waswick was appointed as a State Fair delegate to the North Dakota State Fair Association representing the Sargent County Commission.

Sandy Hanson sent a letter to the Board regarding the current intrastate mutual aid agreements that are in place. This is in retrospect to the possibility of her and Brian Tayer Milnor Ambulance Coordinator being deployed to assist with the hurricane recovery efforts. The letter outlines the parameters for this agreement. In compliance with the mutual aid agreement through Emergency Management Assistance Compact, a motion was made to support the decisions of both Sandy and Brian if they are called on to go and if they decide to go assist with the hurricane recovery efforts. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR