

Forman, North Dakota  
February 7, 2017

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: David L Jacobson, Mike Walstead, Jason Arth, Sherry Hosford and Bill Anderson. Also present was Tibby Hinderlie, the Sargent County Teller; and, Pam Maloney, Sargent County Auditor.

Approve January 17, 2017 minutes as corrected. (Hosford/Arth, unanimous)

There was additional discussion on the tractor lease program sponsored by the North Dakota Association of Counties. Green Iron Equipment of Milnor is interested in participating, but needs specifications for the tractor. There will be discussion with Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor, to find out what the Road Department's specific needs/requests are.

Lyle Bopp, State's Attorney, arrived at the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

The board received applications for appointment to the Sargent County Water Resource Board from Donald Rust, Luke Siemieniewski, Brian Vculek & Roger Zetocha. Motion to re-appoint Luke Siemieniewski and Roger Zetocha to the Sargent County Water Resource Board. Terms ending February 1, 2020. (Anderson/Hosford, unanimous) The board has not received a signed resignation letter from Water Resource Board member Richard Engst yet, although an unsigned letter via e-mail has been received. The state's attorney will contact Mr. Engst requesting a formal signed letter of resignation, if that is his decision.

Alison Toepke, Treasurer/Recorder/Clerk of Court, arrived at the meeting. Sargent County has been awarded a court facilities improvement grant. Motion to go ahead with the work approved in updating the wiring in the courtroom and chambers; authorizing Ms. Toepke to coordinate the project; and, directing that the county share of funds would be allocated from the General Government Miscellaneous budget item. (Anderson/Hosford, unanimous)

Jayne Pfau, Assistant State's Attorney, arrived at the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Motion to authorize Dave Jacobson, Commission Chair; Lyle Bopp, State's Attorney; Pam Maloney, Auditor; & Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor; to sign the Maintenance Certification pertaining to County Federal Aid Road Projects. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

There was discussion on culverts on County Road #12 on Drain #7. The Sargent County Water Resource Board plans to inspect, and replace if needed. There is also concern that these culverts are too low. It was decided to contact Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, to have him inspect the area also. The county Road Department's budget will be responsible for 40% cost share with the County Water Resource Board responsible for 60%, if the culverts are replaced.

The county has received an Application for Property Tax Incentives for New or Expanding Businesses from Full Circle Ag, Forman. The application requests a 75% 5 year tax exemption; 80% for year 6; 70% for year 7; 60% for year 8; 40% for year 9; and 20% for year 10; to build a 80 x 160 warehouse with 28 x 40 office lean, bulk seed and liquid fertilizer w/containment – iron clad building in Forman Township, west of the City of Forman and on the north side of ND Highway #11. The facility will be used for distributing seed and fertilizer and will include conveyors, seed treater and automatic program to fill tanks and mix fertilizer. Motion to schedule a hearing on this application for March 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. and instruct Auditor to have applicant publish the Notice to Competitors of Hearing on Application for Property Tax Incentives. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous) The State's Attorney will do some research on the application and hearing process.

Motion to instruct the County Auditor to call for sealed bids in the official newspaper for furnishing supplies for the period beginning April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2018. Bids shall be opened on March 21, 2017 as follows: Gravel (with the stipulation that all graveling be done by October 1, 2017)-11:00 a.m.; Mixing & Drying Blacktop Surfacing-11:20 a.m.; Bituminous Materials-11:25 a.m.; Bulk purchase of 10% Blended Ethanol gasoline, Fuel, Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF), Biodiesel Blend/10% bio-diesel with 90% petroleum diesel or "B10" & LP Gas-11:30 a.m. (Anderson/Arth, unanimous)

Request from Colonial Life Insurance Company to offer its benefits to county employees. The commissioners requested input from the employees as to whether or not they would be interested in this insurance product. The auditor will survey the employees and bring back the results at the next meeting.

Motion to move into executive session pursuant to North Dakota Century Code 44-04-19.1 for the purpose of consulting with the state's attorney regarding the Jacobson settlement. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous) (Approximately 10:10 a.m.) Executive session ended and regular meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

There was some discussion on gravel applied on County Road #1 as the ruts in the road were filled with ice. There was also discussion on the Federal lands Access Program (FLAP) which provides an 80% Federal match for qualified projects. There is a bridge north of Sprague Lake on a Rutland Township Road over the Wild Rice between Sections 34-35 that is in need of replacement. It was decided to contact Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, and Kent Sundseth, Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge Manager, to see if this is a project that would qualify.

Brian Tayer, Milnor Ambulance Squad Coordinator for the Sargent County Ambulance Service, met with the commission to report on Milnor Ambulance Squad activity. He stated that there had been 125 calls in 2016 for the Milnor Squad. Peter Christiansen, Assistant Coordinator, has been training, learning and helping with more of the squad's paperwork. Mr. Tayer also stated that the volunteer staff is great, but the squad can always use more help. He also informed the board that there is an EMS Advisory Board meeting scheduled for Monday, February 13, in the second floor conference room of the Courthouse. The commissioners thanked Brian for his report, and commended him and the squad for their work on behalf of the people of Sargent County.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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DAVID L JACOBSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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PAM MALONEY – COUNTY AUDITOR