

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at the Sargent County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Dave Jacobson, Jason Arth, & Mike Walstead. Absent was Bill Anderson & Sherry Hosford. Also present was Merrill Engquist, Sargent County Road Supervisor; Tibby Hinderlie, the Sargent County Teller; and, Pam Maloney, Sargent County Auditor.

Approve October 17, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected. (Arth/Walstead, unanimous)

The commission placed a conference call to Paul Roney regarding a complaint filed with the Sargent County Water Resource Board. The complaint is in reference to SE1/4 of Section 18-130-58 on the north side of County Road #3. He said the road has improved dramatically from previous years and would like to do whatever he can to leave the ditch as it is, including a 5' easement to the county. He said they could add 8" of dirt, but the ditch wouldn't drain as well. The commission informed him that the water resource board is the one who received the complaint and they would need to make the decision of what to do.

Denise Ferderer, Tax Director, arrived at the meeting. The hearing on appraisals of property forfeited to the county for delinquent taxes was opened at 9:30 a.m. As there were no comments or objections made to the proposed minimum sales prices, motion made to approve the minimum sales prices set at the October 3 meeting. (Arth/Walstead). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. The public auction for sale of this property is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 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.

The commissioners made a call to Travis Paeper, Sargent County Sheriff, regarding a bill from CHI-Lisbon Health. The commissioners had previously denied payment as they believed it should be paid by Gwinner City. However, Sheriff Paeper says he includes these types of fees in the contract with Milnor and Gwinner City, and these types of fees are included in the restitution that the defendant pays, so the county does get the fees back. There was also discussion to pay the Dickey Rural Networks bill as the auditor's office had not received it for the previous month. Motion to approve the following bills: (Walstead/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

76063	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	1008.03
76064	Lisbon Area Health Services	Blood Alcohol Draw	44.00

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

Jerry Waswick, Gwinner City resident & member of the Gwinner Tax Team, arrived at the meeting. He is concerned about the large increase in commercial valuations across the county due to the mass re-appraisal from Vanguard. He also questioned why the state did not reduce the sales ratio down to 100% versus the 140% that Sargent County is currently at. He would like the county to consider decreasing the commercial values. It was also suggested that Mr. Bopp place a call to the state tax department to find out the answers to some of these questions. Mr. Bopp will be busy the rest of the day, so Mr. Waswick stated that he would call Linda Leadbetter, State Supervisor of Assessments, to find out some more information. Mr. Waswick stated that he agrees that a commercial re-appraisal needed to be done, but that the new values are much too high & it should be considered to reduce them. The commission responded that it was too late for 2017 to make any such changes.

Gwinner City is requesting sponsorship for an 80/20 Transportation Alternatives Program grant of \$249,875 that the city of Gwinner is requesting for the construction of sidewalks and ADA compliant ramps at intersections throughout the city. Because the city has a population of less than 5000 it must have a sponsoring agent. Sargent County has previously been the sponsoring entity for ND-DOT Transportation Alternatives Program grant applications submitted by the cities of Gwinner, Milnor, and Rutland. Motion for Sargent County to be the sponsoring agent, at no cost to the county, and authorize Commissioner Dave Jacobson to sign any documentation required for the grant application sponsorship as the authorized representative of Sargent County. (Walstead/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve removal of inventory items listed from county inventory: 898-4 drawer file cabinet; 245-5 drawer file cabinet; 249-4 drawer file cabinet; 841 room humidifier; 273-gray steel box; 3175-printer/fax/scanner; 296-printer; 1228-2 drawer file cabinet; 247-4 drawer file cabinet; 842-desk; 933-TV; 1428-calculator; 891-paper cutter; 3231-HP Compaq Elite 8300; 3048-Compaq Elite 8200; & these items which have no inventory numbers: 3 mice; keyboard; black video bag; mobile map rack;

& 32” hanging clamp. (Walstead/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Those items still in working condition will be put up for sale on sealed bids with the items removed at the last meeting. Set date for silent auction of surplus property for December 5, 2017. Bids to be opened at 11:00 a.m. (Arth/Walstead) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Brian Tayer, Sargent County Ambulance-Milnor Squad Coordinator, arrived at the meeting. He reported that the ambulance is coming up to the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of existence and would like to thank the prior & current commission for recognizing the need for an ambulance service in Sargent County. He also reported that there have been 97 ambulance runs so far in 2017; they have switched billing companies; the Milnor Squad’s equipment is working well and there is nothing additional needed at this time.

Sandra Hanson, 911 Coordinator/Emergency Manager/EMS Advisory Board Member/Job Development Authority Secretary, arrived at the meeting. The commission had some questions regarding the spec home in Milnor. She stated that there have been showings and that there are open houses planned for the future. They have also reduced the price to attract buyers.

Marwood Klein, Sargent County Ambulance-Forman Squad Coordinator, arrived at the meeting. He reported that the Forman Squad has applied for another staffing grant; there have been 70 ambulance runs so far in 2017; they have switched billing companies; and they are looking at ambulance replacement. They are considering a remount, rather than a whole new ambulance, as that would be considerably less expensive. This would be mounting the current ambulance box onto a new chassis.

Sargent County has received notification that the Silver Lake Access Road project will be funded under the Special Road Fund program. This is a 60/40 cost share match, so of the \$394,000 project costs, Sargent County would be responsible for \$157,600. ND DOT will be need to be notified by December 12, 2017 that Sargent County will be taking advantage of these funds. There was also an email received from Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, regarding the HSIP funds for Sargent County. This is a 90/10 cost share match, so Sargent County would be responsible for approximately \$54,832. These funds would be used for edge line marking, rumble strips, centerline marking, chevrons on curves, stop signs & stop ahead signs. Mr. DeVillers suggested doing a joint project with Richland County as it would cut costs. Mr. DeVillers will look at each of the projects, to see if some costs could be further cut and attend the next commissioner’s meeting with his figures.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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DAVID L JACOBSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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PAM MALONEY – COUNTY AUDITOR