

Forman, North Dakota  
February 19, 2002

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: W.E. Smith, Karen Anderson, Steve Wyum, Ray Brockman and Donald Wehlander. Absent none.

Approve February 5, 2002 minutes as amended. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Norm Preble met with the Board to discuss an abatement from Kevin and Memory Maly for the 2001 taxes on a residential structure located on Lots 5-6-7, Block 3, Cooper's Addition, Rutland City. The Rutland City Council approved the application. Reject the abatement because it is not properly documented. (Smith/withdraw motion). Table and refer to States Attorney.

Discussed the Five County Meeting to be hosted by Sargent County. The date shall be July 11, 2002 at the Milnor Café. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

The Sargent County Water Board members and Jeff Volk, Moore Engineering, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the Tewaukon Watershed proposal. A potential assessment district is being proposed for the watersheds that were established in the early 60's. There is approximately 41,600 acres in the watershed area. New legislation allows the Water Board to create new districts without a vote of the landowners. The Water Board needs approval with a 2/3 majority and also the county commissioners need approval by the same margin. Mr. Volk presented a map with the areas drawn in including the existing legal drain assessment areas, the watershed drains and the dams. The dams were constructed by the Soil Conservation Service and turned over the Water Board. The county commissioners agreed that there is a need to obtain public input and encouraged the Water Board to proceed with a drainage analysis and public hearings. The Water Board discussed some culvert and bridge sites. The Board will look at them and determine what action should be taken.

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting.

An application for abatement from Gary Skroch on the 2001 taxes was submitted to the Board. A residential structure is non-existing and should have been removed from the assessment rolls. Cogswell City approved the abatement. Concur with Cogswell City. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Lyle explained the Kevin and Memory Maly abatement. The taxes have not been paid for 2001. The Board can approve the abatement based on the error in determining whether the structure was a mobile home or a residential structure, contact Countryside Mobile Homes for the amount due or have a lien on the lots for the total due. Deny the abatement and pursue the lien against Countryside Mobile Homes for pro-rated taxes for eight months on the residential structure for 2001. (Wehlander/Smith, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp reported on the missing funds in the Sheriff's Office. There hasn't been any contact from Ms. Hunter's attorney. Request the Sheriff's presence at the next meeting to discuss the Judith Hunter missing funds. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Chuck Gates informed the Board that a new system is being proposed by State Radio for communications. The State Radio system is 25 years old and repair parts are unavailable and very difficult to obtain. The cost will be prohibitive for the smaller rural areas. State Radio will prepare a budget request to upgrade State Radio's infrastructure in the 2003-2005 biennium. The Board asked Chuck to contact area Sheriff Departments and get information ready for the April 2002 Five County meeting in Richland County. Discussed the status of the 1998 Ford car. Repairs are needed and the Board will decide what to do.

Sparky Engquist met with the Board with an update on road activities. Motor grader specifications were reviewed and tabled. Discussed the options of buying a trackhoe or continuing to rent. Sparky has looked into cost and upkeep. Other projects were discussed and several bridges discussed.

Michael Burns arrived at the meeting with updated information on the courthouse tuckpointing. There aren't any grants available in this biennium for courthouse repairs. Proceed with calling for bids for dome and cornice repair, tuckpointing and step repair and request an optional bid for each. The bids shall be opened on April 16, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Discussed repairs to the 1998 Ford and received a cost of approximately \$4,400 to install another engine. Approve installation of a new engine in the 1998 Ford squad car. (Wehlander/Smith, unanimous)

A letter from ND Department of Health was received regarding the landfill. To assist the department in making a final decision on the permit application, they are asking the landfill to provide documentation which addresses the primary zoning or land use issue and which identifies a resolution approved by the local or county governments as required. Upon receipt of this information, the

Department has one of three available options. (1) approve the permit, (2) deny the permit or (3) extend the review period for up to 120 days if a significant change is submitted. There was a February 15 deadline on a response.

The Board received a letter from Governor Hoeven notifying them that the Gwinner Bicycle and Pedestrian Path project was selected for funding. The Milnor project was not funded.

A meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. to meet with the Milnor City Council to discuss the Police Contract.

