

Forman, North Dakota  
November 3, 2015

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:10 a.m., with the following members present: Mike Walstead, David L Jacobson, Sherry Hosford, and Jerry Waswick. Bill Anderson was absent. Also present were County Auditor Pam Maloney, and Paige Cary, The Sargent County Teller.

Commissioner Walstead reported that Mark Sand & Gravel should be completing work on the three Surge projects on County Road #2, #10 & #14 today, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. He also suggested the county contract with Mark Sand & Gravel to patch three bad areas on County Road #4 while the contractor's paving crew is still in the area – two spots approximately three miles north of Cogswell and one spot approximately two and a half miles north of Stirum, as the Sargent County Road Department hadn't been able to get the repairs done. All three spots are just under half a mile in length. Motion to proceed with the patching project limited to 1200 ton at \$110/ton not to exceed a cost of \$132,000. (Waswick/Hosford) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Waswick, Hosford & Walstead. No – Jacobson. Motion carried.

Lyle Bopp, State's Attorney, arrived at the meeting.

Sandy Hanson, Tax Director; Clarmont Ulven, Gwinner; and David Jones, Cogswell; arrived at the meeting. The hearing on appraisals of property forfeited to the county for delinquent taxes was opened at 9:30 a.m. Discussion followed on a 33 x 300 foot parcel in Cogswell, which, though it is vacated, is still being used as a street, so it would be subject to prescriptive right. The minimum sales price of \$500 will be lowered to \$100. Motion to approve the other minimum sales prices set at the October 20 meeting. (Hosford/Jacobson, unanimous). The public auction for sale of this property is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, in the County Commissioner's office beginning at 10:00 a.m. The list of property to be sold will be posted at the front door of the Courthouse.

Jon Hanna, Sargent/Ransom County Veteran's Service Officer, arrived at the meeting. He gave a short report on job duties & programs within his office. He helps veterans, along with their family members, with many different types of claims, including hardship, death & disability. He reaches out to veterans from all wars & is honored to be of service to them. The commission thanked him for all his hard work on behalf of all the Sargent County veterans.

More discussion on the Quandt application to perform work within the county road right-of-way on County #3 in Jackson Township. Commissioner Walstead traveled to the site and also talked to Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering. It looks like the dirt removal was outside of the county road right-of-way, so no permit was needed for the actual work done. However, there was dirt piled up on the county road right-of-way that was to be used for the back slope. There was also a question on why the county road crew was leveling out the dirt to finish up the project. Motion to deny the application as the dirt removal was outside the county road right-of-way and also because Sargent County does not approve these permits retroactively. (Waswick/Jacobson, unanimous) There was also more discussion about revising the current application process to add that there will be no permits issued after work on a private project has begun, and to insert a penalty clause if any work is begun before a permit is issued. This will be brought up & discussed at the annual township officer's meeting in November.

Work is being done on the revision of "210-Employment Applications" in the policy handbook to add a paragraph requiring background checks prior to hiring new employees.

Approve minutes of October 20, 2015 meeting as corrected. (Hosford/Jacobson, unanimous)

Motion to purchase a 2016 Simplicity Cobalt lawnmower from Butler Machinery for \$8,256. Although lower quotes were received, this machine is a year newer, has more horsepower, EFI and also was the park staff's choice as it is a more comfortable riding mower. (Waswick/Hosford, motion carried)

Lyle Bopp discussed matters regarding an upcoming trial.

There was discussion held regarding graveling priorities for next season and questions about certain parts of County Road #6 not being bladed.

Motion for the chairman to sign an “Authorized Representative List for Sargent County” for First National Bank in Milnor, designating the staff in the auditor’s & treasurer’s departments as representatives. (Waswick/Jacobson, unanimous)

Approve professional service agreement with Computer Professionals Unlimited, Inc., Morris, MN for a three (3) year term. (Hosford/Jacobson, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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MIKE WALSTEAD - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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PAM MALONEY - AUDITOR