

Forman, North Dakota
February 4, 2003

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

Julie Hassebroek met with the Board to discuss issues with her department. She informed the Board that they are distributing information to families regarding the recent deployment of the National Guard. Ag Day 2003 will be February 6 at Forman City Hall and the Board is invited to attend. Pesticide classes will be conducted in the next two months. Letters will be mailed to those whose licenses will expire this year. The Home Economist position will be re-opened because they did not receive any applicants.

Steve Wyum updated the Board on the recent on-site inspections that were conducted on January 30th on the bridge replacement project and the bituminous overlay projects that are scheduled to be bid on April 11. There is a possibility that the bridge (105-01.0) is on the National Registry and will need a more extensive cultural study.

The Board proceeded to review the bids for accepting an insurance agent to handle the county policy. Accept the proposals from First National Insurance, Milnor; Sargent County Insurance, Forman; and Farmers Union Insurance, Forman and make a decision before the July 15th renewal date. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Re-appoint Richard Engst to a three-year term on the Sargent County Water Resource Board. (Wehlander/Walstead, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting.

Norm Preble met with the Board to discuss the Farmers Union Co-op Oil Co. application for property tax incentives for new or expanding businesses. They are requesting a 5-year exemption on property tax and a 10-year payment in lieu of taxes. A hearing was scheduled for March 18 at 10:00 a.m. to review the application. The omitted property of R & G Inc. in Gwinner (Sublot 1 & Sublot 2 of the NW1/4 of NW1/4 26-132-56) was discussed. A notice was sent informing R & G Inc. that for the years of 2000, 2001 and 2002 taxes the commercial structure was omitted from taxation. Approve adding commercial structure for 2000, 2001 and 2002. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

The Board placed a call to Doug Staller, Tewaukon Refuge Manager, to obtain information on the Public Lands Highways Discretionary Program. An application process is open until February 28th to submit projects. The Board would like to submit an application for funding improvements of Co. # 12 from Cayuga through the refuge.

Approve January 21, 2003 minutes. (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve Games of Chance No. 2003-01 to Cogswell Gun Club for a raffle on September 7, 2003 at the Cogswell Trap Grounds. (Walstead/Wehlander, unanimous)

Joe Kramer, NDACo computer technologist, met with the Board to discuss the computer rack located in the basement. He will prepare an analysis of alternative options for storing the equipment.

Sandra Hanson, Emergency Manager, reported on the annual conference in Bismarck including hazard mitigation plan and suggested that the county concentrate on facilities affected by weather. Sandy is concerned about the grant monies that are available and how to implement the plan for our county. She will talk to Interstate Engineering, Inc. and set up a meeting to get updated on the GIS project.

Doug Staller and Jack Lalor, Tewaukon Refuge met with the Board to further discuss the Public Lands Highways Discretionary Program. Doug will work with the engineering company to prepare the application for funding.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff has scheduled Friday to begin interviews for the deputy position.

The Board proceeded to open bids for exterior repairs to the courthouse. Bids were received from Comstock Construction, Inc., Wahpeton, ND; Scherr Construction, Valley City, ND; Building Restoration Corporation, Roseville, MN; and A.J. Spanjers Co., Inc., Brooklyn Park, MN. Accept low bid after deducting all alternates. The successful bidder is A. J. Spanjers Co. at \$227,385. (Wyum/Brockman. Roll call vote: Yes: Wehlander, Walstead, Wyum, Brockman and Anderson. No: None. Motion carried.)

Commissioner Wyum introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Sargent County Courthouse is nearly 100 years old and the exterior original structure has had minimal maintenance in the ensuing years, and

WHEREAS, the courthouse has recently undergone an inspection by Michael J. Burns, Architects, and

WHEREAS, MJBA reported that exigent circumstances exist mandating repair of the masonry restoration, dome and cornice restoration and concrete step replacement before serious injury occurs to the public and building.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sargent County Commission hereby declares that a state of emergency exists in Sargent County and authorize use of county emergency funds.

Commissioner Brockman seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following voted yes: Brockman, Wyum, Walstead, Wehlander and Anderson. Voting no. None. The resolution was duly declared carried and adopted.

Authorize Chairperson and County Auditor to sign the Construction and Maintenance Agreements with NDDOT for SC-4103(055), SC-4111(063), SC-4125(056) and TEO-41(010). (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

KAREN ANDERSON - CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR