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

ND TTT Center will present a workshop on asphalt pavement repair on April 7 in Wahpeton. Registration is \$40 per person. Authorize highway department personnel and commissioners to attend workshop. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

The Board placed a call to Randy Pope regarding changing the scope of work on the upcoming road projects. NDDOT informed Mr. Pope the next bid letting is July 1999. Leave project as is.

Approve minutes and financial statement. (Wyum/Coleman, unanimous)

Received application for Beer and Liquor license from Barry K. Schonteich and Kimberly J. Houle for the Stirum Bar. Approve licenses for the year ending December 31, 1999. (Brockman/Coleman, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting.

Approve County Deed to Anthony J. Fiala, Forman, ND for Lot 7, Block 1, Camp's Addition, Cogswell City for \$1.00 plus specials. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Ray Brockman reported on the Lake Agassiz Regional Council meeting.

Discussed Clerks of Court and new child support enforcement system. The State has begun the implementation of a statewide "fully automated child support enforcement system" (FACSES). The 1997 Legislature directed that this system become fully functional by June 30, 1999, to avoid the loss of federal reimbursements that both the State and counties now receive. The Federal government has dedicated enhanced reimbursement funds to encourage complete conversion of this project. DHS and the federal government will reimburse 100% of regular hours, overtime to staff, as well as overtime of elected officials. Based on federal regulations and NDDHS, authorize overtime pay to Register of Deeds Office employees for time spent to implement the FACSES program. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bills: (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)
36198 Hansen/Ford/Mercury/Lincoln
2 1999 Crown Victoria cars \$37,670.00
Less 1995 trade-in
Construction Management fees 1,242.00

Les Bjore met with the Board and presented an update on the elevator project. He explained some interior changes and the demolition schedule. Mr. Bjore reviewed information he prepared on a masonry and stone study of the courthouse exterior. This would involve removal of existing mortar between bricks or stone that no longer is providing the proper moisture protection. The mortar is removed and replaced and the bricks are tucked and repointed with new mortar. The roof on the courthouse is deteriorated and in need of repair/replacement. Advertise for bids for tuckpointing and roof repair. Bids shall be opened May 18, 1999. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous) Mr. Bjore agreed to be the project manager and prepare plans and specifications for the project.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

W.E. SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD, COUNTY AUDITOR