

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

Members of the 4-H Ambassadors; Megan Totenhagen, Amy Martinson, Ryan Johnson and Justine Smith arrived at the meeting to announce that this week is National 4-H Week and in recognition of the occasion the members presented the Board with muffins and expressed their thanks for the support of the county commission.

Sandy Hanson, Tax Director met with the Board to set appraisal valuations on county lands and lots forfeited to Sargent County for non-payment of taxes. Thirty parcels were appraised. Motion to approve appraisals. (Jacobson/Anderson, unanimous) A list of property and appraisals will be posted at the front door of the Courthouse on November 1, 2011. According to law, the time for hearing objections to the minimum sales price agreed upon was set for 1:00 p.m. on October 25, 2011. 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) (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous).

Sandy Hanson, Emergency Manager, reported that FEMA representatives are in the county, making inspections of township, county and city sites eligible for FEMA assistance, completing paper work and audits.

Approve minutes of September 20, 2011 meeting as corrected. (Walstead/Jacobson, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist, Road Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss road projects. The 2012-2013 County Federal Aid Program sheets were reviewed and approved. Board members will meet with NDDOT officials on October 17<sup>th</sup> during the NDACo conference to discuss these projects and funding. Sparky explained plans to do a milling project on County # 2 north of Crete this fall. Estimated cost of the project is \$50,000.00. There was concern about the timing of this project during the harvest season. Also discussed the high water on County #10 north of Rutland City, where the road was under water for several weeks this past spring and summer. The project is considered an ER project and Sparky will work with adjacent landowners for their cooperation.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at this time.

A damage claim filed by Larry Erickson, Rutland, regarding an incident in which wind blew a large, 8' diameter, culvert belonging to Sargent County through his cornfield and fence was considered. The culvert had been placed in the road ditch near the Erickson farm by the county road department when County No. 10 was under construction in 2009/2010. The culvert was 80 feet long and 8 feet in diameter and the NDIRF claims adjuster has ruled that this would be an Act of Nature and beyond the control of Sargent County so the claim was respectfully denied. In further discussion, Commissioner Wyum and Commissioner Walstead had met with Mr. Erickson and agreed to furnish pipe (approximately 20 pieces at a cost of \$1,000) to make repairs to his fence. Mr. Erickson had agreed that he would be satisfied with the pipe in lieu of other reimbursement for damage to crops and fences. The Board directed the States Attorney to prepare a release for Mr. Erickson to sign, and thanked him for his past cooperation.

Carol Peterson, Milnor, submitted a \$50 check for cost of service for delinquent taxes under protest. After further discussion a motion was made that, based on the language of NDCC 57-28-04(5) requiring that the county collect the expense of service of the notice, publication, and other foreclosure costs in the amount of \$50 to satisfy the tax lien, and the opinion of the States Attorney, the County respectfully overrules the protest and accepts the payment, with the suggestion that Ms. Peterson bring this matter up with the City of Milnor. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Carol Peterson Economic Development Director for the City of Milnor had contacted Chairman Jerry Waswick to inform him that Milnor City is applying for Safe Routes to School grant funding this fall, and to request County cooperation with the City's grant application. In the past cities could apply to ND-DOT for the grant, but there has been a change in the application process, and now projects in cities with a population of less than 5,000 must be submitted through the County Commission. There are three phases to this project of which Phase I is completed. The City of Milnor is requesting a resolution from the Commissioners authorizing Jerry Waswick, Chairman to sign the application for the Safe Routes to School grant being submitted by Milnor City and also a letter of support for this endeavor from the commissioners. Authorize the Chairman to sign the application and also submit a letter of support, (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Reviewed the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description for the Discovery Flex Plan for Sargent County employees. States Attorney Bopp has reviewed the plans and noted that all changes are due to Federal Health Care Reform legislation. Authorize the Chairman to sign said documents. (Jacobson/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve Sunday Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at Geneseo Bar, Geneseo, ND for twelve months. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Board members received and read a letter from the ND Dept. of Health regarding the violations of Health Department regulations governing inert waste disposal sites at the Rutland City inert solid waste disposal site. The State Health Department has informed the City of Rutland that the site is closed.

The Board recessed at 12:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:00 p.m. for a public hearing on the 2012 County Budget. Those present: Bill Anderson, Mike Walstead, David L Jacobson and Steve Wyum. Absent: Jerry Waswick. Also present: Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller.

Vice-Chairman Anderson opened the hearing and asked for any oral or written comments regarding the 2012 property tax levy. No one was present to offer comments at the hearing and the Board proceeded to review the budget. Motion to reduce the 911 budget from \$103,678 to \$93,928 in order to bring that budget item into balance. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1**

Commissioner Jacobson 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, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012 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 2012 budget in the sum of \$6,248,532.

Voting aye: Anderson, Wyum, Jacobson and Walstead.

Absent: Waswick

Voting nay: None.

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 2012 in the amount of \$1500.

Voting aye: Anderson, Wyum, Jacobson and Walstead.

Absent: Waswick

Voting nay: None

Resolution was adopted.

The following is a summary of the taxes to be levied for 2012:

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>
BUDGET REQUEST	811,780	5,436,752	6,248,532
BUDGETED TRANSFERS OUT		174,865	174,865
CASH RESERVE	262,000	994,776	1,256,776

SUBTOTAL	<b>1,073,780</b>	<b>6,606,393</b>	<b>7,680,173</b>
ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE (12-31-11)	244,139	2,571,457	2,815,596
ESTIMATED TRANSFERS IN		165,000	165,000
ESTIMATED REVENUE	356,000	1,915,993	2,271,993
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>600,139</b>	<b>4,652,450</b>	<b>5,252,589</b>
LEVY REQUIRED	473,641	1,953,943	2,427,584
ALLOWANCE FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS	20,159	69,987	90,146
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT LEVIED</b>	<b>493,800</b>	<b>2,023,930</b>	<b>2,517,730</b>

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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JERRY WASWICK – CHAIRMAN

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BILL ANDERSON – VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR