

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Maurice Orn, Bill Anderson and Jerry Waswick. Absent: Steve Wyum. Others present: Holly Jessen, the Sargent County Teller.

Approve March 4, 2008 minutes as corrected. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous). Board members also received the February financial statement.

The commission received a request to cut hay land at Silver Lake Park and decided that the Park Board should address this issue at the Park Board's April meeting. There was also interest in cutting hay at the fairgrounds and that issue was referred to the Fair Board.

Approve March payroll in the sum of \$103,412.78 (#'s1742-1799 &58822-58832) and all bills presented. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous):

58700	Otter Tail Power	Electricity	\$ 2276.88
58701-58712	Health District Expenditures		1157.79
58713	Forman City	Water, sewer, garbage	133.05
58719-58723	Health District Expenditures		3373.94
58724-58725	Weed Board Expenditures		517.65
58726-58739	Human Service Expenditures		11335.08
58741	Alltel	Sheriff cell	127.77
58742	B&K Electric	Boiler service call	50.00
58743	Bopp Law Office	Rent/phone	411.98
58744	BP Amoco	Sheriff-service chg.	2.00
58745	Brian's Repair	Repairs	66.75
58746	Buhl's	Cleaning	189.31
58747	Chunky's Standard	Sheriff repairs	42.50
58748	Comfort Suites	Auditor travel	119.90
58749	Dacotah Paper	Supplies	69.71
58750	Shannon Mehrer	Auger repairs	150.00
58751	Dickey Rural Networks	Long distant calls	742.17
58752	Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas, repairs	583.39
58753	Forman Repair	Repairs	187.05
58754	Gwinner One-Stop	Gas	222.92
58755	Hardware Hank	Supplies	23.07
58756	Sherry Hosford	Travel expenses	323.50
58757	Information Tech. Dept.	LERMS	75.00
58758	J&M Printing	St. Attorney-envelopes	47.76
58759	Johnson Controls	Repairs	283.68
58760	Joan Lee	Recorder travel	81.00
58761	Martinsen Home Center	Repairs, tools	375.38
58762	McKenzie County Recorder	Microfilm reader software	150.00
58763	Minnkota Comm.	Phone repair	98.00
58764	NDAC	Sheriff-Special Operations	400.00
58765	ND Recorders Assn.	Dues	50.00
58766	Allen Nelson	Assessor Per Diem/Travel	38.95
58767	NW Iron Fireman	Auger repairs	2681.30
58768	Office Max	Treas.-paper	134.97
58769	Maurice Orn	Travel	125.55
58770	Prairie Printing	Website Project-DES	2879.95
58771	Norman Preble	Travel	67.00
58772	Quill	Election/office supplies	372.81
58773	Roger's Plumbing	Repairs	61.00
58774	Sargent County Teller	Publishing	286.20
58775	Sargent County Treasurer	Postage, envelopes	2575.90
58776	Simplex/Grinnell	Fire Extinguishers	683.00
58777	Streicher's	Deputy boots	192.98
58778	TON Construction	Auger repair	875.00
58779	US Express	25.75T coal	2094.75
58780	Universal Services	Ribbons	25.00
58781	UND	Directory of Govt. Officials	25.00
58782	Mike Walstead	Travel	45.00
58783	Jerry Waswick	Travel	18.00
58784	Wurth Service Supply	Repairs	1.92
58785	Steve Wyum	Travel	77.40

58786	AW Diesel Service	Repairs	244.45
58787	Butler Machinery	Repairs	537.57
58788	Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	175.59
58789	Ennen Repair	Repairs	2600.00
58790	Fargo Parts	Repairs	73.47
58791	Forman Drug	Supplies	3.95
58792	K&B Distributing	Tools	40.00
58793	Kustom Machine	Sprocket	75.00
58794	O'Day Equipment	Pump hose	159.20
58795	Praxair	Repairs	45.00
58796	Ray-Mac	Repairs	11.38
58797	RDO-Power Plan	Repairs	625.57
58798	Rutland Oil	Nozzle	85.50
58799	SC Water Resource	40% Culvert/Rock	1113.00
58800	Sweeney Bros.	Repairs	
552.24			
58801	Welton's Tire	Repairs	120.00
58802	Barnes Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	2685.00
58803	Cass Co. Treasurer	Juvenile Detention	310.00
58804	Computer Professionals	Technical support	906.07
58805	Dickey Rural Networks	911 Contracts/changes	287.00
58806	Julie Hassebroek	Travel	684.70
58807	HP Company	50% Mtn. Contract	389.50
58808	Information Technology	WAN/software	640.15
58809	ND VSO Assn	Dues	40.00
58810	Extension Ag & Nat.Res.	Registration	55.00
58811	NDSU	Dues	55.00
58812	Official Payments	ASP Services	165.00
58813	Qwest	911 Contract	191.88
58814	Starion Bond Services	GO Bonds Principal, Int., Fees	79948.00
58815	Verona Community Center	Agro-Terrorism Hall/Dinners	700.00

Jerry Waswick presented an update on a meeting regarding encroachment on county roadways he and Maurice Orn had attended on Thursday, March 6 in Valley City. Dave Leftwich, ND-DOT Local Roads Engineer, explained that safety and maintenance are potential liability issues for every county. It is each county's responsibility to be aware of any encroachment concerns on county roadways that have obvious encroachments, such as ruts in ditches and farming on back slopes. It was suggested that county road workers report obvious farming and other encroachments to the Road Superintendent and to the commission. Mr. Leftwich said that most encroachments are on the back slope or back of ditches. It was also suggested that a uniform easement width be established for all County road rights-of-way or all County road right-of-way easements should be designated on a map for reference by County officials, landowners and farm operators. Maurice Orn stated that it would be good to have a uniform easement for all County roads. Some counties have renegotiated easements to have consistency. Lamoure County has taken many years to get a uniform system, but they now have it in place and have a standard easement width for all County road rights-of-way. The matter was referred to the Road Commissioner, Road Superintendent, County Engineer and States Attorney to recommend appropriate actions on the encroachment and uniform easement issues.

The Board proceeded to open bids for Boiler/Mechanical Breakdown insurance coverage. Barbara Anderson, Sargent County Insurance Agency, was present at the meeting with a proposal from The Hartford Company. The Board reviewed the proposal and Ms. Anderson discussed new coverage areas, including: coverage for perishable goods; and, coverage for demolition pursuant to ordinance or law; which had been added to the policy provisions. The premium for 2008-2009 is \$1672.90. There were no other proposals. Accept the proposal from Sargent County Insurance Agency for Boiler/Mechanical Breakdown insurance coverage. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, EMS presented a printout on 2007 FEMA packages. All project worksheets were split out according to townships, and Sandy discussed the procedure which had been followed for requesting the funds. The audit of Homeland Security funds was conducted in Sargent County, and all reports were favorable.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at the meeting at 10:45 am.

Proceeded to open bids for furnishing supplies for the year beginning April 1, 2008, and ending March 31, 2009, as advertised. Present: DarWayne Crandall, Mitch Mahrer and Merrill (Sparky) Engquist. 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. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

MIXING & DRYING BLACKTOP SURFACING: Bernard Mahrer Construction, Inc., Rutland. Accept bid. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

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

GASOLINE, FUEL, & LP GAS: Farmers Union Co-op Oil Co, Lisbon; Nelson Bulk Oil Company, Milnor; Rutland Oil Co., Rutland; SE Propane, Gwinner. Accept all bids. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Executed the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund proxy for Annual Meeting/Election of Representative Director, and direct Sargent County votes be cast for Rod Landblom, Dickinson, ND and Burdell Johnson, Tuttle, ND to the Board of Directors. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

Board members discussed easement requirements on county roadways and encroachments on the roads with States Attorney Bopp.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:05 pm.

Lysle Coleman and Gerald Dill, Verner Township, and Raymond Banderet, Southwest Township, discussed road crossing permit agreements between the Keystone Pipeline and townships, on-going repair and maintenance costs which may result from the pipeline crossing township roads, and other road issues related to the pipeline project. The county commission has no legal authority to get involved in pipeline permits or agreements between townships and the pipeline company. Lyle Bopp left the meeting.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff, reported on police contracts. He presented an estimated cost to the county for a new field deputy in Gwinner, with the city sharing 75% of the cost; and, possible changes to the existing contract with Milnor City increasing the hours worked in Milnor by one-third. He is to proceed with discussions with these cities with the understanding that the County's share of the cost of a new Deputy must be found within the existing budget of the Sheriff's Department.

Via a phone conference call, Wendy Jacobson, Human Service Director, requested that a "Campaign Against Child Sexual Exploitation" resolution be adopted by the county in April, which month has been designated "Child Abuse Prevention" month. This is a serious problem in rural, as well as urban, areas, Director Jacobson informed the Commission. A draft resolution will be drawn up for consideration at the April 1 meeting of the Commission.

Sparky Engquist, Road Supervisor, reported that the bridge across the Wild Rice River south of Cayuga had been removed; and, that County road load limits go on March 24, 2008. He also presented new heavy equipment rental rates compatible with the FEMA rental rate schedule; and, discussed culvert inventory, sale of scrap metal, vehicle usage logs, and the communication between townships and road supervisor on projects.

Approve changes to Milnor City's Renaissance Zone as requested by Jerome Brekke, Milnor Economic Development Director. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous).

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Maurice Orn - Chairman

Sherry Hosford - Auditor