

Forman, North Dakota  
November 8, 2012

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: David L Jacobson, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum and Jerry Waswick. Absent: Bill Anderson. Also present was Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller.

Approve minutes of October 16, 2012 meeting as corrected. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve Gaming Site Authorization to El Zagal Viking Patrol, Inc., Gwinner for Jerry Dill, dba Dilly's Bar and Grill, Stirum ND beginning November 15, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

Brian Tayer, Milnor Ambulance Coordinator, called in via conference phone to discuss the Milnor Ambulance Squad recommendation for purchasing a new ambulance. Bids were opened at the October 16, 2012 county commission meeting and according to Brian the ambulance squad recommends the purchase of the 2012 Ford 450 4x4 with a Horton ambulance unit at \$135,441. This includes the fleet discount of \$3,800 credit and a \$5,000 trade-in on the current 1998 Ford ambulance. The other two ambulances that were bid had some options that were not acceptable to the Milnor Ambulance Squad. Discussion followed on whether a performance bond is necessary which costs an additional \$1,100. It was the consensus of those in attendance that when the ambulance is delivered and if it does not meet the specifications, then the squad should not pay for it. Motion to accept the bid from Premier Specialty, Fergus Falls, MN with the fleet discount, trade-in allowance and no performance bond. (Wyum/Walstead. Roll call. Aye: Wyum, Walstead, Waswick, Jacobson. Nay: None. Absent and not voting: Anderson. Motion carried.) The delivery date is 180 days.

Brian Tayer attended a Level 4 Leadership Academy in Bismarck last week, which was paid for by the state and seventeen ambulances were represented at the academy. Brian commended Sargent County for the continued support and financing of the ambulance service in the county.

The hearing on appraisals of property forfeited to the county for delinquent taxes was opened at 9:30 a.m. Discussion followed on all the properties. Motion to approve the appraisals. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous). The public auction for sale of this property is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at the office of the County Auditor beginning at 1:00 p.m. The list of property to be sold will be posted at the front door of the Courthouse.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Board members discussed road issues including ditches silted in, gravel still be placed on roadways, farming to close to the road right of way, and county road right of way polices. Lyle Bopp, States Attorney was asked to request sample policies from other counties for Sargent County to review and consider.

An Application for Abatement or Refund of Taxes had been filed by Dale and Colleen Keller, Gwinner, requesting an abatement of taxes on a residential structure located in the NE1/4 of NE1/4 of NE1/4-11-131-57 for 2012 taxes. The residential structure was demolished on September 1, 2012. The applicant is requesting to pro-rate the taxes on said building for September-December. Harlem Township approved the abatement. Concur with the Harlem Township. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

Dave Jacobson reported that he attended a meeting in Britton, SD regarding the proposed Big Stone South to Ellendale substation with a corridor possibility in Sargent County. Dave reported that there are projected corridors and more meetings will be held in January and February to discuss more definitive corridors.

Approve Games of Chance Permit # 2012-02 to Lidgerwood Fire Department, Lidgerwood ND for a Texas Hold 'Em tournament on December 15, 2012 at the Geneseo Hall, Geneseo. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

Motion to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the ACH agreement with Sargent County Bank for payroll deposits. (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous)

Discussion ensued on the Christmas Eve holiday for 2012. County employees are granted holiday time off on December 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and all day December 25<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Eve holiday is on Monday this year and a request to allow the county employees to have the entire day off on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to grant all county employees for the 2012 Christmas Eve Day (December 24<sup>th</sup>) the entire day off as a holiday. (Waswick/Wyum. Roll call: Aye: Waswick, Wyum and Walstead. Nay: Jacobson. Absent and not voting: Anderson. Motion carried.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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DAVID L. JACOBSON – VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR