

Forman, North Dakota

November 1, 2011

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.

Approve minutes of October 25, 2011 corrected. (Jacobson/Walstead, unanimous)

Road and bridge projects were the main topic of discussion by the county commission.

An Application for Abatement or Refund of Taxes had been filed by Donald and Tracy Nelson, Milnor, requesting an abatement of taxes on a commercial structure located in the E1/2 of SE1/4-26-132-55 for 2011 taxes. The commercial structure was destroyed by wind in July 2011. The applicant is requesting to pro-rate the taxes on said building for July-December and further that the building will not be repaired or rebuilt at this time. Willey Township approved the abatement. Concur with the Willey Township. (Jacobson/Wyum, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, arrived at this time.

Marwood Klein, Ambulance Coordinator, Forman Squad met with the Board to report on ambulance activity during 2011. As of October 31, ambulance runs are slightly down from last year as is the income. The numbers of ambulance volunteers, EMT's and First Responders, are good at this time but could use more day time drivers. He informed the Board that a meeting with the Fairboard is scheduled later this month to discuss the possibility of constructing a combination auditorium/ambulance facility on the County Fairgrounds, near Highway #32. Discussion followed on size and arrangement, as well as projected cost for a suitable ambulance service building. No details were available at this time, and no decision will be made until adequate information is available.

Lyle Bopp reported on research regarding the process for leasing/purchasing equipment for the County Road Department. New legislation requires bidding for any purchases over \$50,000. A county may enter into lease-purchase agreements for the acquisition of equipment, if the agreement provide for full payment within five years from the date of the agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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JERRY WASWICK – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR