

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 15th at 9 a.m.. Commissioners present were Wade Anderson, Mark Breker, Jason Arth, Lyle Bopp and Chairman, Scott Johnson. Also in attendance were Tia Bopp, Auditor; Duane Peterson, Human Resources Director; Tim Faber, Road Supervisor; and Jerry Waswick, Gwinner resident.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended. (Anderson/Breker) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 1st meeting. (Bopp/Arth) Motion carried.

Jerry Waswick was in attendance on behalf of the Gwinner Community Development Corporation (GCDC). The GCDC had purchased a trailer house on a sheriff's sale earlier this summer and were requesting an abatement of the taxes. J. Waswick stated that there were no utilities connected to the trailer and the same was not livable.

LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director, arrived at the meeting and stated that an abatement was not applicable because there were no more taxes due on the property and the GCDC was not the owner of the property in calendar year 2023 so they couldn't apply for the abatement. Additionally, the sheriff's deed transferring the property has not been recorded. The purchase price had been applied to all the back taxes.

States Attorney, Jayne Pfau arrived at the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

The intent is to remove the trailer from the property in Gwinner and ultimately convert it into a stage. It was agreed to table the matter until the second meeting in November to see if the trailer house had in fact been removed from the property before taking any action.

Dustin Hofland from Marshall County Highway Department had sent over a Memorandum of Understanding in regard to a bridge that is owned by Marshall County identified as bridge 46-141-000. Motion to sign Memorandum of Understanding with Marshall County. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Bryce Carlson from the JDA was unable to attend the meeting. He will be invited to the next meeting.

Trent Mahler, Ambulance Coordinator, arrived at the meeting. T. Mahler was asked about the part-time assistant ambulance coordinator candidate if any discussion had transpired regarding benefits etc. T. Mahler indicated the applicant had submitted her application, but no other conversations had transpired. Duane Peterson, Human Resources Director, suggested that the county advertise for the position as a part-time position and work out the benefits portion after a candidate had been selected. Motion to advertise for a part-time assistant ambulance coordinator. (Breker/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion turned to reimbursement of the Gwinner First Responders. While the Commission feels the GFR are entitled to reimbursement, they would like the same to be postponed until next year when the reimbursement funds can be budgeted for.

The Red River Valley Water Supply Project Memorandum of Commitment was discussed. Motion to conditionally commit to 1 csf pending the outcome of Measure 4 during the General Election. If Measure 4 does not pass, the Commission will proceed with the commitment of 1 csf. (Anderson/Arth) Roll call vote was taken. Voting yes were: Arth, Anderson, Bopp and Johnson. Voting no was Breker. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed the bills. Motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$302,813.84 and the bills as presented. (Bopp/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously. Anderson did not vote, he had stepped out of the room.

87584-87585	Job Development Authority	
	Expenses	100,490.00
87585-87586	Weed Control Expenses	43.40
87587-87607	Health Unit Expenses	36,558.32
87608	ND University System	ND Career Builders Loan
		1,416.50

		Repayment	
87609	J&M Printing	Office/Ambulance Supplies	115.71
87610	Dakota Valley Electric	Electricity	1,644.00
87611	City of Forman	CH/Shop Water, Sewer, Garbage	250.10
87612	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	981.15
87613	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	2,551.07
87616	Bank of North Dakota	Economic Development	2,032.04
87623-87634		Health Unit Expenses	14,178.83
87635	Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc.	SCRAM 24/7	100.00
87636	Arth, Jason	Travel	600.75
87637	Avid Hawk	Website Services	45.00
87638	Buckhouse, Scott	Spraying	325.00
87639	Central Business Systems	Copier Supplies/Rental	226.55
87640	Computer Express	EMS Printer/Online Support	1,666.99
87641	Dakota Plains Cooperative	Sheriff/Tax Director/Health Travel	632.03
87642	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone Services	996.36
87643/87644	Election Systems and Software	Election Supplies	2,430.12
87645	Forman Drug	Sheriff Supplies	7.93
87646	Forman Lumber and Fire	Courthouse Supplies	45.22
87647	Gall's	Print Kit	94.98
87648	Graham Tire Aberdeen	Sheriff Dept. Tires	1,168.00
87649	Hayen, LaJuana Anderson	Travel/Training	68.00
87650	IBBG Lawncare	Fairgrounds Mowing	800.00
87651	Information Technology Dept.	WAN Access/Netmotion Auditor/Sheriff/Maintenance Supplies	1,358.00
87652	Innovative Office Solutions	Supplies	1,365.31
87653	Johnson, Bryan	Phone Reimbursement	150.00
87654	Lee's Service Station	Sheriff Vehicle Maintenance	81.00
87655	Loffler	Sheriff Copier Supplies	28.37
87656	ND Assoc. of Assessing Officers	Tax Dept. Registration	50.00
87657	ND Dept. of Corrections and Rehab	Prisoner Board	50.00
87658	ND Dept of Human Services	PB Meds	303.22
87659	ND Dept Of Emergency Services-State Radio	Teletype Rental	120.00
87660	NDACo Resources Group	Smartzone	505.71
87661	ND Attorney General's Office	SCRAM 24/7	215.00
87662	Pitney Bowes	Post Meter	150.00
87663	Ramada	Tax Travel	385.20
87664	Richland County Jail	Prisoner Board	2,890.00
87665	Rutland Oil Company	Sheriff Gas	739.70
87666	Schilling, Samantha	Training/Travel	338.68
87667	The Teller	Publishing Legals/Help Wanted Ads	660.16
87668	Uniform Center	Sheriff Uniforms	181.00
87669	Verizon	Sheriff Cell Phones	240.06
87670	Vestis	Courthouse/Road Dept Rug Service	435.62
87671	Wallaceburh Bookbinding	Binding Newspaper	151.25
87672	Weaving, Neil	CH Floor Polisher Supplies	200.17
87673	Wold, Jon	Carwash, Parade Candy Reimbursement	53.00
87674	A W Diesel	Red Pete #125 Repair/Red Dump Truck #127 Repair	1,279.91
87675	Bear Creek Gravel	CR#3, 2, and Stockpile Crushed Gravel	4,965.95
87676	Bernard Mahrer Construction	CR#12, 14, 2, 3, 5 Crushed Gravel	5,564.72
87677	Bobcat of Gwinner	Land Leveler #109 Repairs	439.31
87678	Braaten, Marshall	Tree Removal, R&R 3, 1 Culvert Repairs	6,000.00
87679	Butler Machinery	Caterpillar Repairs	759.83

87680	Dakota Sales	Plow Truck #107 Dump Box Repair	3,000.00
87681	Forman Lumber and Fire	Sign Supplies	27.03
87682	General Equipment and Supplies	Road Groomer/Wheel Loader/Telehandler/Grapple Bucket/Forks Repairs	8,945.38
87683	Glacier Dust Control	Dust Control	2,535.20
87684	Hansen Lumber and Hardware	Road Repair Supplies	68.97
87685	IBBG Lawncare	Road Shop Mowing CR #14 Seal Coat, Pipe Replacement, CR#10 Hydraulic Study, Bridge #41-132-18.0	100.00
87686	Interstate Engineering	Discussions/Estimates	15,329.46
87687	Lee's Service Station	Gasoline	67.49
87688	Napa Auto Parts	Shop Tools	1,052.85
87689	ND DOT Financial Management Division	Bridge Inspection Share	1,857.42
87690	North Dakota One Call	Locates	12.00
87691	Plunkett's Pest Control	Shop Pest Control	69.44
87692	RDO Truck Center	Mack #105 Repairs	3,539.51
87693	Rutland Oil Company	Road Fuel/Gas	26,808.61
87694	Sign Solutions	Road Signs	219.71
87695	Southside Automotive	2015 Silverado, 2005 Pete, Dump Gravel Trailer Repairs	1,911.68
87696	Team Lab	Crack Filler	992.50
87697	True North Steel	Culverts	20,794.31
87698	Visto's	Shop Supplies	372.61
87699	Walk-N-Roll	Equipment Repairs	1,063.43
87700	Advanced Business Methods	Copier Supplies/Rental	253.28
87701	Dickey Rural Networks	911 Trunks	231.00
87702	Gast Construction	Courthouse Parking Lot Project	279,975.21
87703	Hazard, Amber	Extension Travel	322.63
87704	Interstate Engineering	Courthouse Parking Lot Project	42,595.06
87705	ND Association of Counties	D&A Test	20.00
87706	ND State Radio Communications	911 Fees	19,525.33
87707	Sargent County Treasurer	Extension-Postage	142.83
87708	Visa-Stock Grower's Bank	Extension-Misc	60.25
87709	American Welding & Gas	Forman Ambulance	62.68
87710	Cenex Fleet-Voyager	Gwinner First Responders	168.29
87711	Christianson, Peter	Forman Ambulance	25.00
87712	Dakota Plains Ag	Forman Ambulance	266.52
87713	Forman Drug	Forman Drug	31.00
87714	Lee's Service Station	Milnor Ambulance	101.70
87715	Metr-Billing Services	Forman Ambulance	504.00
87716	City of Milnor-Verizon Bill	Milnor Ambulance	61.95
87717	Oakes Ambulance	Forman Ambulance	209.20
87718	Ottertail Power Company	Forman Ambulance	54.60
ACH	J.P. Morgan Chase Bank	Various Department Expenses	1,810.76

The commission moved to set the sale prices of the properties being offered for sale to the public. Motion to set the sales price at the amount of taxes owed, and the price was adjusted for parcel 27-8396000 down to \$25.00. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to set the hearing for property sale prices to November 8th at 10 a.m. in the commission room, and the sale to November 19th at 10 a.m. in the commission room. (Bopp/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve a road permit submitted by Don Lingen from Southeast Water Users for JBX, LLC to bore under county road 14 in Geneseo. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Wade Anderson as the Commission delegate to the North Dakota State Fair's Annual Meeting. (Arth/Bopp). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to sign and pay Progressive Estimate No. 3 for the Courthouse Parking Lot Reconstruction and Lighting project. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Road right-of-ways were discussed. The road department will look for any right of ways that are being used improperly and will bring the information back to the commission for discussion and next steps.

Commissioner Anderson brought up the condition of the health department building, It is getting to be a real safety concern and the commission needs to look at a resolution.

Discussion was held regarding some trucks that are transporting rocks that have been stopped and found to be overweight.

Motion to authorize the signing of a response letter to the NDDOT Highway/Rail Crossing Manager. (Bopp/Anderson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming dates were discussed.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, asked whether truck speed limits had been set to 55 on paved roads. A review of last fall's minutes will be done to see what was determined last year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48.

SCOTT JOHNSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP – COUNTY AUDITOR