

Forman, North Dakota
March 2, 2010

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 February 16, 2010 meeting as corrected. (Orn/Wyum unanimous)

The Board received notification from the North Dakota Department of Commerce that the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application submitted by Sargent County to replace the courthouse heating system had been denied. The State Energy Engineer found that the project did not meet the 10 year simple payback requirement. The Department of Commerce anticipates receiving an extension from the Department of Energy regarding unused funds and they encouraged Sargent County to consider resubmitting a revised application.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney and Jacque Dotzenrod, the Sargent County Teller arrived at the meeting.

Mike Walstead, Courthouse Commissioner reported that he and Trent Nelson removed the ash from the boiler room and will have a community service worker clean other areas in the boiler room.

Mike Walstead reported that Air Mechanical fixed the leak in the boiler but the boiler is cracked and rusted out on the bottom and needs to be replaced. Air Mechanical is looking over the grant application and agreed to prepare a revised version for resubmission.

Discussed placing the 911 fee increase on the June Primary Election ballot. Tabled until additional information is received from Sandy Hanson, 911 coordinator.

The Board instructed Sherry Hosford, County Auditor to schedule a non-agenda employee meeting for Tuesday, April 6th at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room.

Vanguard Appraisals, Inc., Cedar Rapids, IA and Dana Grosgebauer, Gwinner are scheduled to meet with the commissioners and Sandy Hanson at the March 16th meeting to discuss the county reappraisal of residential properties.

Lyle Bopp inquired about proceeding with a hearing on the Home Rule Charter. The Board agreed that the committee should meet to discuss the charter.

The Office of the State Court Administrator, Supreme Court, contacted the Sargent County Commission requesting a decision on providing clerk of district court services for the county. A motion to enter into a funding agreement with the state for the 2011-2013 bienniums's to receive reimbursement for providing clerk services based on .64 fulltime equivalent. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

The Board placed a phone call to Lonnie Hoffer, Disaster Recovery Chief, ND Emergency Services seeking his advice on whether Sargent County should declare an emergency at this time. Mr. Hoffer recommended that the county make the declaration which will allow the county federal assistance.

Adopt and declare the following Declaration of Emergency for Sargent County in consideration of the information presented and authorize the chairman to proceed with the necessary paperwork. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous):

Declaration of Emergency Sargent County

Whereas, Sargent County as well as many portions of ND and The Great Plains region of the United States have had weather conditions beginning last fall and right through the winter of 2009/2010 that have set up a very strong possibility for spring flooding in the entire region;

Whereas, Wet conditions moving into October 2009 with over average rainfall in October 2009 has left Sargent County potholes, sloughs, and natural low lying areas, natural and legal drains in full or almost full status, with no or little room for spring melt, runoff, and additional spring moisture that could be received,

Whereas, The ground is currently saturated and we do not anticipate a lot of moisture being absorbed into the soil at this time.

Whereas, conditions for a slow spring thaw, with little or no moisture, culverts opening and working, and other weather related conditions that control the overland flooding for Sargent county at this time is not within our means to anticipate.

Whereas, Because of the conditions stated above, at this time Sargent County overland flooding is in a dire situation;

Whereas, Sargent County, the Communities, and the townships, feel that the impact of this anticipated flood will cause damages that are a threat to the health, well-being, and public safety of the citizens and traveling public in Sargent County;

WHEREAS, the County, communities, and townships have began measures of protection and safety for the infrastructure that lies within the boundaries of such areas within Sargent County and that we will exceed the available resources of local townships, communities, and the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the board of Sargent County Commission declare that a State of Emergency does exist in the County of Sargent, North Dakota.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2010 at the Sargent County Courthouse in Forman, ND.

Mike Walstead, Chairman
Sargent County Commission

Gina Hillestad, Treasurer, Recorder, Clerk of Court requested permission to establish a new checking account for the Clerk's Office to administer the new Odyssey program. Discussion followed on whether there are North Dakota Century Code requirements that limit the number of accounts the County can have. According to Cory Wigdahl, ND State Auditor's Office, there is not a code that limits the number or checking accounts. Authorize the establishment of a checking account to the Odyssey System. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Authorize the Chairman to sign the County Federal Aid Contract between Bituminous Paving, Inc., Ortonville, MN and Sargent County for Projects STM-SC-4124(052) and STM-SC-4125(059 on CMC 4124-3.5 miles east of ND 32, East and CMC 4125 – 1 mile north of county line, north; type of work: maintenance bituminous overlay. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD, AUDITOR