

Forman, North Dakota
February 20, 2007

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Jerry Waswick, Steve Wyum, Mike Walstead, and Bill Anderson. Absent: Maurice Orn.

Approve February 6, 2007 minutes as corrected. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous).

The following resolution was introduced and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, All political subdivisions in North Dakota have been financially hard-pressed by the State mandated requirement to provide services, by increasing costs and by the necessity of relying upon the property tax for the primary source of revenue;

WHEREAS, past sessions of the State Legislature have reduced the percentage of State revenue allocated to political subdivisions, including Counties;

WHEREAS, SB2322 and HB1447 in the 2007 session of the State Legislature would have restored State funding of political subdivisions, including Counties, to previous levels;

WHEREAS, Restoration of funding from revenue sources controlled by the State would allow political subdivisions, including Counties, to continue to provide essential services at current levels while reducing the property tax levy;

WHEREAS, the North Dakota State Senate and the North Dakota State House of Representatives have defeated both SB2322 and HB1447 which would have restored funding to political subdivisions, including Counties, and reduced the need to rely on the property tax for revenue;

WHEREAS, the failure to restore funding to political subdivisions will require political subdivisions to rely on the property tax to provide the funds to satisfy increased mandates for service placed upon the State's political subdivisions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Sargent County Commission requests that the North Dakota State Legislature reconsider its decision to reject SB2322 and HB1447 without having a plan to restore the funding to political subdivisions which these bills would have provided;

That the Sargent County Commission requests that the North Dakota Association of Counties, and each and every County Commission in the State, contact every State Legislator in the 2007 session to ask them how they voted on SB2322 and HB1447 and to explain their vote to the people of the respective Counties, Townships, Cities and other political subdivisions adversely effected by the rejection of these measures; and,

That the North Dakota Association of Counties and the North Dakota County Commissioners Association work with the members of the 2007 Legislative Assembly to restore State funding to political subdivisions to allow them to reduce their reliance on the property tax for revenue.

Dated at Forman, ND this 20 day of February, 2007 by the Sargent County Commission.

Motion by: Steve Wyum

Seconded by: Mike Walstead

Roll Call vote: All Commissioners voting aye
No Commissioners voting nay
Absent: Maurice Orn

Bill Anderson, Chairman

Attest by: Sherry Hosford, Auditor

Approve payment of the following bills and February payroll in the sum of \$127,163.16. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

56573 Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity	1853.95
56574-56589 Health District Expenditures		1918.01
56590 City of Forman	Water, sewer & garbage	135.55
56593-56599 Health District Expenditures		1405.66
56601-56604 Weed Board Expenditures		862.62
56600,56615-56628 Human Service Expenditures		14377.14
56629 A-Z Body Shop	Repairs	290.00
56630 Alltel	Cell phone service	132.27
56631 Brian's Repair & Auto Parts	Repairs	254.98
56632 Buhl's	Cleaning Service	186.74

56633 Dacotah Paper	Copier paper	424.95
56634 Dakota Communications, Inc.	Pager	250.80
56635 DOCS	Snow removal	90.00
56636 Farm & Home Publishers	Plat books	937.75
56637 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas and supplies	409.82
56638 Gwinner One Stop, Inc.	Sheriff travel	159.27
56639 Hardware Hank	Repairs	191.14
56640 ITD	WAN access & anti-virus	481.40
56641 John's I-94	Gas	39.00
56642 McLeod USA	Long distance calls	194.41
56643 Minn-kota Communications	Recorder's Office	317.10
56644 ND Clerks Association	2007 dues	60.00
56645 NDACo Resources Group	Labels	95.04
56646 Office Depot	Supplies	13.98
56647 Officeland	Supplies	333.67
56648 Quill	Supplies	269.40
56649 Reardon Office	Copier maintenance & supplies	496.25
56650 Jodie Koch	Court Appointed Attorney	185.62
56651 The Teller	Publishing fees	252.68
56652 US Express	24.62 ton coal	1687.56
56653 Jerry Waswick	Travel	78.00
56654 Steve Wyum	Travel	359.60
56655 AW Diesel Service	Repairs	752.12
56656 Auto Value of Wahpeton	Repairs	35.51
56657 Berg's Auto Supply	Repairs	416.96
56658 Butler Machinery	Repairs	534.91
56659 Crandall Construction	Gravel box	500.00
56660 Ekstrom Repair	Repairs and tools	438.64
56661 Farm Plan	Repairs	19.00
56662 Forman Repair	Repairs	107.72
56663 Gwinner Oil Bulk	Repairs	1282.05
56664 Louis N Hafermehl	Bridge 127-20	95.00
56665 Holiday Inn of Fargo	Lodging	100.00
56666 Jacobson Implement	Repairs	413.25
56667 K & L Sandblasting	Gravel truck repairs	356.25
56668 Kustom Machine Inc.	Repairs	391.82
56669 Martinsen's	Repairs and tools	220.36
56670 Metcalf Archaeologist	Bridge 127-20	1615.70
56671 NDACo	Technical support & drug testing	22689.00
56672 ND Assn. of Co. Eng.	Dues/registration	310.00
56673 Nelson International	Repairs	835.93
56674 Ray-Mac Inc.	Repairs	645.91
56675 SE Propane	Propane	605.23
56676 Todd's Welding Shop Inc.	Repairs	600.05
56677 Wallwork Truck Center	Repairs	66.79
56678 Wurth Service Supply	Repairs	1.95
56679 Zep Manufacturing	Repairs	211.39
56680 Barnes County Corrections	Prisoner Board	1413.24
56681 CPU	Data processing charges	871.22
56682 DRN	911 Contracts	526.00
56683 Dyste's	Supplies	8.66
56684 Forman Drug	Supplies	3.09
56685 Julie Hassebroek	Supplies	52.50
56686 Hewlett Packard	Computer/EMS	1918.50
56687 Interstate Engineering	Road engineering	1547.29
56688 Lisbon Area Health Services	Blood alcohol	29.00
56689 NDACo	Monitor & Label Writer	1628.53
	Wireless 911 & services	
56690 NDSU Extension-CDFS	Books	11.25
56691 Office Max	Supplies	202.62
56692 Qwest	911 contracts	287.82
56693 Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	225.00
56695 Walock-Johnson Insurance	Premium	144.00
56696 Zones	Software programs	296.40

Sandy Hanson, EMS, met with the Board and updated on Incident Command System training sessions that are upcoming in March. The previous training sessions have had very good attendance. Sandy

attended the SE Emergency Managers quarterly meeting and state employees were in attendance to discuss annexing plans that are required. She also attended a meeting with the County Health District regarding flu epidemics. Sandy also discussed other emergency projects that are ongoing in the county. She reported there is funding available for improvement to the phone communications in the courthouse and the health district office. Sandy is working with Minn-kota Communications, Wahpeton to order a system that will work in these buildings.

Gina Hillestad, County Treasurer, reported on the direct deposit banking for governmental entities that has been implemented in the county. There have been no complaints from the County's political subdivisions. The payroll direct deposit was discussed and whether it would be an "all or none" situation. Motion to proceed with the process at the earliest practical date of implementation, that all Sargent County payroll checks will be mandatory direct deposit, and that the specific date of implementation shall be at the discretion of the County Auditor and County Treasurer. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Quentin Hoistad, County Park Board Chairman, met with the Board to discuss the possibility of constructing an enclosed pavilion at Silver Lake Park. Quentin has received several requests to build this and he would like permission to proceed with plans. The Park Board will meet in April and the commission suggested that this be discussed at the April meeting of that Board. Mr. Hoistad will get some floor plans developed for the April meeting of the Park Board.

Gina Hillestad presented information from the Government Management Group on job description clarifications. She has a final draft of a market survey that is ready to send to the other counties. She also has updates from the county personnel booklet including Section 305 Holidays and Paid Time Off. The commissioners will review the proposed changes.

The Board recessed at 12:15 for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 1:10 p.m. with States Attorney Lyle Bopp present.

Mary Sundby, Dickey Rural Network met with the Board to discuss the long distance phone call provider for Sargent County Courthouse. North Dakota Long Distance (NDLD) did a comparison with the current provider McLeod USA over a five month period and noted a 6% savings with NDLD. After further discussion, motion to adopt NDLD carrier effective March 1, 2007 and encourage the DRN Board of Directors to consider Capital Credits and open the co-op up to all patrons, making them eligible to earn capital credits in the co-op. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp reported that any item of County property over \$1000 must be offered for bids, including the Sheriff vehicle that Gwinner City is interested in buying. Motion to advertise the 2004 Durango for sale in the Teller for 2 weeks, with a specific listing that the vehicle is restricted to governmental entities for police work, and that it is fully equipped for that use. Bids will be opened on March 6, 2007. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

The railroad crossing on County No. 4 east of Stirum has been discussed for replacement and Red River Valley & Western Railroad has agreed to pay 50% of the local cost up to \$1500 for the replacement. A phone call was made to Mr. Cal Gruebele, RRV&W Track and Structures Manager, to clarify the percentage of the cost to be paid by the railroad, and Mr. Gruebele stated that he would send a letter confirming the understanding. A letter will be sent to ND Dept. of Transportation requesting 90% Federal Funding to upgrade the crossing.

Discussed coverage from Worker's Safety Insurance for volunteers and authorized the County Auditor to secure coverage for the county volunteers if Sargent County is not already covered through the community service block. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

Unused vacation leave accrued by Recorder Joan Lee during the time she was Deputy Recorder/Clerk of Court was reviewed and the Board requested a written opinion from the States Attorney concerning vacation accrual following Mrs. Lee's appointment as Recorder/Clerk of Court on June 1, 2006.

Norm Preble, Tax Director, met with the Board to discuss an Application for Property Tax Incentives for New or Expanding Businesses for Brampton Farm Service. A date for the hearing will be scheduled and sent to Brampton Farm Service for publication.

Sparky Engquist, road supervisor, met with the Board to review road system updates, including bridge inventory of bridges with less than 20 foot structures, which the road department is working on at this time. The 1984 Intl truck has been rebuilt and painted. Discussed removal of bridge 130-15, south and west of Cayuga, which is tentatively scheduled for February 26, 2007. Also discussed road restrictions and load limit signing. Motion to leave the posting of load limits on gravel roads up to the

discretion of the road supervisor for 2007 and review again in February 2008. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

BILL ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR