

Forman, North Dakota  
February 3, 2009

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Maurice Orn, Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, and Jerry Waswick. Lyle Bopp, States Attorney and Holly Jessen, The Sargent County Teller, were also present.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff informed the Board of the law enforcement vehicles that have been ordered and discussed the lease purchase plan. A 2009 Ford Expedition will be purchased and a 2009 Dodge Durango will be acquired by lease-purchase. Both vehicles are being acquired at the State bid price.

Approve minutes of January 20, 2009 meeting as corrected. (Orn/Waswick, unanimous).

Dan Delahoyde, representing the Sargent County Planning Commission met with the commission to get feedback on the Commissioners' thoughts for wind energy zoning and other zoning issues. Dan has spoken with the wind energy company that has met with the Sargent County JDA and they are waiting to hear from the county. The Planning Commission wants to know how restrictive the county ordinance should be for wind energy, and whether a comprehensive zoning and land use ordinance should be considered. County Commissioners received copies of a less restrictive ordinance, a very comprehensive draft ordinance and an article on Wind Turbines on the Skyline. County Commissioners voiced their opinion, and Bill Anderson indicated that the wind energy company would like to see a county ordinance that gives areas of compliance so the company knows what needs to be addressed to obtain zoning permits for wind tower and power line placement. Jerry Waswick commented that he would prefer that the Planning Commission work on wind energy ordinance that is less restrictive. Steve Wyum would yield to what the Planning Commission recommends. Bill Anderson suggested that the county and township ordinance should be as consistent as possible. The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on February 23 at 4:30 p.m.

At the request of the Chairman, Bill Anderson reported on the Presidential Inauguration that he and Lowell Wyum attended in Washington DC on January 20, 2009.

The Board reviewed an Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes from X.L. Homes Corporation, Mandan, ND for property location on Lots 9-10-11, Block 6, Weber's Addition, Havana City. A non-existing improvement was assessed and a foreclosure occurred on the property. The structure was removed in January 2008. The request is to remove the \$25,330 residential valuation. Havana City approved the application. Concur with Havana City. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous) Lyle Bopp will visit with the Tax Director about valuations on mobile homes.

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. and Sparky Engquist, road supt. met with the Board to discuss the proposed infrastructure economic recovery package. A call was placed to NDDOT local government division and they indicated that if there is money available to borrow those stimulus dollars would be allocated to counties who need the extra money and decrease their anticipated federal dollars. Sargent County has about \$325,000 of federal monies. NDDOT would give that extra money to the county and take the account down to zero but the county would not have to repay that amount.

The Board proceeded to accept and review Request for Proposals for Construction Engineering Services for Projects SC-4124(052)/ SC-4125(059) (thin lift Bituminous Maintenance Overlay located from # 10 from the junction of # 5 south 3 miles to the junction of #7 and from the junction of #10 and # 7 west on # 7 for 2 miles) and BRO-0041(011) – Bridge 127-20/Breker Bridge. Interstate Engineering, Inc., Wahpeton, ND, Kadmas, Lee and Jackson, PC, Valley City, ND and Moore Engineering, Inc., West Fargo, ND were contacted for proposals. One proposal was received from Interstate Engineering, Inc. Accept the proposal. (Walstead/Walstead. Roll call vote: Aye: Walstead, Anderson, Orn, Waswick and Wyum. Nay: none. unanimous)

Steve Wyum reported on the meeting with landowners on January 29 for replacement of the Breker Bridge (BRO-0041(011)). Easement documents were discussed and memorandum agreements reviewed. Sargent County has a minimum payment policy for right of way acquisition. Two of the landowners donated their land and one asked for \$500 payment. All three landowners have to remove and replace fence and a total of \$3850 was requested for the fence projects. Approve the requests from landowners. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist and Damon DeVillers proposed two bridges for replacement. Damon will contact NDDOT about the sufficiency ratings for each bridge.

Approve Utility Relocation and Adjustment Agreement for Project No. BRO-0041(011)/Breker Bridge with Southeast Rural Water Users for an estimated cost of \$4,230 and authorize Chairman Wyum to sign the agreement. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Marwood Klein and Brian Tayer, Ambulance Coordinators met with the Board to provide an ambulance update. Their reports included activity in 2008 with breakdown of number of ambulance runs made to various cities and where they were transferred as well as intercepts. They are still looking at whether it would be feasible and cost effective to hire another person to share between the two ambulance services.

Marwood also reported on the new ambulance and acceptance by squad members and also people who attended the Pancake Breakfast on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Squad members were giving tours of the ambulance at the breakfast and heard many positive comments on the new ambulance.

Authorize Chairman to sign the Barnes County Correctional Facility Contract for 2009. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve reappointment of Richard Engst, Milnor, ND to the Sargent County Water Resource Board for a three year term. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous)

Authorize Chairman Wyum to sign the Semi Annual Report for Community Development Block Grant 2218-CD07SL-ED (Dakota Micro, Inc.) (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve removal of the following county property from inventory and place on auction list: #1644 and #2287 -Dell computers and #2007 Dell Power Edge Server. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Gina Hillestad and Lyle Bopp, members of the SC Personnel Board discussed a policy regarding health insurance for retiring employees. The old policy provided three (3) months of insurance coverage to eligible retiring employees. This provision was approved by the county commission on December 20, 1988 but was inadvertently omitted from the current policy manual. The Personnel Board will present a proposal to reinstate the policy at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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STEVEN R WYUM – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR