

Forman, North Dakota  
December 2, 2008

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Maurice Orn, Mike Walstead, Bill Anderson, and Steve Wyum. Absent: Jerry Waswick who was in Bismarck attending a soils meeting. Also in attendance was Holly Jessen, The Sargent County Teller.

Sherry Hosford, County Auditor, called the meeting to order to organize for 2009.

An Oath of Office was administered to Bill Anderson, County Commission Combined District 1 for a four year term.

Nominate Steven Wyum for Chairman. Nominate Mike Walstead for Chairman. Hand vote revealed a 3-1 vote for Commissioner Wyum. Mr. Wyum proceeded to conduct the meeting.

Nominate Mike Walstead for Vice-Chairman. (Anderson/Orn). Nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. (Anderson/Orn, carried.)

Approve appointments for commissioner's portfolios to remain the same as 2009:  
(Anderson/Walstead, unanimous) Courthouse Commissioner: Mike Walstead.  
Police and Fair Board Commissioner: Jerry Waswick.  
Emergency Medical Advisory Board: Bill Anderson.  
Road Commissioner: Steve Wyum.

Appoint Maurice Orn, Mike Walstead and Steven Wyum to another term on Sargent County Human Service Board, ending December 5, 2011. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Reappoint Lorraine Jacobson, Coroner and Shane Decker, Deputy Coroner. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous)

Reappoint Bill Anderson and appoint Jeff Anderson, Gwinner City to the Sargent County Job Development Authority. (Orn/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve November 18, 2008, minutes as corrected. (Walstead/Orn, unanimous)

Set regular 2009 monthly meeting dates as the first and third Tuesdays of each month. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Authorize Auditor to pay utility bills, withholding taxes, and other bills offering discounts if allowed by law and authorize Treasurer to invest county funds. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

The Board reviewed a GIS Data Services and Web-based Address Point Administration Utility Contract presented earlier by Sandy Hanson, EMS/911 Coordinator. There is a fee of \$7100 to get the first phase of mapping and data base administration completed. These funds are budgeted in the 911 budget. Approve contract and authorize Chairman to sign on behalf of Sargent County. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Norm Preble, Tax Director/ VSO met with the Board to present an application for abatement from Michael Stone, Lincoln, NE for property in Cogswell City described as the East 100 feet by 150 feet in Lot 1, Block 8, McNeeley's Addition. Mr. Stone was asking for a reduction in the valuation of this property from \$14,790 to \$11,777. Cogswell City denied the request after comparing other property in the city and felt these values are fair. Concur with Cogswell City. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous) Mr. Preble also spoke about the CAMA program. He informed the Board Milnor and Forman cities are complete and a portion of Gwinner City. He plans to continue work on this project.

Marwood Klein, Forman Ambulance Coordinator had delivered to the County Auditor specifications and a notice for bids for furnishing one new ambulance with an optional bid to take as part payment for a 1994 E-350 Ford Type III Ambulance with a McCoy Miller module (Mileage-82,750). Instruct County Auditor to call for bids for one new ambulance for the Forman Squad. Bids shall be opened December 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve Games of Chance Permit SC-2008-04 to Cogswell Gun Club for a raffle on February 22, 2009 at Silver Lake. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Travis Paeper, Sheriff met with the Board to discuss a rental contract for the county on a house located on Lot 5, Block 1, GCDC First Addition, Gwinner City. Sheriff Paeper met with the tenant and a contract will be drawn up by Lyle Bopp, States Attorney for \$275 per month rent due on December 1, 2008 and a deposit of \$550 due on January 1, 2009. The Milnor Police Service Contract was reviewed and Travis met with Milnor City last night to update the hours from 15 per week to 20 per week. Adjustments will be made in the amount of the contract payment based on this increase. Lyle Bopp will prepare a revised contract. Sheriff Paeper also informed the Board of the Homeland Security grant monies in the amount of \$24,298 that are designated for mobile data computers for all four patrol vehicles. There is an additional amount of \$7300 needed and this will be allocated out of the Sheriff's Dept. Equipment fund for 2008.

The Board proceeded to conduct a hearing on a petition to close a section line located between Section 28 and 29-130-58 (Jackson Township). Dean Schmit, Oakes, petitioner was present as well as his Attorney Andrew Forward, Dan Delahoyde, Chairman, Jackson Township and Lyle Bopp, States Attorney. Chairman Wyum read the petition and called on States Attorney Bopp to conduct the hearing. Mr. Bopp asked for comments from the petitioner, his attorney and the township official. Sections of the North Dakota Century Code were reviewed (24-07-03 and 24-06-28) as well as court cases dealing with section line closure. Following comments from those present, Chairman Wyum announced that the Board would take this under advisement and make a decision at a later date. The hearing concluded at 11:32 a.m.

A discussion followed on an advertisement for a fulltime employee in the road department that had been run in The Teller. Board members agreed that this notice should have been for a temporary position as no permanent positions are open at this time. A temporary employee is required to fill in for one of the full-time road department employees who will be off duty for medical reasons during the next few months.

Marwood Klein, Ambulance Coordinator for Forman Squad stopped by the meeting to answer any questions from the Board on the ambulance bid. Chairman Wyum asked Mr. Klein if any further discussion concerning a possible donation to assist with financing had taken place since the last meeting and Mr. Klein indicated that none had occurred.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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STEVEN WYUM – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR