

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Maurice Orn, Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, and Jerry Waswick. Absent: none.

Approve minutes of March 2, 2010 meeting as corrected. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous).

Approve March payroll in the sum of \$128,914.18 (nos. 4270-4324 and 62187-62199) and the following bills. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

62049	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	1835.35
62050	Ransom County	VSO reimbursement	665.20
62051-62057		Health Department Expenses	1773.51
62073	NDPERS	Elaine Anderson Health Premium	770.00
62074	NDPERS	Norman Preble Health Premium	424.96
62076	City of Forman	Water/Sewer	165.30
62078-080	Weed Control Expenses		716.16
62081-62098		Human Services Expenses	12829.93
62099	American Express	Credit Card	1019.85
62100	B&K Electric	Repairs	859.50
62101	Mark Bopp (The Snow Man)	Snow Removal	20.00
62102	Brian's Repair & Auto Parts	Parts & Repairs	306.05
62103	Buhl's Inc.	Cleaning Service	152.84
62104	Dakota Mailing & Shipping Equip.	Postage Supplies	116.22
62105	Dickey Rural Networks	Phone Calls	789.84
62106	Dyste's	Supplies	23.23
62107	Ed's Place	Fuel	107.39
62108	Farmers Union Oil Co.	Fuel, Sheriff	766.70
62109	Forman Repair	Repairs	66.34
62110	Gall's	Law Enforcement Equipment	191.66
62111	Hanson, Sandra	Travel	264.00
62112	Hardware Hank	Supplies	67.92
62113	Hoag & Sons	Newspaper Binding	82.20
62114	Imprints Label & Decal	Inventory Labels	205.00
62115	ITD	WAN, LERMS	519.80
62116	J&M Companies	Envelopes	85.25
62117	Jacobson Plumbing & Heating	Courthouse Repairs	4795.42
62118	Kozok, David	Travel	6.50
62119	Martinsen's Home Center	Supplies	556.81
62120	Orn, Maurice	Travel	110.00
62121	Paeper, Travis	Travel	62.50
62122	Preble, Norm	Contract Services	130.00
62123	Quill	Office/Computer Supplies	340.15
62124	Reardon Office Equipment	Correction Ribbons	19.98
62125	The Sargent County Teller	Publishing	247.70
62126	SEL Lumber, Inc.	Floor covering	73.07
62127	Synergy Graphics	Election Postcards	724.30
62128	Universal Services	Printer Ribbons	69.00
62129	UND	2010 Directory of Gov. Officials	25.00
62130	Walstead, Mike	Travel	131.00
62131	Waswick, Jerry	Travel	38.00
62132	AW Diesel Service	Parts & Repairs	556.98
62133	Ekstrom Repair	Equipment Repairs	1125.24
62134	Farm Plan	Tools/Parts	154.83
62135	Kustom Machine, Inc.	Equipment Repairs	616.78
62136	Michael Todd & Co., Inc.	25' Tow Rope	830.42
62137	NAPA Auto Parts	Thermostat	15.09
62138	ND Assoc. of Counties	Annual fee- D&A Test	222.60
62139	Ramkota Hotel	Travel	126.00
62140	Rutland Oil Co.	Fuel	3369.00
62141	Southeast Propane	Propane	563.00
62142	Titan Machinery	Equipment Parts	108.69
62143	Visto's Carquest	Tools & Parts	143.75
62144	Wurth Service Supply	Washers	4.13
62145	Zep	ZEP Dry Moly NC	162.91
62146	Barnes County Corrections	Prisoner Board	325.00
62147	Chunky's Standard Service	Oil/Filters/Washer Fluid	50.50

62148	Comfort Inn	Travel	177.00
62149	Computer Professionals Unlimited	Staff Support	1063.11
62151	DRN	911 Contracts	247.00
62152	Downtown Café	Prisoner Board	6.35
62153	Gwinner One-Stop	Gasoline, Sheriff	568.44
62154	Hassebroek, Julie	Extension Travel	254.50
62155	Lisbon Area Health Services	Blood Alcohol Collection	36.00
62156	McLaen's Service, Inc.	Repairs	1048.06
62157	NDACO	Wireless 911 Service Costs	1038.80
62158	NDCVSOA	VSO Membership Dues	50.00
62159	ND Workforce Safety Insurance	Volunteer Coverage Premium	250.00
62160	VOID		
62161	Ag Communication	Conference Registration	130.00
62162	NDSU Extension Service	Extension/Home Econ. Salaries	14289.00
62163	Oakes Community Hospital	Blood Draw	20.00
62164	Paeper, Travis	M16 Rifle	44.80
62165	Qwest	911 Contracts	191.88
62166	Red River Basin Commission	2010 Funding	960.00
62167	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	2475.00
62168	Sargent County Ambulance	Reimb. from HS Grant	416.81
62169	Sargent County Insurance	Insurance Premium	1828.76
62170	SE ND County Comm. Assoc.	Dues 2010	250.00
62171	Starion Bond Services	GO Bond Payment	82176.50
62172	Universal Services	Office/Copier Supplies	447.00
62173-62181	Health District Expenses		789.49

Mike Sandy, Oakes Ambulance Service, Brian Tayer, Sargent County-Milnor Ambulance Service, Sandy Hanson, EMS Director and Lyle Bopp, States Attorney met with the Board. Mike Sandy explained the Oakes Ambulance Service's request regarding Senate Bill 2050 passed in the 2009 ND Legislature setting parameters for collecting and issuing revenue for ambulance services providing service within a County. Commissioner Jerry Waswick indicated there are actually two issues of concern - funding and service area lines. Discussion followed on the current funding sources and ambulance boundary lines. Mike Sandy stated that he was only requesting funding for the areas that the Oakes Ambulance services in Sargent County. The purpose of the State law was to make the funding fair and equitable, but the language of the statute is confusing, contradictory and inequitable in its application. Board members requested an equitable funding proposal and a map of the service area boundaries. Motion that the Board recommend to help resolve this request that Sandy Hanson, Marwood Klein, Brian Tayer and Bill Anderson work on a Sargent County Ambulance service district proposal including the boundaries and valuation, which would be available in the County Auditor's Office and report back to the Board with a recommendation. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous) Jerry Waswick suggested that the committee work on the area in Ransom County that Milnor Ambulance services and prepare a letter to send to the Ransom County Commission.

Accept and approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding flood fighting mutual assistance. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Proceeded to open bids for furnishing supplies for the year beginning April 1, 2010, and ending March 31, 2011, as advertised. Present: DarWayne Crandall, Crandall Construction, Cayuga and Merrill (Sparky) Engquist, Road Supt. Bids submitted as follows:

GRAVEL: Crandall Construction, Cayuga; Arrowhead Transport Inc., Gwinner; Bernard Mahrer Construction Inc., Rutland; Mark Sand and Gravel Dakota Co., Fergus Falls, MN. Accept all bids. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

MIXING & DRYING BLACKTOP SURFACING: Mark Sand and Gravel Co., Fergus Falls, MN. Accept bid. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous)

BITUMINOUS MATERIALS: Flint Hills Resources, West Fargo, ND. Accept bid. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

GASOLINE, FUEL, & LP GAS: Farmers Union Co-op Oil Co, Lisbon; Nelson Bulk Oil Company, Milnor; Rutland Oil Co., Rutland; Ed's Place, Forman. Accept all bids. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous)

No bids were received for LP Gas. Motion to advertise for bids to be opened on April 20, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon.

The Board reconvened at 1:10.

Whitestone Hill Township Board members, Sparky Engquist, Road Supervisor, Damon DeVillers, Engineer, Interstate Engineering, Inc. and members of the Sargent County Water Board met with Commission to discuss culvert replacement in Section 23-132-56. Mr. DeVillers reviewed the problem at this site and the proposal to remove the existing 6 ft x 3 ft reinforced concrete box culvert due to its deteriorated condition and either add another culvert to the existing diagonal 48" corrugated metal pipe (Cmp) or replace the existing 48" (Cmp) with a larger pipe. Three options were discussed and the township suggested taking out the concrete box culvert and replace with a 36" corrugated spiral pipe (Csp) from north to south and add an additional 48" (Csp) diagonal from the NW1/4-23-132-56 into the SE1/4-14-132-56. A 36" existing culvert on the Gwinner lagoon road would remain in place. Further discussion followed on the scope of the project, cost of the project and responsibility for future maintenance. Mr. DeVillers was instructed by the commissioners to look at the alternate proposals and resubmit an updated proposal for the commissioners, water board and township board to consider. Motion to rescind the motion of October 22, 2009 and replace with a motion to remove the existing box culvert located between Section 14 and 23-132-56 and replace with a 36 inch culvert-removal and installation and cost of the culvert at the county's expense and install a 60 inch squash culvert diagonal between NW1/4-23-132-56 and the SE1/4-14-132-56 with a request to the Water Board to pay 1/3 cost share of the 60 inch culvert and 1/3 cost share from the county for the 60 inch culvert and the remaining 1/3 cost share of the 60 inch culvert from the township. Whitestone Hill Township would be responsible for the removal of the 48 inch culvert, installation of the 60 inch culvert and grade raise to the roadway. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. Cedar Rapids, IA met with the Board to explain their Reappraisal Specifications system to equalize assessments in the county in compliance with laws of the State of North Dakota and rules and policies laid down by the ND State Tax Department. The reappraisal time line, and project cost summary were reviewed with the Board. The total estimated cost to complete the entire project of residential reappraisals is \$163,900. The project would begin in the spring of 2011 and be completed in the fall of 2011 with all reevaluation work completed by February 1, 2012.

Dana Grosgebauer, Gwinner also met with the Board concerning the residential reappraisal project and presented her resume and letter of recommendation. Ms. Grosgebauer is a licensed real property appraiser in North Dakota and certified Class II City and Township Assessor. She is familiar with the CAMA system which the County currently possesses. She described other experience and education she has, and the number of people that she would employ to assist her to complete the reappraisal. She estimates a completion date of December 2012 for the residential reappraisals. She asked about bids for this project.

The Board discussed the procedure for obtaining bids for completing the reappraisal project. An ad will be placed in The Sargent County Teller and surrounding newspapers seeking bids to complete this project by February 12, 2012.

Bob Nelson, Cayuga and Sparky Engquist met with the Board to discuss a culvert issue in the SW1/4-11-131-53. Sparky described Mr. Nelson's concern that the water tops the roadway and washed out the driveway and access to his home. To alleviate this problem, Sparky suggested that the existing 18 inch culvert should be replaced with a 24 inch culvert. Sparky will do an inspection of the area to determine if the culvert sizes are adequate.

Motion to authorize the Sargent County Commission to increase the fee by \$.50 for each line and wireless phone, if needed to adequately fund operation of the 911 system. Sandy Hanson, 911 Coordinator/EMS Director, reported that the fee charged by NDACO for coordinating the 911 system has been reduced, but the fee charged by State Radio for providing the service is going to go up, so it is likely that additional revenue may be required to adequately fund the service. The ballot measure will authorize an increase in the 911 fee, if needed, but will not require it. Lyle Bopp, States Attorney will prepare the language for the ballot. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Authorize the County Auditor to request another permit from the ND Game and Fish Dept. authorizing the shooting or trapping of muskrats out of season to protect roadways experiencing road damage resulting from muskrats undermining roadbeds. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist informed Board members of county roads that are currently closed or under water. Road Dept. employees are working diligently to pump water and make repairs to the roadways.

Approve 2010 Beer and Liquor license for a 2 a.m. closing time to the Galloping Goose Bar, Inc, Dan Bauer, Manager, located in Stirum, ND. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous) Issuance of the license is subject

to verification of corporation name. The new business will occupy the remodeled and renovated structure formerly occupied by the Stir 'um Up Bar.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR