

Forman, North Dakota
February 6, 2007

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Jerry Waswick, Maurice Orn, Steve Wyum, Mike Walstead, and Bill Anderson. Absent: none.

Approve January 16, 2007, minutes as corrected. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous). Approve January 23, 2007 minutes as corrected. (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous).

Approve payment of following bill: (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous)

56592 Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center Final 50% 2006 Agreement \$37,500.00

After review and discussion of Milnor Police Contract, motion to apply 3.5% cost of living allowance as per contract provisions to commence on January 1, 2008, and authorize County Auditor to exercise provisions of contract to apply COLA on an annual basis. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous).

Julie Hassebroek, Extension Service, Lisa Dawson and Candy Hansen, staff members, presented "Fish Philosophy in the Workplace" which is a program to improve workplace performance and efficiency by promoting greater job satisfaction among employees. The Extension Service will present the program to all County employees.

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Sparky Engquist, Road Supt., Mark Breker and Roger White, Sargent County Water Board, met to discuss Bridge 127-20. After lengthy discussion on alternate plans, motion to pursue Alternate Plan #3 to straighten roadway, realign channel and install a box culvert with Interstate Engineering coordinating the project. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous). Bid opening is scheduled for November 2007. The Water Board agreed to participate in 50% of the local cost to replace this bridge. Roger White also expressed comments and concern on installing retention dams in the county.

The Board discussed appointments to two positions on the Sargent County Water Resource Board. The terms of Dan Jacobson, Forman, and Randy Ptacek, Cogswell, are expiring. Dan will accept reappointment to the Board and Randy has stated that he will not accept reappointment. James Bosse, Cogswell, previously served on the Water Resource Board and has informed the Commission that he will accept appointment to the Board. Appoint James Bosse, Cogswell, and re-appoint Dan Jacobson, Forman, County Commission Combined District No. 2 for three year terms on the Sargent County Water Resource Board. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous).

New mileage reimbursement rates for Sargent County will become effective the first of the month following US General Services Administration effective date of adjustment. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous). Sargent County has established its mileage rate at 87.5% of IRS rates recognized by the Federal government. Effective March 1, 2007 mileage rates for Sargent County employees will increase to \$.42 per mile.

Norman Preble, VSO/ Tax Director, discussed valuations and VSO travel.

Adopt resolution to request a "Do Not Pass" vote on HB1420 and SB2331 which would deprive townships and counties of the power to exercise zoning authority over confined animal feeding operations within their jurisdictions, limiting their ability to protect public health, air quality, the water supply and environment. (Wyum/Waswick, Roll call: Aye: Anderson, Waswick, Wyum, Walstead and Orn. Nay: none. Unanimous.) Resolution to be sent to Mark Johnson, Executive Director NDACo, Representatives Pam Gulleason and Bill Amerman, and Senator Joel Heitkamp.

Discussed purchase of Sheriff's vehicle by Gwinner City. Jerry Waswick will coordinate the purchase agreement based on State's Attorney opinion on legality of no-bid transfers between political subdivisions, and a memorandum of agreement approved and executed by Gwinner City and Sargent County.

Approve making Nationwide Retirement Solutions Fund Guard and ProAccount available to Sargent County employees at no cost to the County. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous). Employee participants who choose to enroll in either feature will be charged an annual fee of 1% of their account balance.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m. (Wyum/Walstead, carried).

BILL ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ELAINE D ANDERSON, DEPUTY AUDITOR