

Forman, North Dakota
November 17, 2015

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m., with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Bill Anderson, Sherry Hosford, and Jerry Waswick. Absent was David Jacobson. Also present were County Auditor Pam Maloney; Carol Peterson representing Milnor City; Paula Hansen, Park Assistant; and, Jeanne Sexton-Brown, The Sargent County Teller.

Carol Peterson attended the meeting to request Sargent County's adoption of a resolution concerning improving cellular telephone and data transmission service in the Milnor City area. There are several petitions with about 400 signatures from Milnor City residents & patrons requesting Verizon to consider upgrading and improving their service within the county. The city has also received resolutions from Milnor Public School, Milnor Fire Department, Sargent County Ambulance, and the Sargent County Sheriff.

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

WHEREAS, with more and more people depending entirely on cellular devices for telephone communications, data transmission, and many other services, it is both a dangerous public safety practice, and a poor business practice, to leave large areas in Sargent County with little or no reliable service.

WHEREAS, 911 calls made from cellular devices can be critical in getting timely and, in some cases, lifesaving emergency assistance to those who need it.

WHEREAS, at the present time, cellular telephone reception and data transmission capabilities in the northeastern quadrant of Sargent County, including the City of Milnor, is haphazard, at best, and nonexistent, at worst.

WHEREAS, Sargent County has an influx of tourists in the summer months and large numbers of hunters in the fall coming into this area that rely solely on cellular communications for emergency, personal, and business messages.

The Sargent County Commission requests that all cellular communications service providers currently selling service in Sargent County upgrade and improve their service within the County to provide reliable service to all subscribers within the boundaries of Sargent County; and, communicate directly with the Sargent County Commission on this urgent public safety issue, stating their intentions concerning improved service and laying out a schedule for completing any planned improvements to their service infrastructure in Sargent County.

This RESOLUTION adopted by the Sargent County Commission at its regular meeting in the Sargent County Courthouse, Forman, North Dakota, on the 17th day of November 2015, with four (4) Commissioners present, four (4) Commissioners voting "AYE," and zero (0) Commissioners voting "NAY."

Voting aye: Walstead, Anderson, Waswick, and Hosford.

Voting nay: None

Absent: Jacobson

Resolution was adopted.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, arrived at the meeting.

Paula Hansen, Sargent County Park Assistant, updated the board on her grant research for Park improvements, and asked how the Board wanted her to proceed with the grant requests. The board instructed that she concentrate on Phase 2 of the playground upgrades for the west side of the park. Ms. Hansen also informed the Board that she has obtained a price quote for the 2" x 3" engraved plate to be attached to one of the surface mounted benches under the overhang at the pavilion for the Harlan Klefstad memorials directed to the Play Places & Gathering Spaces project, but is looking for another quote as the first one seemed to be high.

The Annual Tax Sale was conducted at 10:00 a.m. Properties were auctioned individually and sold to the highest qualified bidder thereon. Motion to approve County Deeds for the following sales: Lots 17-18, Block 4, Original Townsite, Brampton Village, for \$400 to Harvey Dawson, 210 University Ave, Cogswell ND 58017-5005; 33 x 300' vacated street adjoining Block 25, Auditor's Plat, Cogswell City, for \$100 to the City of Cogswell, PO Box 86, Cogswell ND 58017-0086; Lots 16-17-28-29, Block 16, Original Townsite, Milnor City, for \$372.40 (\$1.00 + specials); Lot 1-2, Block 1, Park Lane Addition, Milnor City, for \$2693.30 (\$1.00 + specials); Lots 10-11-12, Block 32, Original Townsite, Milnor City, for \$1630.79 (\$1.00 + specials); & NW 16' Lot 24 less NE 40.09', Block 22, Original Townsite, Milnor City, for \$1099.14 (\$1.00 + specials); to the City of Milnor, PO Box 70, Milnor ND 58060-0070. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Charissa Rubey, Cayuga; Bruce Speich, Milnor; Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor; & Virgil Nogowski, Assistant Road Supervisor; arrived at the meeting to discuss the areas of concern Ms. Rubey had brought forth at the October 20th commission meeting. Her main areas of concern are the sign replacements along County Road #1 and #14; & the clean out of debris from under a bridge south of Jim & Vicki Berndt's farm on County Road #14. Mr. Engquist reported that the debris, consisting primarily of large tree branches, had been removed a few days ago and that the replacement signs have been ordered and will be put up as time allows. Mr. Speich's concern was dust control on County Road #1 past his residence. There is considerable traffic past his home and thought that maybe two applications of dust control was needed on that particular area. There was discussion on when the best time to apply mag chloride is and to make sure not to apply dust control until after any graveling is finished. Mr. Speich had used his tractor & scraper to cut down the washboards near his residence. He was told to refrain from doing that again, unless he had first obtained a permit from the county.

A draft revision of "210-Employment Applications" in the policy handbook was handed out for comments and suggestions. This would add requiring background checks prior to hiring new employees. There was also a revision in the current employment application for review.

Commissioner Waswick has received a few ideas from the clerk of court's office for the Court Facilities Improvement Grant, but will follow up with them for more information.

Brian Tayer & Marwood Klein, Sargent County Ambulance Coordinators, met with the Board to provide an update on ambulance services. They provided a summary to date of ambulance calls, CPR and first aid classes taught, and other continuing education for their respective squads. Mr. Tayer also wished to thank Green Iron Equipment in Milnor, for allowing the Milnor Ambulance Squad to wash the ambulance in their shop when needed. Mr. Klein will be having knee replacement surgery in December, so Michael Werner from the Milnor Squad and the Gwinner First Responders will be filling in while he is laid up. He is hopeful that he will be back on call mid-January, but will have to have 2 drivers on for the lifting, and will need approval from his Doctor to return to duty. The Commissioners thanked Brian and Marwood for the good reports, and commended them and the members of both squads for their work on behalf of the people of Sargent County. They also wished Marwood good luck and a speedy recovery with his surgery.

Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor; & Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, met with the board. Mr. DeVillers updated the board on the current paving projects by Crete, Geneseo, & Milnor City. The paving is done, open to traffic & temporary striping has been applied. The seal coat will be done as soon as possible in the spring with the permanent paving striping to follow. He recommended that a letter be sent to the contractor with a deadline for applying the sealcoat and that liquidated damages will be starting as soon as the weight restrictions come off in the spring. He also stated that the project management review has been conducted by ND DOT for CER 4110(063), an ER project 8 miles north of Rutland. The review went well, although there were a few documents that were not available at the time. They have since been located and emailed to ND DOT to complete the review. The Hall Township bridge project is scheduled for a March, 2016 bid letting, but Interstate Engineering is waiting for information from the Corps. Of Engineers.

Motion to authorize the chairman to sign the "Agreement Between Ransom County and Sargent County For Sharing Sargent County Social Service Employee (Parent Aid and Family Focus Worker). (Anderson/Hosford, unanimous)

Approve minutes of November 3, 2015 meeting as corrected. (Waswick/Hosford, unanimous)

Board members proceeded to review all bills. Motion to approve the November payroll in the sum of \$185,556.93 (Nos.11410-11474 and 72363-72377) and the following bills: (Hosford/Anderson, unanimous)

72201-72208		Weed Control Expenses	698.21
72224	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	772.39
72225-72237		Health Unit Expenses	4,436.75
72238	Forman City	Water/Sewer/Garbage	157.15
72239	Ottertail Power	Electricity	1,142.94
72241	ND Dept. of Trust Lands	Unclaimed Property	85.00
72242-72255		Health Unit Expenses	5,284.73
72256-72269		Human Service Expenses	8,705.93
72277	American Stamp	Treasurer Stampers	79.44
72278	B & K Electric	8' Ballast installed	116.00
72279	Best Western Ramkota	NDACO Conf. Travel	1,201.50
72280	Buhl's Inc.	Cleaning Services	246.10
72281	Cenex Fleet Card	Tax/911/Emer. Mgt. Travel	35.18
72282	Code 4 Services	Sheriff Car Equipment	280.50
72283	Cole Papers Inc.	Tax Statement Paper	156.80
72284	Dacotah Paper Co.	Copier Paper	661.97
72285	Dakota Plains	Gas Purchases	99.82
72286	Dakota Water Solutions	Water Jugs	21.00
72287	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	894.82
72288	Forman Drug	SD Cards/Batteries	32.98
72289	Gwinner One Stop	Sheriff Gas Purchases	609.81
72290	Hanson, Sandra	Tax Travel	15.50
72291	Hardware Hank	Supplies	147.93
72292	James Valley FOP Lodge #4	Membership 2016	46.00
72293	Johnson, Bryan	Sheriff Ammo	119.94
72294	Lexis Nexis-Mathew Bender	ND Criminal/Traffic Law	60.44
72295	Liberty Business Solutions	Postal Machine Ink Cartridge	188.20
72296	Maloney, Pam	Auditor Travel	81.76
72297	Minn-Kota Communications	Digital Phone/Headset	741.45
72298	NDAAO Assessing Officers	Tax Assessing Training	350.00
72299	ND Assoc. of Counties	Continuing Education	55.00
72300	NDLTAP Great Plains Transport	Snow/Ice Control Workshop	150.00
72301	Nelson's Home Center	Road Supplies/Bolts	52.18
72302	Otis Elevator Company	Elevator Repairs	196.42
72303	Paeper, Travis	Sheriff Travel/ Carwash	61.50
72304	Peterson, Brenda	Sheriff Travel	98.75
72305	Quill.Com	Office/Computer Supplies	551.58
72306	Reardon Office Equipment	Copier Lease	104.55
72307	Sargent County Teller	Printing/Publishing	603.83
72308	SE Fraternal Order of Police	2015 Lodge #6 Dues	150.00
72309	Southside Automotive	Tires – County Car	696.24
72310	Streicher's	Sheriff Equipment	363.94
72311	Tyler Technologies	Document Pro Support	2,740.97
72312	Underground Vault & Storage	Lease Rental-Mfilm Box	200.00
72313	Universal Services	Ink Toner	49.50
72314	Verizon Wireless	Sheriff MIFI Cards	160.04
72315	Arrowhead Transport	Gravel #4	748.28
72316	Bernard Mahrer Construction	Gravel 1,2,3,5 & Shop	37,832.22
72317	Dakota Plains	Fuel/Gas/Equip. Repair	5,202.17
72318	Enderson Construction	Gravel #1#2, & Shop	6,191.38
72319	Flint Hills Resources, LP	MC-800 Asphalt #1	82,860.56
72320	Hansen Lumber & Hardware	Road Supplies	43.37
72321	Mark Sand & Gravel	Road Projects #2-#10-#14	1,958,547.43
72322	Muscha Pavement Marking	Painted Lines #12	12,474.81
72323	Nelson Bulk Oil Co.	Fuel	3,566.55

72324	Oakes City	Chip Sealing Tar #1	9,443.50
72325	Rutland Oil Company	Gasoline	1,055.00
72326	Southside Automotive	Vehicle/Tire Repair	178.65
72327	ZEP Sales & Service	Road Supplies	603.42
72328	3D Specialities	Road Signs	1,739.30
72329	AMS Alcohol Monitoring	Daily Monitoring Fees	35.10
72330	Avid Hawk, LLC.	Web Services	45.00
72331	Baymont Inn & Suites	Sheriff Travel	75.65
72332	Computer Prof. Unlimited, Inc.	Data Processing	1,106.70
72333	Dakota Plains	Sheriff Gas Purchases	368.64
72334	Dell Company	Recorder Computer Software	238.80
72335	Dickey Rural Networks	911 Contracts	255.00
72336	Hewlett-Packard	Recorder Computer	743.00
72337	Information Tech. Dept.	WAN Access	2,604.60
72338	Klapperich, Cindy	FCS Travel/Registration	507.48
72339	NDACO	911 Wireless	705.30
72340	ND Community Corrections	Dues/Ecliptic Fees	200.00
72341	ND Workforce Safety	Volunteer Coverage	74.70
72342	NDACO Resources Group	Micro Security Renewal	1,175.68
72343	Office of Attorney General	Scram 24/7	1,650.00
72344	Pharmchem Inc.	Sweat Patch Analysis	350.00
72345	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	962.50
72346	SC Treasurer	Extension Postage	110.22
72347	Seykora, Melissa	Extension Travel	257.05
72348	VISA	Extension/FCS Travel	835.03

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PAM MALONEY - AUDITOR