

Forman, North Dakota
December 1, 1998

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Betty Hewitt, Bill Smith, Lysle Coleman, Don Wehlander and Steve Wyum. Absent none.

Approve minutes of 11-17-98 meeting. (Smith/Coleman, unanimous)

Betty Hewitt reported that she attended the REC conference in Bismarck on rural development. Many issues were discussed on how to help save and grow the rural economy.

Julie Hassebroek met with the Board to review upcoming programs including: Beef Roundup, Income Tax Management, Changing the way you Farm, Finpak and Quicken. She will accompany 2 youth from Sargent County to the National Livestock Show in Colorado in January 1999 and asked permission to use the county cellular phone. The Auditor will check on out-of-state use of the phone.

Bill Smith and Lysle Coleman reported they met with Havana City Council last night. The council requested cleaning the road ditch along County No. 7. The county will do the work this week.

Sparky informed the Board he would work on several road projects as well as the improvements to Co. # 1 by Esler Swanson's. One of the old International trucks blew up and he purchased another truck from Brummond Construction for \$500. He will use the engine to repair the old truck.

Ken Forster presented information to the Board regarding water problems surrounding his property. He has been working with Fish and Wildlife Service since 1991. A temporary ditch had to be closed October 1, 1998 and the water is still rising. The Board suggested he apply for a permanent ditch at a lesser depth and talk to other landowners and the Soil Conservation Office about other alternatives.

Randy Pope, Damon DeVillers and Sparky Engquist met to discuss the upcoming road projects. The final plans are completed. Discussed obtaining mailbox agreements, type of paving, replacing road signs, striping, approach paving, and haul roads. Bids will be opened March 12, 1999.

Approve 1/3 cost share to replace the following culverts for Willey Township: A 48-inch x 30-foot culvert between Sections 27 & 34 and a 36-inch x 40-foot culvert between Section 23 & 24. (Coleman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Barry Schuchard and Kris Bakkegard of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson met with the Board to discuss replacing Bridge 132-10 located 4 miles north and 2 east of Cayuga. They inspected the bridge and suggested an alternate to straighten the roadway. Easements have been checked and a letter drafted for environmental concerns. They presented an agreement for preliminary and design engineering for \$19,300. Approve agreement for \$18,000. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous) The bridge is scheduled for bid opening in May 1999.

Gina Hillestad provided information on the proposed pay plan. Several questions were raised on different plans and implementation. Gina will get additional information from the consulting firm on hire by Sargent County.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

BETTY HEWITT, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD, COUNTY AUDITOR