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

Approve February 1, 2005 minutes as corrected. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, EMS/911 met with the commission to discuss a comparison of statistics from 2003 to 2004 of various calls for assistance in the county. Homeland Security monies have been cut \$30,000 for the county. Other guidelines are being attached to the available HS monies making it harder to implement.

Brian Tayer, Ambulance Coordinator reported that the new assistant coordinator is working out good. First Responder classes are being conducted and training for fire departments. No concerns have been relayed to Brian from the Forman Squad. An Incident Location by Municipality Report for the Milnor Ambulance for 2004 was presented to the commission. Also discussed the black box (repeater) problem, which Milnor is using and Brian presented a cost estimate for installing a box system that would benefit the Gwinner Fire Dept. and Gwinner First Responders and upgrade the Milnor system. An estimate of \$3235 (installed) per box is quoted to make this improvement. Sandy said there is money in the 911 and 911 wireless funds to pay for this dispatching issue. Other communities will be researched for a need of this type of service. Authorize purchasing two black boxes (repeaters) from 911 budget. (Brockman/Anderson, unanimous)

Jean Thielman, Sargent Senior Services, presented the Silver Quill newsletter and year-end statistics. A toll free phone number is available for reaching the Lisbon Office (1-877-857-3743). The statistics show the meals, transportation and outreach programs have grown considerably. Local match will increase and a bill is in the legislature for an increase. She asked the commission to consider contacting legislators to support SB2267 for the mill levy match.

Lorraine Jacobson, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator for Sargent County discussed preemption with the commission. Preemption eliminates the power of local governments to regulate tobacco. Tobacco industry would like the authority to be only at state level, where they are stronger and can more readily protect its interests. Lorraine shared a power point presentation on tobacco use. A resolution affirming support for local control was presented for consideration by the commission. Approve adoption of the following resolution and moved its adoption. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

## SARGENT COUNTY SMOKE-FREE & 'LOCAL CONTROL' RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is a Class A carcinogen containing over 4,000 chemicals, 200 of which are known poisons and 50 of which are known to cause cancer; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke kills 50,000 to 60,000 Americans every year from diseases such as heart disease and lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, children are particularly vulnerable to the hazards of secondhand smoke, which causes respiratory tract infections, asthma induction and aggravation, middle ear infections, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), and decreased lung function; and

WHEREAS, employees should not be forced to risk their health through exposure to dangerous and deadly toxins in their workplace; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to protect employees and public health from the hazards of secondhand smoke is to eliminate secondhand smoke by creating smoke-free environments; and

WHEREAS, Sargent County is responsible for protecting the health and safety of all who live, work and visit here; and

WHEREAS, Sargent County believes that the issue of smoking in public places and work sites (including restaurants) should be a concern for all levels of government – federal, state and local;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sargent County Commissioners of Forman, North Dakota:

- 1. The Sargent County Commissioners hereby requests that the North Dakota Legislature strengthen state laws to fully protect workers and the public from the known health dangers in secondhand smoke by adopting legislation that creates smoke-free workplaces.
- 2. The Sargent County Commissioners also requests that any state legislation or regulation must <u>preserve the right of local levels of government</u> to adopt more restrictive measures than are provided in state law to protect citizens from secondhand smoke.

Gerald Dill and Andy Seyer, Verner Township Supervisors, Lysle Coleman and Sparky Engquist arrived at the meeting to discuss the roadway between Section 19/30 and 20/29 in Verner Township. The township is asking the county to take over this roadway because of excess traffic and cost to maintain. Following a meeting with the township last fall, a cost estimate of \$25,000/mile was determined to put Base 1 on this section of road. As this appears to be cost prohibitive, the county proposed exchanging this roadway for the 2 miles between 6/7 and 5/8 of said township. The Township Board members indicated this area has as much traffic and would cost as much to maintain. However, Sparky indicated those 2 miles between Sections 6/7 and 5/8 have only 2/3 as much traffic as the township road between 19/30 and 20/29 according to the 2003 traffic count. It was suggested that a 50/50 share of gravel costs be experimented for 2005. Sparky said it would take gravel every 3 years due to the truck traffic. The blading and snow removal has not been that costly. The township is agreeable to share the gravel costs for 2005. Sparky and the township will mutually agree when gravel is necessary. The county will maintain the roadway and another meeting scheduled for February 2006 to review the outcome of 2005. Lysle Coleman inquired about dust control on the roadway between 6/7 and 5/8 and Sparky discussed some information on products available.

Sparky reported that Bridge 135-10.1 (Section 23/24 of Herman Township) has been removed and the roadway closed and also 131-11.1(Section 29/30 of Herman Township) has been removed and roadway closed.

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Discussed the Articles of Incorporation for the Sargent County Fair Association. Lyle reported that this would be signed by members of the Fairboard, the chairman of the commission and Sherry Hosford, Registered Agent and filed with the ND Secretary of State. Authorize Chairman to sign the document and file with the ND SOS. (Brockman/Waswick, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bills and February payroll in the sum of \$83,621.28. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

(Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)		
SC Weed Board expenses		8843.29
Social Service Expenditures		4134.50
51447 Backup Training Corp.	Sheriff Training Courses	
210.50		
51448 Amoco	Sheriff Travel	135.50
51449 Buhl's	Cleaning Service	186.55
51450 Cellular One	Sheriff & EMS cell phones	163.76
51451 Chunky's Standard Service	Sheriff car service	30.50
51452 Dacotah Paper	Paper for copier	450.00
51453 Dakota Inn	Auditor-Lodging	59.95
51454 DRTC	Phone service	559.51
51455 DOCS	Snow removal & window repairs	120.00
51456 Dyste's	Crime conference supplies	80.68
51457 Economy Oil Inc.	Sheriff Travel	423.83
51458 Empire Feed & Grain	25.3 ton coal	885.50
51459 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas and repairs	78.65
51460 Gall's Inc.	Sheriff Equipment & Uniforms	198.93
51461 Gwinner One Stop	Sheriff Travel	347.76
51462 Sandra Hanson	EMS Travel	152.32
51463 Hardware Hank	Supplies	129.29
51464 Sherry Hosford	Travel	92.16
51465 KW Service	Repairs	108.49
51466 Lisbon Area Health Service	Sheriff-Blood alcohol	58.00
51467 Pam Maloney	Meal	10.00
51468 Martinsen's	Tools & repairs	334.64
51469 McLeod USA	Long Distance service	202.38
51470 NDACo	Tech. Support, Drug Testing, Special Oper	16825.00
51471 NDACo	Worker's Comp. Claims	120.92
51472 ND Auditor's Ass'n.	2005 Dues	75.00
51473 Dept. of Corrections	Parole & Probation	900.00
51474 Ray O'Herron Co. Inc.	Sheriff Equipment	351.73
51475 Reardon Office Equipment	Supplies	615.91
51476 Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	90.00
51477 SEL Lumber	Supplies	3.20
51478 SEMCA	Crime Prevention	2800.00
51479 SE Crime Conference	Dues	10.00
51480 Stein's Inc.	Supplies	373.27
51481 The Teller	Publishing Fees	276.96
51482 Underground Vault	Fees	1.40
51483 Viking Office	Supplies	185.18
51484 Mike Walstead	Travel	74.80
51485 White Banner	Sheriff Uniforms	156.00
51486 Steve Wyum	Travel	302.60
51487 AW Diesel	Repairs	466.72
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E1400 D9-D Doversports Depair	Densire	124.29
51488 B&B Powersports Repair	Repairs	490.58
51489 Butler Machinery 51490 Dakota Wholesale Tire	Repairs Tires	490.58 86.41
	Fuel	
51491 Economy Oil		2729.59
51492 Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	802.31
51493 Merrill Engquist	Registration & Lodging	346.90
51494 Envirotech	Road salt	2248.57
51495 Forman Repair	Repairs	21.49
51496 The Home Shop	Medical supplies	91.03
51497 Johnston Fargo Culvert	Culverts for # 4 & #10	5129.66
51498 KC Tire & Auto	Repairs	105.12
51499 Parts Supply	Repairs	4.28
51500 Oahe Windshield	Repairs # 128	230.55
51501 Powerplan RDO Equipment	Repairs	635.33
51502 Visto's CarQuest	Repairs	151.55
51503 Zep Mfg.	Aquapel Kit	136.84
51504 Adamson Industries Corp.	Equipment/Grant	3581.40
51505 CPU	Staff Support	697.19
51506 DRN	911 Contracts	235.00
51507 Sandra Hanson	911 Travel	150.76
51508 Julie Hassebroek	Supplies	25.21
51509 ITD	WAN Access and Anti-virus	404.00
51510 Interstate Eng., Inc.	Bridge Scour, # 2 project and BR 105-01	26931.15
51511 Marwood Klein	Contract work	1040.12
51512 Lisa Knox	Home Economist Travel	178.50
51513 NDACo	911 Wireless	979.50
51514 Dept. of Insurance	Premium	44.56
51515 NDDOT	Project # 2,4,7	12839.54
51516 Northern Safety Tech., Inc.	Equipment/Grant	773.25
51517 Office Max	Supplies	7.99
51518 Qwest	911 Contracts	287.82
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Approve County Deed to Vincent Friedman, 200 4<sup>th</sup> St NW, Mandan, ND for Lots 1,2,3, Block 21, Auditor'' Plat, Cogswell City for \$2,500. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve Service Agreement with Computer Professionals Unlimited, Inc. to provide telephone support and on-line question and answer support concerning GASB financial reporting requirements. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR