

Forman, North Dakota
December 3, 2002

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Steve Wyum, Ray Brockman, Karen Anderson, Donald Wehlander and Mike Walstead. Absent Bill Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Hosford, County Auditor and the Board proceeded to organize for 2003.

Oaths of Office were administered to Steven Wyum, Ray Brockman and Mike Walstead.

Elect Karen Anderson Chairman for 2003. (Brockman/Wehlander. Cast a unanimous ballot. Carried)

Elect Steve Wyum Vice-Chairman for 2003. (Brockman/Walstead. Cast a unanimous ballot. Carried)

Approve November 19, 2002 minutes. (Brockman/Wyum, unanimous)

Following appointments approved:

- Anderson-Courthouse
- Wehlander-Police
- Anderson-Fairboard
- Wyum-Road
- Brockman-Weed Board
- Walstead-Health Board
- Walstead - Local Emergency Planning Committee

Reappoint Lorraine Jacobson, Milnor as County Coroner for a 2-year term. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Reappoint Quentin Hoistad, Rutland and Raymon Nelson, Milnor to County Park Board for a 1-year term. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Cindy Leinen, Sargent County Ambulance-Forman coordinator, met with the Board to discuss the status of the ambulance personnel. There has been an ad campaign to inform the public of the shortage of ambulance staff. She also asked about acquiring office space in the courthouse to store records and have a place for working. The Board suggested that she look at the office located in the Main Street Building.

Each commissioner will serve as road commissioners within their district.

Approve appointment/re-appointment as follows to the Sargent County Social Service Board: Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum and Ray Brockman. Said term ending the first Monday in December 2006. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Set regular meeting dates for 2003 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Authorize County Auditor to pay utility bills and withholding taxes. (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous)

Authorize County Treasurer to invest county funds. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

The Board discussed better communication with the various departments.

Norm Preble met with the Board to report that the mobile home applications are being prepared as well as the homestead credit applications. These will be mailed this week.

Harrison McCleery and Roger Kudelka met with the Board to discuss a proposal for a Sargent County 120th Anniversary Book. The proposed book would be hard bound and contain three 600-page volumes. These books are pre-sold and no cost to the commission. Mr. McCleery has printed several centennial books through J & M Companies. The cost of the set is \$129.95. He proposes to use the Sargent County Historical Society Staff as a volunteer marketing committee. They would have to have one full-time person and one part-time person for research on beginning county history, townships, towns/cities, railroads, schools, churches, agricultural, weather, veterans, businesses, county development, recreation and optional family histories and ads. The cost to the county would be \$10,000 as a floater to get started on the research and would be repaid. Various options were discussed and a motion to establish a working committee to work out the logistics of the project. The committee would consist of 2 commission members of the JDA, the States Attorney, Mr. McCleery and two members of the SC Historical Society (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Roz Amerman, custodian, met with the Board and discussed courthouse issues.

Approve properly filled out applications for beer and liquor licenses to Stir'Um Bar & Grill, Stirum, Kim Houle, manager, JMDK/Geneseo Bar & Café, Geneseo, Jeff

Mund and Dale Kutter managers and North 40, Inc., DeLamere, Merrill & Gloria Decker, managers. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Insurance on the courthouse murals was discussed and the Board agreed to request \$10,000 actual cash value coverage from State Fire and Tornado Fund.

Sandy Hanson met with the Board to discuss the GIS mapping program and presented costs involved in preparing for "heads up digitizing". The estimated cost is approximately \$6,000 with a local match of 25%. There is a grant available and the deadline is December 16, 2002. Motion to proceed with the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant for funding of the mapping program. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist arrived at the meeting.

Representatives of the North Dakota Department of Transportation met with the Board to discuss the poor condition of county road signs. There are approximately 100 signs that need replacing. Sparky recently completed a sign inventory and says the county route markers will be replaced.

Sparky reported on a bridge south and east of Geneseo between Section 14 and 23 of Marboe Township. It is on the Shortfoot Creek and the bridge plank keeps breaking and it needs to be removed and replaced with a culvert. The Board authorized Sparky to contact the Water Board to size the culvert.

Proceed with solicitation of engineering firms for construction engineering on Bridge No. 105-1 located 5 miles north and 3 east of Crete in Denver Township. (Brockman/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve County Deed to Robert M. Carlson and Theodore R. Carlson, JT, Bloomington, MN for Lot 4, Block 7, Original Addition, Cogswell City. (Wehlander/Walstead, unanimous)

The Board discussed upcoming projects for 2003 and financial obligations. The projects include overlay on 9 miles of roadway and exterior restoration to the courthouse.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

KAREN ANDERSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR