

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Maurice Orn, Mike Walstead, Jerry Waswick, Bill Anderson, and Steve Wyum. Absent: none. Also in attendance was Lyle Bopp, States Attorney.

Elaine Anderson, Deputy Auditor, called the meeting to order to organize for 2008.

Nominate Maurice Orn for Chairman. (Wyum/Waswick). Nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. (Walstead/Anderson, carried.) Maurice proceeded to conduct the meeting.

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

Approve November 20, 2007, minutes as corrected. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous).

Approve appointments for commissioners to remain the same as 2007: (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous).
Courthouse Commissioner: Mike Walstead.

Police and Fair Board Commissioner: Jerry Waswick.

Emergency Medical Advisory Board: Bill Anderson.

Road Commissioner: Steve Wyum.

Appoint Bill Anderson and Jerry Waswick to another term on Human Service Board, ending December 6, 2010. (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous). Oaths of office were signed.

Reappoint Bill Anderson to Planning Commission. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous). Oath of office was signed.

Set regular 2008 monthly meeting dates as the first and third Tuesdays of each month except January 2008 the meetings will be held on January 8th and 22nd. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous).

Authorize Auditor to pay utility bills, withholding taxes, and other bills offering discounts if allowed by law. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous).

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

During the Administration Options discussion, Lyle Bopp reported on Home Rule benefits and the procedure to implement. Norm Preble, Tax Director, was instructed that he and Sandy Hanson do groundwork for merging the duties of his office and getting Sargent County into compliance for soil survey method of valuation by discussion with various vendors and other counties. These plan formats are to be presented at the December 18th meeting.

Bill Anderson reported that due to election duties, Sherry Hosford declined serving on the steering committee for Sargent County 125th Anniversary in 2008. Casey Bopp, Fair Board, will be asked by Jerry Waswick to serve with Orville Nelson and Julie Hassebroek.

A hearing on application of abatement of taxes filed by Henry Martin, Milnor, was conducted. Norm Preble, Tax Director, explained that property on .52 acres tract in SE1/4SW1/4-4-132-53 has been destroyed, and Henry is requesting 2007 taxes be pro-rated. Concur with Hall Township to approve abatement as presented. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous).

Discussed Courtroom Grant and recommended that the committee request funding for long-term needs that will be useful for Sargent County and those who utilize the facilities now and in the future.

Approve appointment to the Local Emergency Planning Committee of the 13 members on the list presented by Sandy Hanson but requiring authorized alternates. (Wyum/Anderson) Amend motion to include a term of one year. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous). Motion as amended approved unanimously.

Approve the following County Deeds: Lots 29, 30, 31, and 32, Block 1, Original Addition, Village of Brampton to Harvey P Dawson and Phyllis A Dawson, Brampton ND 58017 (\$400.00); the South Half of Lots 10, 11, and 12, Block 2, Original Addition, City of Cayuga to James C Levery and Maryann A Levery, Rutland, ND 58067 (\$525.00); and Lots 13 and 14, Block 20, Original Addition, Milnor City, to City of Milnor (\$556.74). Upon recommendation from Lyle Bopp, more information is

necessary before the county deeds to Ivor Boehrns, Sioux Falls, SD, and Dacotah Frontier Valley LLC, Wahpeton, ND, can be approved or denied.

Lyle Bopp also discussed Keystone Pipeline status, and will be contacting landowner concerning fence line on County Road #12 right-of-way.

Sparky Engquist, Road, discussed a Workers Compensation issue, road conditions, removal of bridges, and other road-related issues.

Approve Pledge of Assets as presented by Gina Hillestad, Treasurer, showing \$3,125,000 at First National Bank, Milnor, and \$5,405,000 at Sargent County Bank, Forman ND, which is adequate for 2008. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous).

The Personnel Board will discuss and make recommendation on request for credit card use for employees using the county cars. The Auditor will be asked for input to handle bookkeeping if implemented.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Maurice D. Orn - Chairman

ATTEST:

Elaine D. Anderson – Deputy Auditor