

February 20, 2001
Forman, North Dakota

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

Approve February 6, 2001 minutes as corrected. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve correction to published January 16, 2001 minutes, which stated the incorrect interest rate to the JDA for Sargent Manor. Interest rate shall be at 2%. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Sheriff Gates met with the Board and provided cell phone numbers for his department. Cellular One will provide the service. He briefly discussed the weekend happenings. He provided the 2000 Sheriff's Report with statistics compared to 1998 and 1999.

The Board reviewed an application for abatement from Harlan & Sandy Hogness for a structure improvement value of \$59,400 in the SW1/4-26-132-53. Hall Township reduced the value to \$30,950. Norm Preble and Harlan Hogness were in attendance. Mr. Preble explained the situation with the structure value and discussed the definition of an active farmer. Mr. Hogness stated that during the past 3 years he did not have non-farm income in excess of \$40,000. Overrule the decision of the township and remove the structure value. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

A non-agenda commission/employee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room. Notification will be given to each employee.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Darryl Wilson regarding some properties he purchased which were former gravel sites for the BN Santa Fe Railroad.

Sparky Engquist met with the Board to discuss areas of trees hanging over the roadway within towns and along county roads. He is looking for a diesel full-size club cab pickup. Snow removal on the county roads is going well and may make it without use of a cat. Bridge 131-12.1 will be removed when conditions allow. Sparky has talked to Milnor City about snow removal on County No. 10 north of the city. The county asked them to keep that road cleaned in exchange for road salt for the city. He will prepare an agreement with the city. NDDOT will conduct traffic volume counts during the 2001 summer. Prior to March 15, 2001 each county should submit a map to DOT showing the location of the count needed. Sparky will provide a map to NDDOT.

Sandy Hanson reported on the state workshop that she and Karen Anderson attended. There were sessions on storm ready communities, weapons of mass destruction, multi-school hazard plans and the need to have these plans available to continue to receive FEMA funding. They discussed dams in the state and the requirement to prepare operation plans.

Colleen Sundquist met with the Board to discuss the proposed lunchroom. It has been discussed at several department head meetings. It was decided that the upstairs hallway (former abstract office) would be used for the lunchroom. The closet in that area will be utilized for storing the coffeepot, microwave and other appliances. Costs would involve fixing up the closet area to include paint and shelves and also tables. Approximately 4-10 employees use the area. Estimates will be provided to the commissioners at the March 6 meeting.

Sparky Engquist, representing the Personnel Board, presented three options that are proposed by Dorothy Person, DMG Maximus, Roseville MN. The PB recommends that the commission approve hiring this firm. Karen Anderson, Bill Smith and Ray Brockman attended the meeting with Ms. Person and the PB and were impressed with her proposal. Approve hiring DMG Maximus, Inc. for our consulting firm and send a letter to Keith Schroeder and Assoc. discontinuing their services. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous) Steve Wyum explained some of the factors involved in the various options regarding the pay plan.

Connie Gulleson met with the Board to discuss National Nutrition Month, which is in March. She is asking the Board to allow one day of annual leave to winner of the 5 Plus 5 Challenge. Approve request. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Julie Hassebroek provided a copy of the advertisement for support staff in the extension office. The ad will run for 2 weeks with a March 6 deadline.

Approve payment of the following bills and the February payroll in the sum of \$71,104.70. (Brockman/Anderson, unanimous)

Social Service Expenditures		10,767.97
40731 Amoco	Non-fuel items	1.56
40732 Barnes Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	360.00
40733 Berube's	Car repairs	316.15

40734	Buhl's	Cleaning service	203.23
40735	Burnie's	Supplies	242.34
40736	Case & Bopp	Rent & phone	411.98
40737	Cellularone	4 cell phones	159.96
40738	Chunky's	Car service	30.50
40739	Cogswell Comm. Center	Rent/elections	60.00
40740	DRN	Phone service	499.01
40741	DOCS	Labor	580.00
40742	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel, gas & repairs	3,166.09
40743	City of Forman	Garbage bags	250.00
40744	Gall's	Clothing & equipment	807.91
40745	Globe Office Supply	Small claim packets	240.02
40746	Sandra Hanson	Travel & supplies	71.83
40747	Hardware Hank	Supplies	94.36
40748	Gina Hillestad	Quarterly drawing	15.00
40749	Lisbon Medical Center	Blood alcohol	116.00
40750	Martinsen's Home Center	Repairs	238.25
40751	Matthew Bender & Co. Inc.	ND Court Rules	44.56
40752	Minn-kota Comm.	Repairs	539.25
40753	ND Auditor's Ass'n	2001 Dues	50.00
40754	ND Dept. of Corrections	Parole & Probation	900.00
40755	OMB/Surplus Property	Low bed trailer & FEMA trailer	1350.00
40756	Officeland	Supplies	38.16
40757	Quill	Supplies	264.92
40758	Remily's	Supplies	15.49
40759	Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	40.00
40760	SC Abstract Co.	Supplies	62.92
40761	SEL Lumber	Repairs	206.08
40762	SE Propane	Propane	492.66
40763	Stein's	Supplies	363.48
40764	Streicher's	Equipment	417.85
40765	Superfrog	Squad car graphics	525.00
40766	The Teller	Publishing fees	204.21
40767	US Link	Long distance charges	18.79
40768	Universal Services	Ribbons	40.00
40769	UND/Bureau of Govt. Affairs	2001 directory	15.00
40770	Verizon	Cell phone	27.01
40771	Viking Office Supplies	Supplies	774.64
40772	Arrowhead Transport	Trucking	400.00
40773	Butler Machinery	Repairs	99.43
40774	Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	1024.63
40775	Forman Repair	Battery	171.90
40776	Harris Machine Co.	Repairs	254.36
40777	Kustom Machine Inc.	Repairs	34.12
40778	Midwest Management	Phone rental	150.00
40779	Modern Industrial	Cutting edges	1044.00
40780	ND Ass'n of Co.	Drug testing	82.00
40781	RDO	Repairs	226.65
40782	Sturdevant's	Repairs	128.22
40783	American Communications	Printer	1699.00
40784	CPU Inc.	DP Charges	473.03
40785	DARE America	Supplies	411.03
40786	First National Ins. Agency	Premium	410.00
40787	ITD	WAN Access	289.52
40788	Milnor Post Prom Comm.	Dare Donation	50.00
40789	NDDHS	FC & SPED	1259.72
40790	NDDOT	Road project finals	1499.34
40791	ND 911 Ass'n	Dues	10.00
40792	NDSU	Salary & travel	9006.46
40793	Office Max	Supplies	96.62
40794	Travis Paeper	DARE trip for schools	1028.00
40795	Qwest	911 telephone	291.81
40796	Treadway	DARE supplies	101.00

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

DONALD WEHLANDER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR