

Forman, North Dakota
February 23, 1999

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

Julie Hassebroek and Julie Qual, SC Extension Service and Duane Hauck, NDSU met with the Board. Julie Qual submitted a letter of resignation effective March 1, 1999. Chairman Smith expressed regret and applauded her on her work in Sargent County for the past 7 1/2 years. Julie Qual recapped the various programs that were presented throughout her 165 days she worked in 1998 with the Extension Agent and Family Nutrition Program. Mr. Hauck explained the partnership with the county and NDSU and the decision to fill a vacancy is between both parties. NDSU would take care of developing the job description and advertise. An interview committee is appointed and a recommendation made to the Board of Commissioners. The 1999 county budget is adequate to fund this position. NDSU contributes the fringe benefits. Also discussed the billing process from NDSU and the deficit. Sargent County is considering a question to the electors in June 2000 to increase the extension levy. This would provide more revenue for that department. NDSU will carry the deficit and proceed with hiring with some agreement with the county to make some commitment with funding resources. Fill the position under the present arrangement with the Extension Service. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous) Steve Wyum will represent the commission on the selection committee.

Marla Bopp and Cindy Trucksess, SC Forman Ambulance, met with the Board to present an evaluation of Donna Eklund. The Ambulance Board conducted an evaluation and didn't have any major problems and feel that she is doing a good job and recommend full-time status. Based on recommendation of the squad, place Donna Eklund on regular full-time status effective February 1, 1999. Conform to the salary guidelines and receive the next step. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Marla presented estimates for a new ambulance building. The Board will review the estimates and look at other locations.

David Eklund and Sandy Hanson, SC Fairboard, met with the Board and presented the 1998 financial statement. The 1999 fair plans were discussed and improvements include cordless microphones for sound system and protection cases, baby changing stations, panels and gates and an extension on the poultry barn. Dave asked the Board to send a letter of support to the Pierce County Commission who is in the planning stages of a county fair.

Sandy Hanson, Emergency Manager, has a training session for Emergency Planning next week in Bismarck and a Floodplain Management course in Emmitsburg, PA March 29-April 2, 1999. Federal government pays travel, lodging to PA and the local government pays for meals. Approve attendance. (Wyum/Coleman, unanimous)

Sandy presented information for 911 signing in Sargent County. Intersections at county and state highways only would include 802 signs for a cost of \$16,752.14. Proceed with placement of signs on county and state highway intersections. (Brockman/Wehlander. Roll call vote: Aye: Wehlander, Coleman, Brockman, Wyum, Smith. Nay: none. Motion carried.)

Gwen Anderson appeared regarding an application for abatement of taxes on a residential improvement located on Lots 10-11-12, Block 3, Camp's Addition, Cogswell City for 1998 taxes. Cogswell City approved the decrease to \$7,000. Concur with city. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting at 11:15.

Quentin Hoistad, Chairman, SC Park Board met with the Board to discuss the problems at Silver Lake Park with the smell of the water and fish kill. He spoke the ND Game and Fish Dept. about re-stocking the fish.

Patricia J. Carlen, Register of Deeds, met with the Board to discuss HB 1275.

Received information from Les Bjore on the construction schedule of the elevator and also an analysis of the process of tuckpointing the courthouse. The elevator project is scheduled to be completed April 15, 1999.

A hearing for an application for abatement of taxes filed by Barry Vculek to remove a residential structure located in the SE1/4-11-131-58 was conducted. Verner Township approved the abatement. Concur with township. (Coleman/Wyum, unanimous)

Ross Eberle and Roger Lee, Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson Engineers; Arlin Mund and James Lyon, landowners, Dan Jacobson, Water Board and Sparky Engquist met with the Board to discuss Bridge 132-10. Said bridge is located between Section 20 & 21-131-53 and the Board is considering straightening the roadway for safety features when they replace the bridge. Mr. Eberle presented the plan and profile and stated that an additional 37 feet of right of way is needed to straighten the road and install the bridge. The landowners are in favor of this proposal and

discussed some ideas for removing and using the existing dirt. The engineers will prepare a concept report for NDDOT and meet with this Board before proceeding with the design. Easements will be prepared for the landowners and everyone will meet at the site in 2 to 3 weeks to make final plans.

Chuck Gates informed the Board that Cory Renshaw submitted his resignation as Deputy effective March 6, 1999. He has accepted a position with the Mille Lacs County Sheriff Dept. Accept resignation and authorize Sheriff to advertise the position at a starting salary of Grade 6/Step 7. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Chuck Gates reported on the Y2K assessment. NDACo and BCI have checked out the individual PC's and all are in compliance. The network server will be checked this week.

Approve attendance for Tax Director to a one-day forum on valuation of apartment buildings in Fargo on March 15, 1999. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Approve minutes of the last meeting. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bills and payroll in the sum of \$60,951.19. (Brockman/Coleman, unanimous)

35986 Forman City	Water, sewer and garbage	115.60
Social Service Expenditures		1994.15
36092 Dickey Rural Communications	Phone service	560.22
36097 Otter Tail Power Co.	Electricity	1550.27
36104 US Link	Long distance calls	405.43
36105 Airtouch Cellular	Cell phone	32.11
36106 Amoco	Gas	83.73
36107 Elaine Anderson	Co. Supt. of Schools duties	500.00
36108 AT & T	Long distance calls	47.77
36109 BW Doublewood	Lodging	39.00
36110 Lyle Bopp	Travel	293.53
36111 Buhl's	Cleaning service	219.57
36112 Bureau of Govt. Affairs	2 books	30.00
36113 Patricia J. Carlen	Co. Supt. of Schools duties	650.00
36114 Case & Bopp	Rent and phone	205.99
36115 Chunky's Standard	Car service	105.50
36116 Darlene Colbert	Risk Manager duties	599.00
36117 Comfort Inn	Lodging	173.00
36118 Dyste's	Supplies	7.77
36119 Elections System & Software	Election supplies	35.00
36120 Empire Feed & Grain	20.76 ton coal	1043.19
36121 Farmers Union Oil	Gas, Fuel, Propane & repairs	1273.67
36122 Forman City	250 garbage bags	250.00
36123 Forman Drug	Supplies	3.72
36124 Galls Inc.	Equipment	33.98
36125 Chuck Gates	Meals	26.00
36126 Haroldson Office	Supplies	8.97
36127 Hardware Hank	Supplies	68.05
36128 Gina Hillestad	Risk Manager duties	1401.00
36129 Sherry Hosford	Co. Supt. of Schools duties	500.00
36130 IAAO	Registration	79.00
36131 ISD	56K connection	141.21
36132 J & M Printing	Supplies	72.50
36133 Lorraine Jacobson	Coroner travel	166.50
36134 Johnson Controls	Repairs	109.60
36135 Kropp Law Offices	Mental health hearing	69.08
36136 Joan Lee	Co. Supt. of Schools duties	650.00
36137 Curt Mahler	Assessor fees	35.00
36138 Pam Maloney	Co. Supt. of Schools duties	500.00
36139 Martinsen Home Center	Repairs & tools	310.89
36140 McKeever's Super Valu	Food & supplies	156.54
36141 Larry Nelson	Labor	220.00
36142 NDACo	Registration & drug/alcohol testing	462.50
36143 NDACS	1998 & 1999 Co. Supt. dues	90.00
36144 ND Clerks of Court Ass'n	Dues	60.00
36145 ND County Auditor's Ass'n	Dues	50.00
36146 Oakes Community Hospital	Blood Alcohol	36.70
36147 Officeland	Supplies	51.37
36148 Norm Preble	Travel	60.00
36149 Cory Renshaw	Meals	86.00
36150 Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	2640.00
36151 Roger's Plumbing	Repairs	51.00
36152 SEL Lumber	Repairs	16.99
36153 SE Crime Conf.	Dues	10.00
36154 SE Human Services	Evaluation	169.50
36155 Streicher's	Equipment	123.80
36156 The Teller	Publishing	232.78
36157 Universal Services	Computer ribbons	30.00
36158 Valley Ford	Repairs	43.94
36159 Viking Office	Supplies	278.32
36160 White Banner Uniforms	Uniforms	118.00

36161 Florian Wisnewski	Assessor fees	35.00
36162 Bladow	Filters	20.00
36163 Butler Machinery	Repairs	128.62
36164 Merrill Engquist	Travel	37.00
36165 Farm Plan	Repairs	308.45
36166 Forman Auto Parts	Repairs	302.79
36167 JD O'Connell Road	Plow shoes	597.61
36168 Kiefer Implement	Repairs	3.00
36169 Jeff Kinney & Assoc.	Bridge 132-10 cultural study	1300.00
36170 Kustom Machine Inc.	Repairs	347.83
36171 Minnkota Comm.	Radio repairs	60.00
36172 ND Ass'n of Co. Eng.	Dues & registration	160.00
36173 OMB/Surplus Property	Boots & tools	67.00
36174 Quill Corp.	Times cards & ribbon	132.94
36175 Ray-Mac Inc.	Repairs	222.99
36176 Success Link	Repairs	4331.55
36177 Share Corp.	Supplies	90.41
36178 Sturdevant's	Repairs	122.16
36179 Advance Electric Co.	Elevator	4500.00
36180 Dickey Rural Telephone	911	366.50
36181 First National Ins. Agency	Premium	6.00
36182 Julie Hassebroek	Travel	361.64
36183 Jackie Buckley	Dues-NDAEA	45.00
36184 NDSU	Salaries & travel	7765.15
36185 NDDHS	MA & FC	1252.89
36186 ND911 Ass'n.	Dues	10.00
36187 Northern Escrow	Elevator	16200.00
36188 Julie Qual	Travel	52.00
36189 US West Comm.	911	298.08

Authorize Chairman to sign the Child Support Agreement as amended.
(Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Authorize Chairman to sign the semi-annual progress report for the Hillside C-Store. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Proclaim April 18-24, 1999 as County Government Week. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Discussed holiday pay as amended in November 1998. Change wording to include all eligible employees whether they receive hourly pay or salary. (Wehlander/Coleman. Roll call: Aye: Wehlander and Coleman. Nay: Wyum, Brockman and Smith. Motion defeated) Board will check with other counties to see how their policy reads.

Sparky asked permission to purchase a 1983 Intl Army tractor from surplus property for \$2,000 to replace another truck. He would use this with the lowboy and water tank. Approve purchase. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous) Sparky also discussed upcoming road projects, road restrictions and highway equipment rental rates.

NDDOT informed the Board that they approved federal aid funds through 2002 totaling \$935,000.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

W.E. SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD, COUNTY AUDITOR