

Forman, North Dakota
December 5, 2006

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

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Hosford, County Auditor and the Board proceeded to organize for the 2007 year.

Oaths of Office were administered to Steven Wyum, County Commission Combined District 1 and Mike Walstead and Maurice Orn, County Commission Combined District 2 for four year terms.

Nominate Bill Anderson for Chairman. (Wyum/Walstead. Cast a unanimous ballot. Carried).

Nominate Maurice Orn as Vice-Chairman. (Wyum/Waswick. Cast a unanimous ballot. Carried.)

Approve November 21, 2006 minutes. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous.)

Following appointments approved: (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous)

- Courthouse Commissioner – Mike Walstead
- Police Commissioner – Jerry Waswick
- Fair Board Commissioner – Jerry Waswick
- Emergency Medical Advisory Board–Bill Anderson
- Road Commissioner – Steven Wyum
- Job Development Authority – Mike Walstead, Commission Representative and Ronald Narum, representing the cities in Sargent County
- Weed Board – Maurice Orn
- District Board of Health – Mike Walstead
- County Coroner – Lorraine Jacobson and Deputy Coroner – Shane Decker
- Personnel Board – Steven Wyum- 1 year term

Set regular monthly meeting dates for 2007 as the first and third Tuesday beginning at 9:00 a.m. (Walstead/Orn, unanimous.)

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

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

Julie Hassebroek, Extension Agent invited the Board to view a Rural Leadership video to prepare and develop effective leaders to strengthen rural communities.

Norm Preble, Tax Director met with the Board to discuss the farm residence exemption worksheet. It is this Board's consensus not to mail the form out in Sargent County pending revision and clarification.

Board members discussed other carry over business including the Court Facilities Improvement grant, which will be ready for review by the Commission and submission to the State by December 19 meeting; Employee Handbook Support for revisions and updates to manual; benchmark study on current county positions to be conducted during 2007 by Government Management Group; and the town meeting in Geneseo on November 29 which was well attended and elicited useful comments and ideas on highways, bridges, economic development and water management.

Approve beer and liquor license to Merrill and Gloria Decker, North Forty, Inc., DeLamere, ND and to Jeff Mund and Dale Kutter, DBA JMDK, LLC, Geneseo Bar, Geneseo for 2007. Approve Sunday Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at North Forty, Inc., DeLamere, ND for twelve months. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

Reappoint Jerry Waswick, Commissioner as the county designee to the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Reappoint Travis Paeper, Sheriff, as the county alternate to the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center. (Orn/Wyum, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, arrived at the meeting and the Board proceeded to discuss an incentive policy for emergency services volunteers. Motion to refer the Vacation Accrual EMT Duties to the

Personnel Board for their review and modification and refer back their comments to this Board for the second meeting in January 2007. (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous)

The issue of Holiday Pay was revisited regarding the Veteran's Day holiday. Lyle Bopp's opinion based on the North Dakota Century Code for the 2006 holiday is that if an employee was not scheduled to work on Friday, November 10, they are not eligible for this holiday. Motion that Section 305 (Holidays and Paid Time Off) in the Sargent County Personnel Policy be referred to Personnel Board for extensive review and revision to clarify meaning and minimize misunderstandings. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:10 p.m. with members of the Fair Board-Bonnie Anderson, Ken Forester, Julie Hassebroek and Lisa Dawson present.

Fair Board members discussed the upcoming fair scheduled for June 14-17, storage concerns about use of buildings on Fairgrounds; the proposed entertainment for the 2007 Fair and repairs needed at the fairgrounds. Chairman Anderson commended the Fair Board members for their dedicated work in making this County's fair one of the most successful County Fairs in the state.

Motion to adjourn at 1:55 p.m. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous)

BILL ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR