

Forman, North Dakota
February 2, 1999

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Bill Smith, Don Wehlander, Lysle Coleman, Ray Brockman, and Steve Wyum. Absent none.

Roger White met with the Board and asked if they would provide written proof to the ND Wetlands Trust fund that Sargent County does not object to the sale of land if taxes continue to be paid at the same rate as landowners. Mr. White has offered 2 quarters of land to the trust fund. Board members do not see why they have to endorse a private land sale. They asked Roger for more information and he left the meeting to contact the Bismarck office.

Steve Wyum reported briefly on HB 1275 and HB 1458 regarding clerks of courts.

Dan Jacobson and Jim Gallagher, Farmers Elevator Co. of Forman, informed the Board that they are in the planning stages of an expansion to the Forman plant. This would be a handling facility for corn, approximately one-half million-bushel storage with a dryer system. They met with Forman City Council and are looking for economic development funds and tax exemptions. They will continue working on the project and research some possible funding resources.

Approve 1-19-99 minutes. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Gina Hillestad explained the new process for distributing bank taxes. Other monies from State Aid Distribution, Personal Property Replacement and State Revenue Sharing can be changed as per the county commissioners. Current allocation is based on amounts levied. Follow past procedure for distribution in proportion to ad valorem taxes levied. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Gina asked about compensation as Risk Manager. Steve Wyum offered thoughts on the job description for this position. Patty Carlen was called to the meeting and the Board discussed compensation for duties as Co. Supt. of Schools as delegated to the Register of Deeds and Auditor in August 1997. The Board will discuss later today and make a decision.

Chuck Gates met with the Board regarding Holiday Pay as stated in the Personnel Policy. The revision effective November 1, 1998 pertained to hourly employees.

Discussed Child Support Agreement. Approve agreement pending correction of dates and clarification. (Wyum-withdrawn)

Appoint Chuck Gates coordinator for Y2K compliance. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Adopt Minimum Design Standards for Highways and Structures. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

Received a letter from the Associated General Contractors that they denied the request for National Guard assistance on Co. # 2.

Approve request to reschedule bingo at the DeLamere Hall from January 30 to February 6, 1999. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

Reappoint John C. Totenhagen, District 5, to the Sargent County Water Resource Board for a 3-year term. (Coleman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Appoint Mark Breker, District 1, to the Sargent County Water Resource Board for a 3-year term. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous) Send a letter to Mike Paczkowski in appreciation of his 25 years of dedicated service to the Water Board.

Approve \$25 and \$.25 per-mile for township assessor's to attend the 1999 training session. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Randy Pope and Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering and Sparky Engquist met with the Board to discuss the March 12 and 22 bid letting. Estimated total county cost is \$1,800,000. Bids for Co. # 10 will be let as 2 separate projects. Authorize Chairman to sign a letter to North Dakota Dept. of Transportation requesting Federal Aid Funds through 2002.

Discussed formation of the Multi County Technology Users (MCTU) and pledged to support the group in purchasing copyrights for computer software.

Approve a non-binding commitment up to \$250,000 to be placed in the Lake Agassiz Regional Development Corporation Community Development Financial Institution Fund contingent upon the LARDC receiving a funding offer from the Department of Treasury under the CDFI program. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Authorize Chairman and Auditor to sign NDDOT Construction & Maintenance agreements and right-of-way letter for road projects scheduled for March bid opening. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Placed a phone call to Keith Trego, Wetlands Trust, concerning acquisition of land. He explained the process and their obligation. They have land in Stutsman, Dickey and Ramsey County. Mr. Trego also noted there is legislation making a recommendation to the Governor that the final decision on land acquisition is with the county commission.

Roger White returned to the meeting to clarify some information on land acquisition.

The Board agreed to send a letter to ND Game & Fish Dept. that it is the official position of Sargent County that we are not opposed to any land sale as long as the taxes are paid and the county continues to have all rights to foreclose the property based on the NDCC.

Approve Change Order 1,2,3,4,5 for the handicapped accessibility project in the courthouse. (Wyum/Coleman, unanimous)

Approve following allocation for services rendered: \$2,000 to Treasurer/Risk Manager; \$1,500 to Auditor/Co. Supt. of Schools and \$1,300 to Register of Deeds/Co. Supt. of Schools for work prior to 1999. These amounts will be paid on a warrant and a Form 1099 made payable to each recipient over \$600 will be issued for 1999 in January 2000. Additionally, \$2,007.46 to Treasurer/RM; \$1,195.41 to Auditor/CSS; and \$995.41 to Register of Deeds/CSS as an annual salary to be divided monthly as determined by each department head for them and or their department employees. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

BILL SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD, AUDITOR