

Forman, North Dakota
March 2, 2004

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Karen Anderson, Don Wehlander, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum and Ray Brockman. Absent None

Approve February 17, 2004 minutes. (Brockman/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve Special Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages to Stir'Um Up Bar & Grill for the Pool League Banquet on March 26, 2004 at Stirum Hall. (Anderson/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve Change Orders for Project SC-4125(056), SC-4111(063), SC-4103(055) and W02-89 for cores that had to be cut from each of the overlay projects that were not included in the original bid items. The increased cost was \$646.02. (Wehlander/Walstead, unanimous)

Patty Carlen, SC Recorder met with the Board to discuss information from the Supreme Court, State Court Administrator regarding the options available to the county for clerk of district court services. The options are: the board of commissioners may elect to enter into a funding agreement for the 2005-2007 biennium to receive reimbursement for providing clerk services or the board of commissioners may elect to provide clerk of district court services at the county's own expense. Approve agreement with the Supreme Court to receive reimbursement. (Brockman/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve submitting a letter to Senator Byron Dorgan endorsing the initiative to create a prescription drug two-year pilot project. The proposal includes allowing our local pharmacists to purchase FDA-approved prescription drugs from licensed pharmacists in Canada and pass the cost-savings along to North Dakota consumers. (Anderson/Wehlander, unanimous)

Endorse Louis Gaukler, Cayuga for his request to serve on the ND Game and Fish Advisory Board. Mr. Gaukler is an advocate of wildlife, active in local clubs, very knowledgeable on wildlife issues, a great conservationist and has a pulse beat of all sportsmen in the area, both resident and non-resident. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous) A letter will be sent to Governor Hoeven.

Lysle Coleman, Crete and Sparky Engquist, Road Foreman met with the Board. Mr. Coleman inquired about graveling projects planned for 2004 in the Crete area. Sparky reviewed the upcoming projects. Some new products are being looked at and a demo will be provided at the next meeting. Mr. Coleman was invited to attend the demonstration at the next meeting. Mr. Coleman would like to see a truck toll fee placed on trucks using the roadway to generate more revenue for repairs to the road. The Board commented that this fee, if implemented, should be a statewide fee and would have to start at the state level.

Brian Tayer and Cindy Leinen, SC Ambulance met with the Board. Brian talked to DVEC about recruiting new members and the guidelines, which have been adopted. Dickey Rural is working on a written policy. The Milnor Ambulance personnel are concerned about covering the Forman Ambulance and the communication between the squads. Also concerned about manning both squads. Brian discussed the meeting with Bobcat and which departments were affected. Cindy has contacted some businesses about getting their employees back on ambulance. There were seven shifts in February that Milnor covered for Forman and three shifts where the ambulance was in Rutland. The Board would like to get feedback from the squads for the future of the two ambulance services. A meeting was scheduled for April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Merle Schrank, Forman and Norm Preble, Tax Director, met with the Board to discuss an Application for Abatement or Refund of Taxes filed by Mr. Schrank on a mobile home located in Cogswell. The Cogswell City Council denied the abatement. The mobile home is not livable and Norm recommended that the 2004 mobile home taxes be cancelled and that the classification be changed to a storage shed. Approve recommendation. (Anderson/Wehlander, unanimous)

Sandra Hanson, Emergency Manager, reported on the Dickey County meeting to discuss the resignation of their Emergency Manager. Sandy met with them on February 20 and March 1. They would like her to work on a Temporary Work Agreement with both counties. Dickey County is advertising through Job Service for the position. Sandy made a list of work requirements that she would agree to provide. Motion to make the Sargent County Emergency Manager position a temporary full-time position with 20% time allowed for Dickey County and Dickey County sharing in 20% of all costs associated with this position including expenses directly related to Dickey County at state rates. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous) Motion contingent upon acceptance from Dickey County and notification to Sargent County. Sandy provided information on the 2004 Homeland Security Grant projected funds - \$92,992.15 for general purposes and \$34,447.92 for law enforcement.

The monies can be used for planning, training, equipment and exercises, information sharing, target hardening, threat recognition, intervention activities and interoperable communications.

The Board received an application from Waste Management of North Dakota, Inc. to obtain a Title V Permit to Operate for a Municipal Solid Waste Landfill located in Sargent County. A public comment period has been scheduled from March 1-31, 2004 and a copy of the application is on file in the Office of the County Auditor.

The Board proceeded to open bids to purchase the county's 1993 John Deere F725 lawn mower. Bids were received from DOCS for \$3636 and Kenneth Quam for \$2750. Accept cash bid from DOCS for \$3636. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve purchase of 2004 John Deere F725 front mower with a 54" deck from Nelson Implement, Milnor for \$6680. (Walstead/Wehlander, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff met with the Board to discuss deputy probation, requesting a 60-day extension and present a board of prisoners contract. Approve 60-day extension of probation for Todd Hardy. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous) Approve Board of Prisoners contract with Richland County for \$45 per day. (Brockman/Anderson, unanimous)

Julie Hassebroek, Extension Agent, met with the Board to inform them that 24 county employees are signed up for the computer classes scheduled for March 15 and 16. Power Point and digital camera training will be presented. Discussed 2004 Horse Expo Bus Tour and approved out-of-state travel for Lisa Knox, Extension Office as an alternate to the Horse Expo Bus Tour in St. Paul the end of April. (Walstead/Wehlander, unanimous)

Discussed repairs to Main Street Building including paneling and new carpet and some patch work. Two estimates were received. Accept low estimate from Martinsen's for \$3292 and instruct Mike Walstead to proceed with repairs. (Wehlander/Walstead, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

STEVEN R. WYUM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR