

Forman, North Dakota  
March 1, 2017

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. for a special meeting to consider an amended draft of the Settlement Agreement and Release with former Sargent County Social Services Director Wendy Jacobson. The following members were present: Dave Jacobson, Mike Walstead, Sherry Hosford, and Bill Anderson. Jason Arth was present via conference call. Also present was Jeanne Sexton-Brown, Sargent County Teller; Jayne Pfau, Assistant State's Attorney; and April Bladow, Sargent County Chief Deputy Auditor.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Jacobson. Motion to move into executive session pursuant to North Dakota Century Code 44-04-19.1 for the purpose of consulting with the Assistant state's attorney regarding the Jacobson settlement. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous) Executive session ended and regular meeting resumed at approximately 9:05 a.m.

The Settlement Agreement and Release with former Director Jacobson had originally been approved by the County Commission pursuant to a resolution adopted on January 17, 2017, and had been executed by both parties at that time. However, Ms. Jacobson had rescinded her agreement prior to the expiration of the rescission period allowed, and subsequent negotiations between the States Attorney and Ms. Jacobson's attorney resulted in an amended draft agreement in which all provisions of the original Settlement Agreement and Release remained the same, except for the addition of a provision waiving Sargent County's right to make a claim for reimbursement of unemployment compensation benefits previously paid to Ms. Jacobson by Job Service of North Dakota. After some discussion, there was a motion to approve the amended Settlement Agreement and Release, with all provisions of the resolution of January 17, 2017, remaining in full force and effect. (Anderson/Walstead) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Anderson, Arth & Walstead. No – Hosford & Jacobson. Motion carried.

A motion was made to authorize Commission Vice-Chairman Mike Walstead and Deputy County Auditor April Bladow to execute the document in the absence of Auditor Pam Maloney, and due to Chairman Dave Jacobson's refusal to sign the document. (Anderson/Walstead) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Anderson, Arth & Walstead. No – Hosford & Jacobson. Motion carried.

A copy of the Settlement Agreement and Release are attached to the official minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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DAVID JACOBSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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APRIL BLADOW – CHIEF DEPUTY AUDITOR