The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present: W.E. Smith, Karen Anderson, Steve Wyum, Ray Brockman and Donald Wehlander. Absent none.

The Board discussed the membership on the SC Job Development Authority. Tom Hogness is no longer a Milnor School Board member. A phone call was placed to Jay Jacobson, Milnor and he agreed to fill the term of Mr. Hogness. Approve appointment of Mr. Jacobson to fill the term and appoint for another 3-year term, which will expire December 31, 2005. The Auditor was instructed to contact Forman City, Gwinner City and the SC Township Officers Organization to submit names or re-appoint the current member serving on the JDA, whose terms expire December 31, 2002. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

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.

Discussed purchasing insurance on the murals in the rotunda of the courthouse. Instructed the County Auditor to request information.

Approve minutes of the October 22, 2002 meeting. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting.

NDACo contacted the Board regarding the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and at this time each county is being asked to appoint Privacy Officers, as points of contact in the future. Appoint Wendy Jacobson, Social Service Director and Colleen Sundquist, Administrator, Health District to serve as privacy officers for Sargent County. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Norm Preble informed the Board that there are 8 new homes that will receive a 2-year exemption and also the Wurth Co. in Forman and a townhouse in Milnor will receive a 5-year exemption. Norm requested that the application for inundated land not be sent out this year and instead put an ad in the paper.

Lynette Elijah, Milnor Ins., Inc./d.b.a. First National Insurance Agency, met with the Board to introduce herself as one of the co-owners of the insurance company. She will be spending time in Rutland and Milnor along with Paula Tayer. She is willing to meet with the Board to review the annual renewal and discuss any changes.

Doc Nelson and Roz Amerman met with the Board to discuss custodial issues. Repairs are necessary in the men's restroom and the Board approved replacement of fixtures. There are some windows that will be replaced in the dome.

Randy Pope and Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering Inc., met with the Board to review road and bridge projects. There is a total of 9 miles scheduled for bituminous overlay in 2003. Approve the Agreement for Engineering Services with Interstate Engineering, Inc. at a compensation of 10.5% of the Construction Cost. Discussed the GIS/GPS project, which Interstate Eng. has conducted fieldwork and has data available for transfer. A training session was discussed for March 2003.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

	RAY BROCKMAN - CHAIRMAN
ATTEST:	
SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR	