

Forman, North Dakota
December 18, 2007

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9 a.m. with the following members present: Maurice Orn, Jerry Waswick, Steve Wyum, Bill Anderson and Mike Walstead. Also present: Sparky Engquist, SC Road Supt. Absent none.

Approve December 4, 2007 minutes as corrected. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Holly Jessen, Sargent County Teller, arrived at the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at 9:25.

Mark Breker and Dan Jacobson, SC Water Board, met with the Board to discuss work on County # 14 and Drain # 3 and County # 3 and Drain # 11. There was a lengthy discussion on additional work that was necessary on the projects and the commission suggested that Interstate Engineering, Inc., the SC Water Board and Sparky Engquist be invited to the January 8th meeting to discuss the additional costs.

Approve December payroll in the sum of \$131,269.10 (#'s 1390-1459 and 58440-58451) and all bills presented. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

58299 (void#58205) Atlantic Tactical	Uniforms	147.91
58300 Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity	1193.85
58301 City of Forman	Water, sewer & garbage	133.05
58303 UAP Dist.	Weed Board chemicals	18,810.48
58304-58317 Health District Expenditures		1,472.61
58319-58334 Human Service Expenditures		23,182.35
58335 Alltel	Sheriff's Dept. cell phone	128.13
58336 Roslyn Amerman	Decorations	44.94
58337 Bopp Law Office	Rent and cell phone	411.98
58338 Cody Bopp	Labor	120.00
58339 BP Amoco	Sheriff's Dept. gas	211.36
58340 Buhl's	Cleaning service	157.34
58341 Darlene Colbert	Travel	81.00
58342 DRN	Phone service	787.10
58343 DOCS	Labor	250.00
58344 Dyste's	Supplies	106.82
58345 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas and supplies	955.80
58346 Forman Repair	Coal auger repairs	3.65
58347 Gall's	Uniforms	132.96
58348 Gwinner One Stop, Inc.	Sheriff's Dept. gas	251.34
58349 Hardware Hank	Supplies	152.02
58350 Gina Hillestad	Travel	83.74
58351 J & M Printing	Envelopes	142.03
58352 Ken's Shopping Center	Sheriff's Dept. gas	38.00
58353 Lamoure County EMS	Training	53.38
58354 Lexis Nexis	NDCC updates	179.55
58355 Martinsen's	Repairs and supplies	82.40
58356 Minn-kota Communications, Inc.	Repairs	8.00
58357 NDACo-Worker's Comp.	Claim	217.22
58358 Office Depot	Supplies	136.35
58359 Office Max	Supplies	303.93
58360 Quill Corporation	Supplies	294.44
58361 Reardon Office Equipment	Supplies	95.09
58362 The SC Teller	Publishing fees	331.52
58363 Secretary of State	Election Equipment warranty	584.00
58364 Universal Services	Printer supplies	50.00
58365 Michael Walstead	Travel	109.80
58366 Jerry Waswick	Travel	129.60
58367 Workforce Safety	Premium for volunteers	62.40
58368 AW Diesel	Repairs	215.89
58369 Bernard Mahrer Const.	Gravel	899.89
58370 Economy Oil	Gasoline	2487.17
58371 Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	131.10
58372 Merrill Engquist	Excavator seat	75.00
58373 Farm Plan	Repairs	3.80

58374 Johnston Fargo Culvert Inc.	Culverts	7191.70
58375 Marquette Construction	Cutting blacktop	124.00
58376 McLaen's Service, Inc.	Tires	31.33
58377 Midwest Management	Phone rental	150.00
58378 NAPA Auto Parts	Repairs	9.79
58379 Nelson International	Repairs	275.77
58380 NSC Minerals	Road salt	2718.05
58381 RDO-Power Plan	Repairs	530.66
58382 Rutland Oil	Fuel	6600.20
58383 Sundale Excavation	Culvert installation	840.00
58384 Wallwork Truck	Repairs	42.62
58385 Zep Mfg.Co.	Supplies	195.22
58386 Barnes County Corrections	Prisoner Board	1650.00
58387 BW Doublewood	Lodging	30.00
58388 Cass County Treasurer	Juvenile Detention	3720.00
58389 CPU	Data Processing charges	871.22
58390 Dan Delahoyde	JDA travel	25.20
58391 DRT	911 updates	267.00
58392 Lu Dorr	JDA travel	
34.20		
58393 Dyste's	Supplies	20.67
58394 Jerry Erickson	JDA travel	26.40
58395 Julie Hasebroek	Travel	291.15
58396 Hewlett-Packard	Back-up tapes	336.00
58397 ITD	WAN Access, anti-virus & LERMS	526.00
58398 Interstate Eng.	GIS mapping	9881.00
58399 Jay Jacobson	JDA travel	33.06
58400 Ron Narum	JDA travel	26.40
58401 NDACo	911 and tech. support	1287.90
58402 Official Payments	County website	165.00
58403 Randy Pearson	JDA travel	13.50
58404 Qwest	911 contracts	191.88
58405 SC Water Board	Cost share on Co# 14 & Co#3	25020.31
58406 Spanjers Inc.	Final on courthouse dome painting	6760.00
58408 Michael Walstead	JDA travel	3.99

Approve following voting precincts for the upcoming 2008 elections:

PRECINCT # 1: Milnor City, Hall Township, Herman Township, Milnor Township and Shuman Township.

PRECINCT # 2: Gwinner City, Whitestone Hill Township and Willey Township.

PRECINCT # 3: Cogswell City, Brampton Township, Denver Township, Harlem Township, Jackson Township, Sargent Township, Southwest Township, Verner Township and Vivian Township.

PRECINCT # 4: Forman City, Havana City, Bowen Township, Dunbar Township, Forman Township, Rutland Township, Taylor Township and Weber Township.

PRECINCT # 5: Cayuga City, Rutland City, Kingston Township, Marboe Township, Ransom Township and Tewaukon Township. (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, EMS/911 coordinator and Norm Preble, Tax Director/VSO presented information to provide a GIS parceling data project for Sargent County consisting of: data shape files for all agricultural parcels (approximately 4200 parcels) and including small residential in agricultural areas but not cities and not non-tax parcels. Secure Software Solutions, New Salem, ND has prepared a contract for Sargent County. Suggested by Commissioner Wyum that we ask the company to meet with Sargent County officials and ask questions that come to mind and make a determination whether to enter into a contract. The meeting was tentatively set for January 22, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

Holly Jessen left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

The Board recessed at noon for the Employee Potluck Dinner.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Joan Lee, County Recorder met with the Board to discuss the introductory period of Deputy Recorder Lacey Severson. Ms. Severson has completed the 90 day period and Ms. Lee commended her for the fine job she has completed in her position. Ms. Lee inquired about an additional step in the pay plan for Lacey. The county commission declined any increase based on county pay plan policy.

Mark Gainor, Sargent County Snowmobile Club met with the commission regarding the request from a previous meeting to have a fence line removed on County # 12. The snowmobile club has several land use agreements with landowners along the trail and do not plan to ask anyone to remove any fences. Mr. Gainor wanted to clarify the request at an earlier meeting that this was not from the Snowmobile Club. The Sargent County Snowmobile Club does not have any complaints about any fences on the right of way at this point in time and that any representations to the contrary are not based on fact and he apologized on behalf of the club.

Approve beer and liquor licenses for 2008 to: 1)Kim Houle, Stir'Um Up Bar and Grill, Stirum, ND to include the 2:00 a.m. closing hour, 2)Merril and Gloria Decker, North Forty, Inc., DeLamere, ND, and 3)Jeff Mund and Dale Kutter, DBA JMDK, LLC, Geneseo Bar, Geneseo to include the 2:00 a.m. closing hour. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Orville Nelson, Julie Hassebroek and Casy Bopp have all agreed to be the steering committee for the 125th Sargent County celebration in 2008.

Approve application for Court Facilities Grant totaling \$21,727.60 for furniture for the judge's chambers and jury conference room, air conditioning for support facilities for courtroom activities and a shelf cabinet for the Clerk of Court. Total cost of proposed court facilities improvements and maintenance is \$28,970.14 with possible 25% local funding of \$7,242.54. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

Received and read a letter from ND Dept. of Transportation regarding Project RSC-4111(066). This project includes full depth pre-cast concrete surface panels installed at County Road 4, CMC 4111, near Stirum as part of the hazard elimination program. The estimated cost of the project is \$49,470.54, which will be funded 90% with federal aid and 10% with County of Sargent funds. The Board directed that a letter be sent to Red River Valley & Western Railroad with a copy of the construction agreement asking RRV&W Railroad for 50% of the county share of actual costs on said project. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Jerry Waswick presented a report on the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center and reported that the Chairman from Barnes County Commission sent out an email that was not authorized by the Steering Committee. He further explained the future of the correctional facility and the politics involved with the proposed state penitentiary in Bismarck. A down scaled proposal has been provided with suggestions for a 36 bed facility and 36 staff members with direct supervision which are not doable. The seven-county average is 16 inmates and peak is 37. There are two options: 1) do nothing and return monies that remain in the fund to the participating counties or 2) continue forward with a downsized version and discuss the options. At a meeting in Valley City on December 7 it was the general consensus that this project continue forward and look at a 36 bed facility which includes a semi-direct supervision facility rather than direct supervision. It would be operated by a staff of 9 rather than 36. A 36 bed facility would cost about \$3.5 million and would cost under \$80 per inmate per night. The Sargent County Board of Commissioners feels that they should continue pursuing this project with 36 beds but pursue the possibility of adding more beds.

Jerry Waswick left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Sparky Engquist, road supt. reported to the Board on leasing a New Holland tractor for 2008, work that was completed on emergency projects, gravel stockpiled for 2008, purchasing additional equipment and other road projects.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff met with the Board for a discussion on the Sheyenne Valley Correctional facility proposed for Valley City.

Approve amending 2007 budgets as follows: (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous):

ROAD	\$686,070	TO	\$1,117,042.44
MCH	\$ 5,578	TO	\$ 6,375.13
DONATIONS	\$ 16,786	TO	\$ 19,580.50
DISASTER ASSISTANCE/FEMA	\$200,000	TO	\$ 317,948.92
GO BONDS (I&S)	\$106,000	TO	\$ 118,996.25
COMP. HEALTH CARE INS.	\$128,700	TO	\$ 137,880.51
CAPITAL IMP.	\$ 30,000	TO	\$ 44,950.12
SR. CITIZENS	\$ 25,500	TO	\$ 27,282.54
HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL FUND	\$1,200	TO	\$ 9,829.18
HOMELAND SECURITY	\$52,430	TO	\$ 95,444.03
COUNTY CORRECTIONS	\$65,500	TO	\$ 88,974.16
DRAIN NO. 2	\$ 1,000	TO	\$ 5,825.00

DRAIN NO. 3	\$ 25,000	TO	\$ 61,238.60
DRAIN NO. 4	\$ 1,000	TO	\$ 5,775.89
DRAIN NO. 9	\$5,000	TO	\$ 9,330.00
DRAIN NO. 11	\$75,000	TO	\$ 291,013.77
DRAIN NO. 12	\$5,000	TO	\$ 70,192.00
WCI # 1	\$10,000	TO	\$ 47,511.92
TEWAUKON/WILD RICE WATERSHED	\$25,000	TO	\$ 53,517.20

Approve transfer to the following fund: From Capital Improvements to County Park \$15,000. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve the following appointments to the SC Job Development Authority: Lu Dorr, Milnor, representing Milnor City – term ending 12-31-10; Sandra Hanson, Forman and Randy Pearson, Milnor, representing the Township Officer’s Ass’n –terms ending 12-31-10; Jay Jacobson, Milnor; Jerome Brekke, Milnor and Dan Delahoyde, Cogswell– members-at-large, term ending 12-31-10. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Reappoint Janet Kiefer, Cayuga to represent Sargent County and George Bunn, Sheldon to represent Sargent and Ransom Counties on the Southeast Human Service Center Regional Council for a two year term. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve Sunday Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at North Forty, Inc., DeLamere, ND for twelve months. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve the following County Deeds: West 7 feet of Lot 13 and all of Lots 14,15,16,17 & 18, Block 1, Original Addition, City of Cayuga to Dacotah Frontier Valley, LLC, PO Box 1291, Wahpeton ND 58074 (\$1600) and Lots 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 & 12; Lots 19,20,21 & 22, all in Block 3, Original Addition, City of Cayuga and Lots 4 and West 8 feet of Lot 5, Block 1, Devlin’s First Addition, City of Cayuga to David Lonewolf, PO Box 1152, Sioux Falls, SD (\$4125) upon receipt of the original Delinquent Tax Oath and the \$16 recording fee from Mr. Lonewolf. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp presented the following notice on County rights of Way: Each year Sargent County must certify that it is maintaining the integrity and enforcing its right of way easements on county Federal Aid Roads. If the right of ways are not enforced the County may lose Federal funds which are the major source for maintaining these roads. The County right of way varies in width throughout the County roads system. If you are unsure of the right of way width on your property, please check with your state’s attorney. Any obstructions such as fences (permanent or temporary), rocks, machinery or other hazards may be removed by Sargent County at the land owner’s expense without further notice to the owner or operator. Sargent County Commission by: Maurice Orn, Chairman and Lyle R. Bopp, Sargent County State’s Attorney. Board members directed publication of this notice for two weeks in the Sargent County Teller. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

MAURICE ORN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD – COUNTY AUDITOR