

Forman, North Dakota
February 5, 2019

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at the Sargent County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Jason Arth, Lyle Bopp, and Richard Ruch. Also present was Wendy Willprecht, Emergency Manager/911 Coordinator; and Pam Maloney, Sargent County Auditor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Jerry Waswick; and, Jeanne Sexton-Brown, Sargent County Teller; arrived at the meeting.

Ms. Willprecht addressed the Mobile Emergency Management "Incident Command Center" enclosed trailer that is currently in the Emergency Manager's equipment inventory. She requested that the trailer be removed from the EM inventory/responsibility as the Emergency Manager's department has no ongoing need for it, and has not used the trailer for several years. Motion to transfer the trailer from the Emergency Manager's inventory of equipment to the county's general inventory of vehicles and equipment, and to include it on the vehicle checkout calendar for use by any county department, as needed. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. It was the consensus of the commissioners that the trailer was not to be used for storage purposes by any department.

Ms. Willprecht also reported that she had attended a meeting of the Sargent County Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC), which Kent Thoreson of Interstate Engineering, working on the update of the County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, also attended. This meeting will be the first in-kind step taken to pay down Sargent County's 25% responsibility for the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update grant.

Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; arrived at the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Andy Seyer and Steve Ringdahl, Verner Township Supervisors, arrived at the meeting, to discuss 2 miles of township road between Section 19/30 and 20/29. These 2 miles connect to a Dickey County road that enters the east side of the City of Oakes and serves a major grain handling facility there. The 2 miles of Verner Township road handle a substantial amount of heavy truck traffic going to and from the grain handling facility in Oakes. There is currently an agreement in place between Verner Township and Sargent County by which the county blades the road and provides snow removal; and the county and township share the cost of the gravel 50/50. They reported that, in their opinions, those two miles are not being bladed as often as they should be. They also requested traffic counts on those two miles, as well as the two miles on County Road #1 past Lysle Coleman's. There was discussion on turning over the two miles of township road to the county. The State's Attorney was asked to research the process of adding a road to the county road system for discussion and consideration at a future meeting. The existing agreement will continue until and unless a mutually agreeable change is made.

Brenda Peterson, Health Unit Administrator; arrived at the meeting to talk about the ND Substance Abuse Prevention Community Grant which had been awarded to the county. The grant contract runs October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. She would like permission to approve a prevention coordination bonus to Briana Spellerberg, Tobacco Coordinator, at a rate of \$750/month, as long as grant funds are available. Tobacco prevention goes hand in hand with the substance abuse prevention work that is needed to build capacity and maintain an active coalition. Compensation payments of this type have previously been made to sheriff's department personnel from grant funds obtained for specific purposes by the sheriff's department. Motion to approve a prevention coordination bonus to Briana Spellerberg, Tobacco Coordinator, at a rate of \$750/ month, as long as grant funds are available, retroactive to January 1, 2019. (Waswick/Ruch) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Approve January 22, 2019 meeting minutes as corrected. (Bopp/Ruch, unanimous)

Discussion was held on the police contracts with Milnor and Gwinner cities. Motion to approve the 2% increase proposed by the sheriff for each city contract. (Anderson/Waswick) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. It was also requested that the state's attorney review the current contracts.

There was discussion on snow removal on roads and bus routes. Commissioner Waswick had received a complaint from a school bus driver which he had followed up with Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor, and Virgil Nogowski, Assistant Road Supervisor. It was suggested that the road supervisor coordinate with the school bus routes as best as can be done, but with approximately 280 miles of County roads, and

only five employees, it takes a while to get a snowplow over them. The snowplows can travel at about 25 mph, and it takes from 2 to 4 passes to clear the snow from the roads, with a full crew running it takes 7 hours or more. This is just one of those years where we're fighting Mother Nature, and she's a tough opponent.

Applications for appointment to 2 positions on the Sargent County Water Resource Board (WRB) had been received from incumbent WRB members Todd Stein and Michael Wyum. There were no other applications. Motion to re-appoint Todd Stein and Michael Wyum to the Sargent County Water Resource Board, term ending February 10, 2022. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Re-appoint Karen Anderson, Havana to the Dickey-Sargent Housing Authority for a 5 year term. (Waswick/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Brian Tayer, Sargent County Ambulance Coordinator-Milnor Squad; & Marwood Klein, Sargent County Ambulance Coordinator-Forman Squad; arrived at the meeting. Mr. Tayer reported that they had 117 runs in 2018 with about \$90,000 in patient revenue. He stated that things are running smoothly, but that they are always looking for additional staff. Mr. Klein reported that he has had 102 runs. The Forman Squad has 4 EMT's, 1 paramedic, 3 1st responders and 3 drivers on staff. The squad is still waiting on getting their ambulance back from its remounting, which should be within the month. Commissioner Anderson asked if funds would be needed from the county. Mr. Klein stated that they might need some funds, but that the county would be paid back as CD's mature.

Motion to appoint Lyle Bopp, VSO portfolio carrier; to the ND Cares Steering Committee, to replace Mike Walstead, outgoing commissioner. (Anderson/Ruch) Upon roll call vote: Yes – Anderson, Arth, Ruch & Waswick. No – None. Abstain – Bopp. Motion carried.

Approve 2019 Sargent Seniors Council Contract, which was reviewed by the States Attorney and conformed to prior contracts. Authorize Chairman to execute the same. (Anderson/Ruch) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Approve Games of Chance Permit SC-2019-01 to Rutland Sportsman's Club, Rutland, ND for a raffle board on February 9, 2019 at Rutland Sportsman's Club Trap Grounds in Rutland Township. (Ruch/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept Sheriff's Deputy David Kozok's letter of resignation from the Sargent County Sheriff's Department effective January 31, 2019. Deputy Kozok had provided Sheriff Paeper with the standard 2 weeks notice prior to the effective date of his resignation. (Waswick/Ruch) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to transfer ownership of computer equipment currently located in the Bopp Law Office building to Bopp Law Office in exchange for back rent/cell phone reimbursement owed to Bopp Law Office. The state's attorney was requested to draw up a memorandum of agreement for this exchange. (Anderson/Waswick) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Anderson, Arth, Ruch and Waswick. No – None. Abstain – Bopp.

Motion to approve removal of inventory items listed from county inventory: 80010-desk; 355-Caramate-Singer; 2796-drive; 134-calculator; 3024-docking station; 2308-copier; 1045-projector screen; 1779-projector screen; 1366-chair; 80079-desk; 2895-scanner; 1114-humidifier; 2304-desk; 1933-FEMA trailer (formerly Silver Lake Park office); and these items which have no inventory numbers: 6 keyboards with mice; 5 monitors; spare network card; copier; printer; chairs; bookshelf; miscellaneous cables; boat dock; tri-fold display w/case; & desk mount LCD arm. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. These items will be offered for sale at silent auction of surplus property set for February 19, 2019. Bids to be opened at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

JASON ARTH – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PAM MALONEY – COUNTY AUDITOR