

Forman, North Dakota
March 7, 2000

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Lysle Coleman, Don Wehlander, W.E. Smith, Ray Brockman and Steve Wyum. Absent none.

Marian Millerhagen, Project Director, Ransom-Sargent Senior Service Council, Inc. presented the end of the year revenue and expenditure report, annual meals report and mill levy match information.

The Board proceeded to hold a public hearing to discuss a final close out for Milnor C-Store North Dakota Community Development Loan funds. No one appeared and the hearing was closed.

A group of department officials met with the Board to request an increase in the rate of reimbursement for mileage. The Board will consider.

Sandy Hanson reviewed the 1999 Disaster figures for Sargent County. Approximately \$290,000 has been received for public assistance.

Conducted a hearing for Donald & Betty Larson abatement on the East 77' of Lots 3-4, Block 2, Klykken's Add. Gwinner City. The Gwinner City council denied the request. Approve 1998 and 1999 abatement due to error in preparing the deed. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

The Board conducted a hearing on the abatements filed by Janice Totenhagen and David Totenhagen. Vivian Township and Whitestone Hill Township approved the abatements for 1999. Concur with township due to parcels being unintentionally overlooked by County Tax Director. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

Chuck Gates presented an estimate for an Intel Pentium III 500 MHz Processor with a 17' monitor for \$1,483. Approve purchase from Automation and Technology fund. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous) Also discussed utilizing other computers for driver's license site and State's Attorney Office.

Norm Preble received notification from the Office of State Tax Commissioner that he passed Course 203B. A certificate will be issued to him for this accomplishment. Discussed letter from the commissioners, 1999 inundated lands and a step increase for the Tax Director's position.

Approve Special Permit to the Stir'Um Up Bar & Grill for a Street Dance on June 2, 2000. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Approve the Funding Agreement for State funding for clerk of district court services provided by the county in accordance with Section 27-05.2-02(7), NDCC. Based on staffing standards approved by the Supreme Court, Sargent County requires .79 full-time equivalent employees to provide clerk of district court services, which may be adjusted before 6-1-00 to reflect clerk of district court responsibilities related to administrative traffic offenses. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Dan Jacobson, Chairman, SC Water Board, met with the Board to discuss the request from Bernie Vculek to hire a firm to study Drain No. 11. The Water Board has spent many dollars on the drain and they would like to complete the work and see how it works before they have any additional studies. They plan to finish the work this spring as conditions allow.

The State Land Department provided payment for county services benefiting school trust land pursuant to NDCC 15-04-23. This is a 5% fee provided to organized townships in which original grant lands are located for use in repair, maintenance and construction or roads. The total received is \$210.15. Approve allocation of this fee to the three townships, which have school lands based on their total acres. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve one step increase for Tax Director salary effective April 1, 2000 based on successfully completing Course 203B, which qualifies Norman Preble as a county director of tax equalization. (Wehlander/Wyum. Roll call. Aye: All. Nay: none. Carried)

Discussed request to increase mileage allowance. Due to rising cost of fuel, approve increasing mileage reimbursement from \$.25/mile to \$.275/mile effective April 1, 2000. (Smith/Brockman. Roll call. Aye: All. Nay: none. Carried)

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

LYSLE COLEMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR

