

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

Approve minutes of February 2, 2010 meeting as corrected. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous). Board members received a copy of the January 2010 financial statement.

Approve February payroll in the sum of \$138,905.38 (nos. 4158-4208 and 62035-62048) and the following bills. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

61925	NDPERS	Norman Preble Insurance	424.96
61926	NDPERS	Joan Lee Insurance	424.96
61927	NDPERS	Joel Grothe Insurance	770.00
61928	NDPERS	Elaine Anderson Insurance	770.00
61929	Ransom County	VSO expenses	640.29
61944	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	2077.89
61947-61952		Health Department Expenses	427.87
61953	City of Forman	Water & Sewer	181.80
61958-61966		Health Department Expenses	1515.36
61967-61976		Human Services Expenses	10567.14
61977	American Express	Card Purchases	990.55
61978	Buhl's Inc.	Cleaning	156.34
61979	Dacotah Paper Co.	Copier Supplies	301.00
61980	Dakota Communications Inc.	Radio Repair	227.00
61981	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	809.54
61982	Digital Alley, Inc.	Camera Equipment	4470.00
61983	Ed's Place	Fuel	40.24
61984	Farmers Union Oil Co.	Fuel & Supplies	1923.03
61985	Sandra Hanson	Phone Reimbursement	234.92
61986	Hardware Hank	Supplies	186.32
61987	Gina Hillestad	Travel	135.00
61988	Information Tech. Dept.	WAN, LERMS	519.80
61989	ILG	Continuing Education	60.00
61990	Martinsen Home Center	Supplies	138.79
61991	Motorola	Sheriff Equipment	30.17
61992	NDEMA	Membership Dues	30.00
61993	NDACo Resources Group	Computer Supplies	115.73
61994	Daryl Peterson Trucking	Coal Transport	1144.80
61995	Norman Preble	Contract Work	60.00
61996	Quill	Computer Supplies	415.96
61997	Reardon Office Equipment	Copier Supplies/Rental	429.21
61998	The Sargent County Teller	Publishing	115.80
61999	Southeast Crime Conference	Dues	50.00
62000	Stein's Inc.	Supplies	234.57
62001	Underground Vaults/Storage	Microfilm Storage	2.80
62002	Jerry Waswick	Travel	48.00
62003	Florian Wisnewski	Assessor Travel	46.00
62004	Wolf Mountain Coal	Coal	1043.04
62005	Steve Wyum	Travel	138.60
62006	AW Diesel Service	Equipment Repairs	930.93
62007	Dyste's Food Pride	Supplies	3.17
62008	Ekstrom Repair Shop	Parts & Repairs	1074.51
62009	Farm Plan	Tools & Repairs	93.40
62010	Kustom Machine, Inc.	Repairs	25.00
62011	ND Assoc. of Co. Engineers	Registration	215.00
62012	ND DOT Fin. Mgmt. Div.	Bridge Inspections	729.00
62013	Nelson Bulk Oil Co.	Fuel	4029.17
62014	Surplus Property Div./OMB	Tools	230.00
62015	Ray-Mac, Inc.	Repairs	92.00
62016	Power Plan	Repairs	83.81
62017	Southeast Propane	Propane	542.90
62018	Wallwork Truck Center	Repairs	190.75
62019	Barnes Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	455.00
62020	Bullberry Systems	911 Contracts	865.00

62021	CPU	Data Processing Charges	1063.11
62022	Dakota Valley Electric	Electricity	98.00
62023	DRN	911 Contracts & Updates	251.00
62024	Gwinner One Stop	Fuel	442.52
62025	McLaen's Service, Inc.	Repairs	267.33
62026	Midstates Wireless	Replacement Part	11.00
62027	NDACO	Wireless 911	1021.20
62028	NRG Technology Services	Technical Support	605.00
62029	Official Payments Corp.	Quarterly Web Tool Charge	165.00
62030	Qwest	911 Contracts	191.88
62031	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	5830.00
62032	Sargent County Insurance	Property Insurance	13.00

The Board received a letter from the Court Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee regarding the Court Facilities Improvement Grant application filed by Sargent County requesting grant funds for remodeling the sheriff's office; purchasing and installing an alarm/security system for the courthouse entrances, common areas and main floor; and, the purchase of two defibrillators for the courtroom and the sheriff's office. The Committee concluded grant funds could not be awarded for the project as the scope of the application extended beyond a direct relation to the courts, court chambers, and court-related services. The application will be pared down and resubmitted for consideration during the next grant cycle later this year.

Discussed procedure for contracting for assessment services. Sandy Hanson, Tax Director has been consulting with appraisal service companies to discuss the needs of Sargent County. A conference with these companies will be requested for the March Commission meeting.

The Board reviewed an Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes from Henry G and Carolyn J Martin, Milnor for property located on Lot 15 and East 1/2 of Lot 16 Block 1, Mund's East Acres Addition, Milnor City for 2009. The Martin's requested the Renaissance Zone exemption for 2009. Milnor City approved the application. Concur with Milnor City. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous)

Courthouse Custodian Larry (Doc) Nelson failed to appear for his scheduled 11:00 a.m. meeting with the Board of Commissioners. Board members inspected the boiler room and found it to be in a state of disarray, with ash from the boiler piled up on the floor against the steps, and littered with other trash and debris. The boiler was leaking, and other areas the Board had previously asked Mr. Nelson to fix were still not repaired. A motion was made by Jerry Waswick to terminate Larry Nelson as custodian effective immediately for failure to perform the duties of the position and for gross insubordination. The motion was seconded by Bill Anderson. Roll call vote. Aye: Wyum, Anderson, Orn, Waswick and Walstead. Nay: none. Motion carried unanimously. States Attorney Lyle Bopp was instructed to prepare a letter of termination for Mr. Nelson.

State Aid Distribution (SAD) monies allocated for Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (GDGD) had been placed in the County's General Fund beginning with the 2009 budget. After conversations with GDGD and consultation with State's Attorney Lyle Bopp the Board concluded that according to North Dakota Century Code 57-39.2-26.1, the county is required to reserve a portion of the SAD monies (\$1159.39 #62033) for the GDGD and also for the soil conservation district. Motion by Maurice Orn to reinstate the SAD monies for GDGD for 2009 and all future distributions. The motion was seconded by Steve Wyum. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Waswick moved to reinstate the soil conservation district SAD monies for all future distributions, commencing in 2010. The motion was seconded by Bill Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc. requested environmental review approval for a 43.8kV transmission tie line construction project. The proposed transmission line construction corridor is located between Section 5 and 8 in Milnor Township. Following discussion on any possible adverse impact, the Board agreed to make a final review of the matter at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Authorize the Chairman to acknowledge receipt and sign the Semi-Annual Progress Report for Dakota Micro, Inc. from Lake Agassiz Regional Council. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Discussed whether to consider increasing the 911 fees from county residents. Currently One Dollar (\$1.00) is charged for each phone. The 2009 Legislature authorized an increase up to \$1.50 per phone. The Board requested a recommendation from Sandy Hanson, Emergency Manager, prior to making a decision. The deadline to place the question on the ballot is April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Approve Games of Chance Permit SC-2010-01 to Tewaukon Rod and Gun Club for a raffle on March 8, 2010 at Geneseo Hall. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Sparky Engquist, road supervisor, met with the Board to discuss areas with snow problems along county roads and possibility of buying or renting a snow blower. He also informed the Board that he has talked to some equipment companies regarding purchasing a new or used road grader and three companies will be present at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Sparky informed the Board that all the billings for the Keystone pipeline have been submitted for reimbursement. Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. and Sparky Engquist will inspect the roadways prior to signing off on the release for the acceptance of the work. Also discussed the currently unfilled Assistant Supervisor position. Following discussion, the matter was tabled until a later date.

Calvin Jacobson, Jacobson Plumbing and Heating stopped at the meeting. He informed the Board that he had inspected the boiler at the request of Courthouse Commissioner Mike Walstead and found that there are two leaks in the boiler. It is critical that they be fixed, and they require immediate attention. The Board advised Mr. Jacobson to proceed with making repairs or assisting with the necessary repairs, as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR