Forman, North Dakota October 7, 2004

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 10:15 a.m. with the following members present: Karen Anderson, Ray Brockman, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum and Don Wehlander. Absent none.

Norm Preble, Tax Director, met with the Board to discuss the Four Seasons Health Care abatement for 2002 taxes. The City of Forman approved the abatement. Concur with the city. (Wehlander/Walstead, unanimous)

Bill Broder, Diversified Contractors, updated the Board on the courthouse window replacement project. He reported the windows are on schedule and the blinds will be cleaned before reinstalling. Some of the blinds will be installed today because of the sun reflecting in the offices and on computer screens. They also will fix an area of the front lawn where the machine left tracks. The staining and varnishing of the wood will begin next week and employees will be informed that they should look for other options where to relocate while the stain is being applied. The dome windows also need to be sealed as part of the project.

Approve September 21, 2004 minutes as corrected. (Walstead/Wehlander, unanimous)

Karen Anderson was appointed delegate to the ND Fair Association Annual Meeting in Bismarck on November 18.

Approve appointment of the following persons as election inspectors for the upcoming General Election. Precinct No. 1-Shirley Mund, Milnor; Precinct No. 2-Leona Adermann, Gwinner; Precinct No. 3-Denise Dockter, Cogswell; Precinct No. 4-Vivian Kosmatka, Forman and Precinct No. 5-Renee Cramton, Rutland. (Anderson/Brockman, unanimous) Steve Wyum, Chairman, will serve on the County Canvass Board on Friday, November 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Discussed November 2 meeting date. Due to the General Election being held on that day, reschedule the meeting to Thursday, November 4. (Wehlander/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bill, which was omitted from the September payments.(Anderson/Brockman, unanimous)50420 D & D WeldingFence panels398.40

Approve payment of the following bill for window replacement contingent upon Michael J. Burns,
Architects approval next week. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)50421 Diversified ContractorsCourthouse window project23,649.20

The Board read a letter from the Dakota State Line Regional Alliance and Oakes Enhancement Inc. concerning research on wind energy development in this area. Motion to support the concept and notify the Sargent County Job Development Authority of the commissioners support and recommend due consideration for project funding. (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve out-of-state travel for Sparky Engquist, road supervisor to attend the County Road Advisor's Annual conference in Rapid City, SD on October 19-21. (Wehlander/Walstead, unanimous)

In observance of National 4-H Week, Val Pherson, Rutland and Lindsay Martinsen, Forman, presented 4-H notepads and pens to the commissioners in appreciation for their support of 4-H. Both girls are national award winners and will be attending conferences in Atlanta and Washington, DC.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

STEVEN R. WYUM – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR