

Forman, North Dakota
November 3, 2009

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Jerry Waswick, Mike Walstead, Maurice Orn, and Steve Wyum. Absent: Bill Anderson. Also present: Holly Jessen, the Sargent County Teller and Hollie Asche, Gwinner, ND.

Motion to approve the October 20, 2009 minutes as corrected. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous)

Gina Hillestad met with the Board to inform them that Lacey Wyum, Deputy Recorder/Clerk of Court will tender her resignation effective December 31, 2009. Ms. Wyum is planning to purchase the Sargent County Abstract Company. There hasn't been any resignation filed with the Board at this time but Board members indicated that Joan Lee is scheduled to meet with them at 9:30. Brief discussion followed regarding staff restructure if resignations occur. Gina left the meeting.

The Board placed a call to Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. regarding Bridge 135-05.1 which is listed on the 2010-2011 Federal Aid Program. This has been identified ineligible because the existing steel culverts are rated at 100. Discussion followed on replacing 3 bridges and putting in one bridge and request additional funding. Damon will draft a letter to NDDOT to ask if this would be eligible. Authorize chairman to sign the 2010-2011 Revised Federal Aid Program and submit to North Dakota Dept. of Transportation with the letter of request being prepared by Mr. DeVillers. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous) The letter will ask NDDOT to reconsider replacing the three existing steel culverts (Bridge 135-05.1) with a box culvert and thereby allowing elimination of two bridges 135-05.0 and 135-06 and replace Bridge 135-05.0 with one of the three steel culverts from Bridge 135-05.1.

Jerry Waswick indicated that Whitestone Hill Township Board members are concerned about the 60" culvert that was agreed upon to replace the existing box culvert in Section 23-132-56. Board members suggested that the township board, Sparky Engquist, Damon DeVillers and the county commissioners meet in March, 2010 to discuss this project.

Joan Lee, Recorder/Clerk of Court met with the Board to present the resignation of Lacey Wyum as Deputy Recorder/Clerk of Court effective December 31, 2009. Lacey will train for 6 months with the Sargent County Abstract Company on a part time basis. Lacey's letter also indicated that she would like to be able to reduce her employment with Sargent County from full-time to a temporary part-time position, working 2-3 days a week. Joan Lee also presented her letter of resignation effective December 31, 2009. The Board expressed their appreciation to Joan for the training that is undergoing in her office. Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Lacey Wyum. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous) Motion to accept Joan Lee's resignation with regret and commend her for her 25 years of service to Sargent County. (Orn/Waswick, unanimous)

The Board requested Gina Hillestad return to the meeting and the Board informed her that they have received the resignations of both Joan Lee and Lacey Wyum. The Board visited with Gina about Lacey's resignation and her request to reduce her employment from full-time to a temporary part-time. Gina would like to advertise now for a full-time deputy treasurer. Motion to authorize Gina to advertise for a Deputy Treasurer position. (Walstead/Orn, unanimous) Further discussion followed on a job description for this deputy position due to combining of offices effective January 1, 2010. Gina is working on new job descriptions for the combined offices and hopes to have those available by the first of the year. Currently

Gina and Darlene Colbert, Deputy Treasurer have both been training with the Recorder's Office. Gina has communicated with Rod Olson, Court Administrator and he advised Gina to plan to attend some training in Richland County for some basic training of the Clerk of Court's Office. Mr. Olson indicated that if the Board appoints Gina as Recorder/Clerk of Court this would allow his office to install a computer program on Gina's computer for Clerk of Court programs. Appoint Gina Hillestad as Recorder/Clerk of Court effective January 1, 2010. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

Norm Preble met with the Board to discuss an Application for Classification as Inundated Agriculture Land from Ronald W. Christenson on Lot 3-2-131-58 for 2008 and 2009. The deadline for submission is March 31 and no aerial map, with inundated acres marked was included with the application. The Board tabled the request until more information is available.

The Board discussed their upcoming meeting on November 5th with the State Board of Equalization regarding the reappraisal of residential property in Sargent County. Norm handed out information from sales ratio that he sends to the state.

Commissioner Bill Anderson called on his cellular telephone from the Arizona desert, about 90 miles northeast of Phoenix and noted that the cellular phone worked perfectly out in the desert, half way between no where and no place, but works on only a hit or miss basis when back home in Sargent County.

Dana Grosgebauer, Gwinner met with the Board to inform them that she is a qualified licensed appraiser and class 2 real estate appraiser and interested in the reappraisal of all residential property in the county. Norm indicated that should the Board hire Ms. Grosgebauer she could use the current property cards and the CAMA program. Dana explained how she would approach the reappraisal and estimated that 1300 parcels could be completed in 2 years depending on the scope of work that the county would want completed on each structure. The commission informed Ms. Grosgebauer that they are meeting with the State Board of Equalization this week.

Board members asked Norm Preble, County VSO about plans for Veteran's Day and he indicated that he did not have a speaker. Holly Jessen asked about activities planned and the commission assured Ms. Jessen that Mr. Preble would have a gathering at the county monument on the Courthouse lawn at 11:00 a.m. on November 11 followed by a program at Forman City Hall. The Forman Auxiliary will serve chili following the program.

Mike Walstead, courthouse commissioner gave a report on repairs to the paint on the courthouse dome and items for consideration in the court facilities grant.

Brian Tayer and Marwood Klein, county ambulance coordinators met with the commission to provide updates of each ambulance squad. Forman Squad will be receiving a \$5000 grant for 4 years from the state for critical staffing. This program is designed to offer money to squads for acquiring new members. Marwood will be conducting a class beginning December 1 and has 9 students signed up.

Discussion followed on a phone call that Sherry Hosford, Auditor received from Mike Sandy with the Oakes Ambulance Service. Mr. Sandy was inquiring about new legislation that states that any taxing district that levies a special emergency medical services or ambulance service levy shall ensure that every ambulance service that has portions of its service area in the taxing district receives a portion of the revenue from this tax. The Oakes Ambulance service area includes approximately 96 sections of land in Sargent County. The Board asked about counties which border Sargent County and are being served by our ambulances and whether these

counties could share a portion of their tax revenue. Sherry Hosford was instructed to send a letter to Lyle Bopp, States Attorney requesting his opinion on this new law.

The Board recessed at 12:00 for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

The hearing on appraisals of property forfeited to the county for delinquent taxes was opened at 1:00 p.m. Richard Ruch, Brampton Township was present and Norm Preble, Tax Director. Approved appraisals as revised and closed hearing at 1:15 p.m. (Walstead/Orn, unanimous). The public auction for sale of this property is scheduled on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at the office of the County Commission beginning at 1:00 p.m. The list of property to be sold will be posted at the front door of the Courthouse.

Sparky Engquist, road supervisor, stopped at the meeting and Board members inquired about road projects and also work completed on County Road # 14 north of Geneseo.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

STEVEN R WYUM - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR