

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m., following the county park board meeting, with the following members present: Dave Jacobson, Jason Arth, Mike Walstead, and Bill Anderson. Absent was Sherry Hosford. Also present was Jayne Pfau, Assistant State's Attorney; Tibby Hinderlie, The Sargent County Teller; and April Bladow, Sargent County Chief Deputy Auditor.

Approve February 7, 2017 minutes as corrected. (Arth/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve February payroll in the sum of \$173,790.36 (Nos.13145-13203 & 74473-74488) and the following bills: (Anderson/Arth, unanimous)

74417	Lake Agassiz Development Group	JDA Milnor Spec Home	1,140.54
74418	Ottertail Power Company	JDA Milnor Spec Home	459.49
74436-74448		Health Unit Expenses	1,523.63
74449	Forman City	Water/Sewer/Garbage	169.83
74450	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	4,151.54
74451	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	859.09
74452	Discovery Benefits	Flex Fee	5.00
74453-74465		Health Unit Expenses	2,072.34
74489-74501		Human Services Expenses	1,445.02
74502	Ameripride Linen	Cleaning Services	159.00
74503	AMS Alcohol Monitoring	Daily Monitoring Fees	42.90
74504	Arth, Jason	Commission Travel	156.56
74505	Avid Hawk, LLC	Web Services	45.00
74506	B & K Electric, Inc.	Ballast Replaced/Health Bldg	114.00
74507	Bayger, Vanessa	Sheriff Travel	178.00
74508	Ramkota Hotel	Commission Travel	245.70
74509	Brian's Repair & Auto Parts	Sheriff Oil Change	68.31
74510	Carrot-Top Industries Inc.	Courthouse Flags	203.52
74511	Computer Prof. Unlimited	Data Processing	1,315.58
74514	Dakota Water Solutions	Water Jugs	56.00
74515	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	1,033.69
74516	Forman Drug	Sheriff Office Supplies	6.72
74517	Forman Market	Courthouse/Road Supplies	39.30
74518	Gall's Inc.	Sheriff/Matron Uniforms	176.83
74519	Gwinner One-Stop	Sheriff Gas Purchases	667.75
74520	Hanson, Sandra	Cell Phone	77.50
74521	Hardware Hank	Supplies	158.97
74522	Information Tech. Dept.	WAN Access/Teletype	606.85
74523	Johnson Control	Boiler Repair	5,314.26
74524	Johnson, Bryan	Sheriff Car Wash	12.00
74525	LaQuinta Inn & Suites	Sheriff Travel	409.50
74526	NDACO	Special Operation Fund	400.00
74527	ND County Treasurer's Association	2017 General Dues	200.00
74528	ND Emergency Management Association	2017 Membership Dues	30.00
74529	ND Sheriffs & Deputies Association	2017 Membership Dues	50.00
74530	ND Workforce Safety	Volunteer Coverage	12.35
74531	NRG Technologies	USB Cable	27.00
74532	Nelson Home Center	Supplies	253.90
74533	O'Brien, Matt	Sheriff Car Wash	10.00
74534	CHI-Oakes Community Hospital	Blood Alcohol	31.00
74535	Office of Attorney General	Scram 24/7	1,065.00
74536	Paeper, Travis	Sheriff Gas/Car Wash	150.79
74537	Pharmchem	Sweat Patch Analysis	358.00
74538	Popp Binding & Laminating	Binding Supplies	9.40
74539	Quill.com	Office/Computer Supplies	434.22
74540	Radisson Hotel	States Attorney Travel	163.80
74541	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	3,355.00
74542	Sargent County Teller	Printing/Publishing	249.63
74543	Seachange	Publication Ballots	350.00
74544	Stein's Inc.	Courthouse Supplies	400.35
74545	Vanguard Appraisal	Tax Contract/Service Fees	6,919.00
74546	Verizon Wireless	Sheriff MIFI Cards	160.04
74547	A W Diesel	1990 Ford L9000 Repair	6,739.46
74548	CHS-Dakota Plains	Qwiklift/Superlube	2,995.15

74549	Ekstrom Repair	Acetylene	90.84
74550	Forman Drug	Road Office Supplies	9.94
74551	The Home Shop	Fire Extinguisher Inspection	390.50
74552	NDACO	DOT Testing	141.75
74553	ND Association of County Engineers	2017 Membership Dues	200.00
74554	NDDOT-Financial Management	BRO-0041(012) Project	18,049.49
74555	Nelson Bulk Oil Company	Road Fuel	3,245.30
74556	ND One Call	Locate Requests	5.00
74557	Rutland Oil Company	Gasoline	717.50
74558	Sanford	DOT Drug Testing	111.00
74559	Southside Automotive	Skid Steer Tire Repair	57.11
74560	Visto's Carquest	Shop Tools/Supplies	166.21
74561	ZEP Sales & Service	Road Supplies	86.39
74562	Arrowhead Transport	Sand Haul Only	1,459.11
74563	Dickey Rural Networks	911 Trunks/Record Update	251.00
74564	Klapperich, Cindy	FCS Agent Travel	224.70
74565	Marquette Construction	JDA-Milnor Spec Home	12,271.18
74566	Marquette, Kyle	JDA-Milnor Spec Home	11,000.00
74567	NDACO	911 Wireless	783.31
74568	NSC Minerals	Road Salt	6,075.94
74569	Ottertail Power Company	JDA-Milnor Spec Home	272.85
74570	Riverside Building Center	JDA-Milnor Spec Home	7,107.19
74571	Sargent Central School	Extension Reading Books	47.46
74572	Sargent County Teller	Extension Publishing	97.50
74573	SC Treasurer	Extension Postage	65.10
74574	Seykora, Melissa	Ext. Agent Travel/ Education	291.03
74575	The Frosted Flower	Extension Education Meals	135.00
74576	Universal Services	Copier Toner	441.00
74577	VISA	Extension Supplies	346.28
74578	Cenex Fleet Cards	Sheriff Travel	36.42
74579	CHS-Dakota Plains	Sheriff Gas Purchases	683.40

Motion to move into executive session pursuant to North Dakota Century Code 44-04-19.1 for the purpose of consulting with the state's attorney regarding the Jacobson settlement. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous) (Approximately 10:20 a.m.) Executive session ended and regular meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

A motion was made to enter into a tractor rental contract with Green Iron Equipment of Milnor ND through the North Dakota Association of Counties tractor rental program with John Deere. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous). Bruce Peterson of Green Iron Equipment had stopped in at the Auditor's Office stating that he needs a letter on Sargent County letterhead stating the terms of the contract. The rental contract will be for 8 months, 250 hours, @ \$15.35 per hour, plus \$2.00 additional loader fee for 8 months totaling \$4,337.50. The Auditor's office will get the letter of intent written.

The possibility of obtaining some bridge replacement funding from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) in cooperation with the Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge was discussed briefly. Commissioners Anderson and Walstead, County Engineers Devillers and Sedler; and, Road Supervisor Engquist had met with Tewaukon Refuge Manager Kent Sundseth at the Refuge Headquarters on Wednesday, February 15, to discuss possible projects. Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, will be getting together with ND DOT to check on eligibility and funding match for 2 possible projects, one over LaBelle Creek on the southeast side of Lake Tewaukon, and the other over the Wild Rice River north of Sprague Lake.

Further discussion on Colonial Life Insurance was tabled until a later date.

A motion was made to accept Richard Engst's resignation from the Sargent County Water Resource Board, with thanks for 19 years of service, and direct the Auditor to advertise for applicants for the position. (Anderson/Arth, unanimous)

The Commission had received applications for two abatements of taxes. The first abatement application was for Tyler & Betsy Speich, requesting abatement of taxes on a residence on the SW1/4 of NW1/4 of SW1/4 2-131-53 for farm exemption, Herman Township had approved the application for abatement. The second was for Dale Keller, requesting correction of a new home exemption error on NE1/4 of NE1/4 of NE1/4 07-2534002, Harlem Township had approved the application for abatement. Motion to concur with the townships on both applications. (Anderson/Arth, unanimous)

Marwood Klein, Forman Ambulance Squad Coordinator for the Sargent County Ambulance Service, met with the commission to report on Forman Ambulance Squad activity. He stated that the squad is doing OK with current staff, but that more volunteers could certainly be used. Some discussion on new ambulance options was had, as the ambulance had been in the shop to deal with some serious, recurring engine issues. Intercepts were discussed, including existing protocols that direct when and why they should be used. Marwood stated that there had been 69 runs this year and there have been no issues with billing. The commissioners thanked Marwood for his report, and commended him and the members of the Forman Ambulance Squad for their work on behalf of the people of Sargent County.

A brief discussion was held on a Forman citizen's concerns about deer crossing the State highway North of Forman. Jason Arth had emailed this citizen and directed him to contact the State Highway Department, as the County has no authority to place signs or other traffic controls on State highways.

Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting. Mr. Engquist reported that they have been doing some gravelling on County #1, to fill deep ruts left by grain trucks just before freeze-up last Fall, and some touch ups by the Delamere Dairy road. He also stated that the County Road crew would be putting road restriction signs on today, Tuesday, February 21.

A motion was made to authorize the 2017 Relay for Life Committee to use the courthouse lawn for the event on Friday June 23, 2017 (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Motion to send a letter to the North Dakota Highway Patrol Weight Enforcement Unit requesting assistance with weight enforcement on county roads. (Walstead/Arth, unanimous)

A motion was made to remove inventory items #2676-Printer, #2389-Radio and #2967-Laptop computer. (Anderson/Arth, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

DAVE JACOBSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

APRIL BLADOW- CHIEF DEPUTY AUDITOR