Approve payment of bills and February payroll in the sum of \$71,402.39 (Wehlander/Anderson, unanimous)

Social Service Expenses		8296.63
42762 BP Amoco	Sheriff travel	30.66
42763 Buhl's	Cleaning service	191.39
42764 Cellularone	Sheriff's phones	228.26
42765 Charlie's Body Shop	Removing decals & repairs	431.90
42766 Dacotah Paper	Cleaning supplies	74.57
42767 Dyste's	Supplies	127.52
42768 Empire Feed & Grain	26.66 ton coal	879.78
42769 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas, fuel, tires & repairs	4233.60
42770 Kevin's Collision Center	Car repairs	46.80
42771 Hardware Hank	Supplies	91.75
42772 Louisa Co. Sheriff's Dept.	Summons	49.00
42773 Martinsen's	Repairs	203.33
42774 McLaen's Service, Inc.	Service car	40.12
42775 McLeod USA	Long distance phone calls	228.50
42776 Minn-kota	Radio service	123.75
42777 NDACo	Worker's Comp claim	29.23
42778 NDPOST	License fee	30.00
42779 ND States Atty. Ass'n.	Dues	250.00
42780 Officeland	Supplies	77.24
42781 Georgette Pickell	Travel	6.20
42782 Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	1320.00
42783 SEL Lumber	Repairs	37.15
42784 Southeast Propane	Main St. Building heating	143.32
42785 Stein's Inc.	Supplies	144.20
42786 Streicher's	Sheriff equipment	102.40
42787 Super Frog	Striping new car	495.00
42788 The Teller	Publishing fees	515.14
42789 Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	28.12
42790 Viking Office Products	Supplies	354.54
42791 WearGuard	Sheriff equipment	95.69
42792 Welton Tire	Car service	14.00
42793 AW Diesel Service, Inc.	Repairs	441.94
42794 Atco	Undercoating	153.25
42795 Kurt J. Breker	Hauling rocks	180.00
42796 Economy Oil Inc.	Gas & fuel	1412.27
42797 Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	1965.49
42798 Geller's Auto Parts	Engine Assembly	6510.00
42799 Arlen Hanson	Trackhoe rental	825.00
42800 Josh Hanson	Trackhoe rental	825.00
42801 Loren Hanson	Trackhoe rental	825.00
42802 Mark Hanson	Trackhoe rental	825.00
42803 Harris Machine Co.	Repairs	193.07
42804 NDACo	Drug testing and Annual Technology	7882.00
42805 ND Ass'n of Co. Eng.	Dues	105.00
42806 Newman Traffic Signs	Signs	1125.00
42807 Northern Tool & Equip.	Tools	356.07
42808 Oahe Windshield Inc.	Windshield replacement and rock chip repairs	160.00
42809 Home Shop	Service fire extinguishers	31.00
42810 Ray-Mac Inc.	Repairs	17.20
42811 RDO Equip.	Repairs	152.00
42812 Share Corp.	Repairs	82.66
42813 Southeast Medical Center	Drug Testing	75.00
42814 TTT	Gravel Road Mtc. Workshop	160.00
42815 Zep Mfg.	Supplies	117.76
42816 3D Specialties	Repairs	1383.64
42817 Michael J. Burns	Fees-Courthouse Tuckpointing	5159.64
42819 CPU	Data Processing Charges	501.41
42820 Dickey Rural Telephone	911 contract	450.50
42821 Farm & Home Publishers	Plat Books	647.75
42823 Julie Hassebroek	Travel	294.66
42824 ITD	T1 access & Anti-virus client	393.00
42825 Milnor Post Prom	DARE Donation	25.00
42826 NDDHS	Medicaid, FC & SPED	1508.18
42827 ND Veteran's Service	Dues	40.00
42828 NDSU Ext. Service	Salary & travel for 6 months	7360.33
42829 Gwinner Post Prom	DARE Donation	25.00

A non-agenda commission/employee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the conference room. Notification will be given to each employee.

Lyle presented an Attorney General's opinion on the need for a county commissioner election following redistricting under NDCC 11-07. The letter states that the holdover commissioners do not have to seek re-election until their present terms end in 2004.

Meeting recessed to 7:00 p.m. on March 4<sup>th</sup> in Milnor.

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RAY BROCKMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR