

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. on August 20th with the following members present: Scott Johnson, Wade Anderson, Lyle Bopp and Jason Arth. Also present were Tia Bopp, County Auditor, and Duane Peterson, Human Resources Director. Absent was Mark Breker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order.

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

Motion to approve minutes from the August 6th meeting. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried.

States Attorney Pfau arrived at the meeting at 9:02 a.m..

Discussion around the gold car windshield recall. Employees are able to use the car at their own discretion. They can use their personal car and get reimbursed mileage if they choose.

It was decided that retired Auditor, Pam Maloney, will be paid as a temporary employee versus a contract employee.

A bill was presented from the DOT/Federal Highway Administration. Auditor Bopp stated no one was aware what it was from. More investigation is needing to take place.

It was decided to have the 5 County Meeting at the Lariat Bar on October 10th.

The Living Local App that was previously discussed is going to be allowed to expire in Novmeber as the cost will then be \$750/year. Motion to allow for the expiration of the Living Local App. (Anderson/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Richard Ruch arrived at the meeting at 9:11 a.m..

Motion to publish weed mowing notice with a deadline of October 1st. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on a letter received regarding grant funds from the NDDOT. Chairman Johnson will follow up with Damon DeVillers from Interstate Engineering to see if we have any projects that may qualify for the grant.

Discussion turned to the parking lot. There is some sinking and curving in relation to the retaining wall that will need to be addressed.

Discussion regarding some road repairs needed as a result of a drain tiling company.

The Commission began reviewing the bills.

Michael Mahrer, Bernard Mahrer Construction (BMC), arrived at the meeting at 9:38 a.m..

A short recess was taken. Upon reconvening Tim Faber, Road Supervisor arrived at the meeting.

87269-87273		Milnor Ambulance Expenses	1,048.40
87308		JDA Expense	2,833.34
87310	City of Forman	Water/Sewer/Garbage	216.43
87311	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	1,418.09
87312	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	2,782.03
87315	Faber, Tim	2003 Enclosed Trailer	7,000.00
87316-87331		Health Unit Expenses	3,163.71
87332		Health Unit Expenses	5,000.00
87333	Wex Health Fees	Admin Fee	22.75
87341-87342		Weed Control Expenses	41.00
87368	AMS, Inc	GPS Rental	100.00
87369	Avid Hawk	Website Services	45.00
87370	Cenex Fleet Card	Sheriff//Treasurer/Health Travel	121.67
87371	Computer Express	HR Printer/Onsite Support	2,072.95
87372	Crossroads Electric	Install outlet Courthouse/Repair	1,280.65

		Lights	
87373	Dakota Water Solutions	5 Gal Water Jugs	136.00
87374	Farm & Home Publishers	2024 Plat Books	314.65
87375	Forman Drug	Custodial Supplies	3.63
87376	Forman Lumber	Courthouse Custodial Supplies	329.30
87377	Gordy's Grill & Fill	Sheriff Carwashes	120.00
87378	Halmrast, Sharon	Auditor Visions Training Per Diem	44.00
87379	Hayen, Lajuana	Tax Travel- SBOE/NDAAO Conference	424.77
87380	Holiday Inn- Fargo	Auditor Conference Lodging	192.60
87381	IBBG Lawncare	Fairgrounds June Mowing/ Spraying	1,280.00
87382	Information Tech. Dept.	Wan Access/Netmotion	1,481.60
87383	Innovative Office Solutions	Auditor Stamps/Courthouse Supplies	434.21
87384	Johnson, Scott	Commissioner Mileage Reimbursement	322.44
87385	Johnson, Margie	St. Att Cellphone Reimbursement	320.65
87386	Lexis-Nexis Matthew Bender	ND Century Code Updates	164.61
87387	Loffler Companies, Inc.	Sheriff Copier Charges	16.13
87388	Minn-Kota Communications	Phone Calling Tree service	62.50
87389	NDACo Resources Group	SmartZone/Backup	505.71
87390	Office of Attorney General	SCRAM 24/7	155.00
87391	Otis Elevator Company	Elevator Service Contract/ Maintenance	11,168.32
87392	Pfau, Jayne	St. Att Cellphone/ Computer Apps	935.26
87393	Pitney Bowes	Postal Meter Ink Cartridge	182.58
87394	Ramada, Bismarck	Tax- NDAAO Conference Lodging	288.90
87396	Sidwell Company	Tax- Landuse Delineation Program	7,616.90
87397	Southside Automotive	Vehicle Maintenance	792.63
87398	The Teller	Publishing Legals/Help Wanted Ads	1,129.68
87399	Universal Services	T/R/CoC Ink Cartridges	446.50
87400	Verizon Wireless	Sheriff MiFi Cards	240.06
87401	Vestis	Courthouse Rug Service	416.91
87402	Weaving, Neil	Courthouse Deadbolt	47.00
87403	Wild Rice Soil Conservation	Extension Rent July & August	1,100.00
87404	Willprecht, Wendy	CERT Training Bismarck Mileage	280.06
87405	Wold, Jon	Sheriff Per Diem NDASRO Conference/ Prisoner Transport Meal	166.55
87406	Yagow, Cindy	T/R/CoC Meeting Valley City Mileage	97.82
87407	Braaten, Marshall	Install Culverts Collapse Hall Township	92,267.32
87408	A W Diesel Service	Equipment Repair #125 PB Semi	5,697.46
87409	Bear Creek Gravel Co.	Gravel Only Cty # 1,2,4,4A & Fairgrounds	10,514.35
87410	Bernard Mahrer Construction	CR#1,3,4A,5,6,10, 14 & Fair Gravel Only	3,781.73
87411	Bobcat of Gwinner	Pallet Fork	452.00
87412	CHS_Dakota Plains	Road Weed Killer	52.50
87413	Faber, Tim	Reimburse Fuel #105, Car Wash #101	218.99
87414	Gast Construction Co. Inc.	Courthouse Parking Lot Project	90,120.00
87415	Hansen's Lumber & Hardware	Road Sign Material & Supplies	194.75
87416	IBBG Lawncare, Inc.	July Mowing Road Shop	300.00
87417	Lee's Service Station	#104 Hoist Repair/County Car Serviced	1,310.29
87418	Mid-States Equipment & Supply	Road- 55 Gal Maxwell Gap Primer	2,598.75
87419	ND Financial Management	Bridge Inspection/Load Rating Service	2,799.48
87420	Rutland Oil Company	Road Fuel & Gasoline	10,885.27
87421	Sign Solutions	Various Road Signs	2,779.07
87422	Southside Automotive	#105 Valve & Wheel Repair/Packer Repairs	9,748.69
87423	TrueNorth Steel	Replacement Culverts Hall Township	26,315.36
87424	Vestis	Road Cleaning Service	241.59
87425	Visto's Carquest	Road Shop Tools/ATV Sprayer	871.51

87426	Western Dakota Energy Assoc.	County Truck Permit Dues	500.00
87427	Dickey Rural Networks	911 Trunks	231.00
87428	Gwinner First Responders	2024 Allocation	6,500.00
87429	NDSU Ag Budget Office	Extension Salary 3rd Quarter Seykora	6,954.14
87430	Oakes Ambulance Service	2024 Allocation	21,635.92
87431	Paeper, Travis	Food Assistance Reimbursement	44.04
87432	SC Ambulance Forman Unit	2024 Allocation	5,000.00
87433	SC Ambulance Milnor Unit	2024 Allocation	5,000.00
87434	Sargent County Treasurer	Ext-Postage	30.44
87435-87443		Milnor Ambulance/Gwinner First Responders Expenses	2,092.06
87444	Rutland Oil Company	Sheriff Gas Gwinner Tank Fill	1,294.30
87446-87458		Health Unit Expenses	2,663.97
87459	Butler Machinery	Road Grader Service Contracts	783.10
87460	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	948.11
87461	DOT Financial Highway Admin	ND Flap Project Contract	4,045.00
87462	US Postal Fulfillment Service	Stamped Envelopes	2,652.60

T. Faber was present with M. Mahrer to discuss letting BMC out of their contract. With all the rain we have received, they are struggling to get gravel made and hauled. M. Mahrer also indicated with the \$55,000 penalty he wanted to get ahead of the situation by discussing this now with the Commission. Motion to allow Mahrer Construction out of their contract with any future hauling being directed by T. Faber. (Bopp/Anderson) Effort will still be made to get the work done. Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Michael Mahrer left the meeting at 9:55 a.m..

T. Faber stated they have closed White Bridge a/k/a Bridge 41-132-18.0. This was closed due to safety issues with no date for reopening. This bridge is located near Tewaukon Refuge.

Motion to approve an Application for Drainage Work Within County Road Right of Way as requested by Chris Mathias. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

County Road 14 has been opened back up and is slowly starting to firm up.

Speed bumps are on backorder.

Discussion on when temporary help would be done for the season.

Important dates were reviewed. The September 3rd Commission meeting will be at 9:00 a.m.. and meetings will continue at 9:00 a.m.. thereafter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m..

SCOTT JOHNSON, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP – COUNTY AUDITOR