

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. with the following present: Bill Smith, Lysle Coleman, Betty Hewitt, Steve Wyum, and Don Wehlander. Absent none.

Mike Manstrom, Nodak Bonds, representing Richland County, met with the Board to discuss documents concerning the Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds. Mr. Manstrom explained the reason for Richland County and Sargent County conducting the public hearing on these bonds. The project will acquire and rehabilitate 26 housing units in Sargent County. The cities will be contacted and a public hearing will be conducted on November 17, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. to receive any objections to the issuance of said bonds.

Bob Cookson, Forman City Mayor, stopped at the meeting and is not aware of the sale of bonds discussed with Mr. Manstrom. He is interested in receiving copies of the proposal.

Mr. Cookson informed the Board that the city has contacted the Forman Fire Chief and asked them to find room for the ambulance. The city is planning some renovating at city hall and would like the area where the ambulance is parked vacated.

The Board proceeded to conduct a hearing on minimum sales price for land forfeited to the county for non-payment of taxes. No one was present. The sales prices and the properties for sale shall be published under NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE FORFEITED TO THE COUNTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES.

Appoint Betty Hewitt to the County Canvass Board. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Bill Smith left the meeting at 10:15 to attend a funeral.

Gina Hillestad reviewed the results of the Risk Management Program Annual Review. The review addresses the elements of the program that require completion to qualify for the premium discount. The loss prevention specialist recommended approval of the 5% discount payment.

The Board discussed the proposed pay plan presented in conjunction with the job descriptions. Gina reviewed several proposals and ideas for implementation of the plan. The Board instructed her to prepare some numbers for the next meeting that they will consider.

The Board conducted a hearing on an abatement for Harlan Klefstad on the SE1/4-2-130-57 for 1997 taxes. The Sargent Township Board denied the abatement. Concur with township. (Wyum/Coleman, unanimous)

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened with all members present.

Randy Pope, Damon DeVillers, and Sparky Engquist reviewed the 2000-2001 County Federal Aid Program presented by NDDOT. Some of the projects were omitted and Randy will contact NDDOT for a revision. The letting date on the projects will be March 12, 1999 and plans due to the state by 12-4-98. Also discussed status of County No. 4 project and claim submitted by American Contracting.

Authorize Chairman, Auditor, and States Attorney to sign the Maintenance Certification based on information received from the engineer and road supervisor. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Forman Ambulance hired Donna Eklund, Forman as the new EMT/coordinator. She started on 11-1-98.

Les Bjore met with the Board with an update on the handicapped accessibility project. Rain delayed the starting date one-week. After excavation, the contractor found an old cistern and septic tank. There were also some problems with the roof drains. All problems have been resolved and brickwork should begin in 2 weeks.

Approve contractor agreements for handicapped accessibility as follows: Bid Packages 3,4,7 - Richland Group, Inc. - \$181,900; #5 - Fransen & Olson Plaster - \$20,340; #6 - Pierce Roofing - \$4,957; #8 & 10 - Valley Flooring - \$12,233.95; #11 - Advance Elevator - \$41,400; #12 - Schmitt's Plumbing & Heating - \$8,200; # 13 - Richland Electric - \$18,400. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD, AUDITOR