

March 20, 2001
Forman, North Dakota

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Steve Wyum, Bill Smith, Ray Brockman and Donald Wehlander. Absent Karen Anderson.

Approve March 6, 2001 minutes as corrected. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Julie Hassebroek, Extension Agent informed the Board that they interviewed four applicants for the support staff and recommend offering the position to Heather Hoing, Kimball, SD. She can begin work on March 21. Approve hiring Heather Hoing at a Grade 3/Step 6. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

The Board reviewed an abatement for taxes from Brent & Lisa Janes to reduce a land assessment on his property due to an error. Forman City approved the abatement. Concur with the city recommendation. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Discussed the Sargent County Strategic Plan and Commissioner Smith agreed to spearhead the process.

Steve updated the Board on the meeting held March 19 with Dorothy Person, DMG Maximus to discuss the present job plan versus the Archer Matrix System. The meetings were well attended by employees and much discussion held on implementing the new system.

Lowell Wyum and Todd Stein met with the Board on an abatement filed by the Cogswell Community Association on Lots 10-11-12, Block 8, Original Addition, Cogswell City. The association asks that taxes be reduced on the structure assessment reflecting the fact that the property was torn down and purchased by a non-profit corporation on September 1, 2000. The city approved the abatement. Norm Preble arrived at the meeting and explained that pursuant to NDCC 57-02-08 this allows non-profit organizations that acquire property after February 1st to be exempt from taxation. Approve request for the structure and also include the land reduction. (Brockman/Wyum, unanimous)

Commissioner Brockman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption: WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$223,286.65 from Morris Sealcoat & Trucking received in the bid opening of March 16, 2001 for the Project SC-4100(001) was low bid received.

WHEREAS, this bid is considered reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Sargent County would award to Morris Sealcoat & trucking the contract for Project SC-4100(001) and hereby authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract.

It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the Federal Highway Administration,

Commissioner Wyum seconded the resolution. Voting aye: Brockman, Wyum, Smith and Wehlander. Voting nay: none. Resolution duly declared carried and adopted.

Proceeded to open bids for furnishing supplies for the year beginning April 1, 2001 and ending March 31, 2002 as advertised. Bids submitted as follows:

RENTAL OF HIGHWAY & BRIDGE BUILDING EQUIPMENT: Bernard Mahrer Const., Inc., Crandall Construction, Bear Creek Gravel and Dakota Improvement, Inc. Accept all bids. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

GRAVEL: Bernard Mahrer Construction, Inc., Crandall Construction, Bear Creek Gravel, Nogowski Trucking and Pioneer Construction, Inc. Accept all bids. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

MIXING, LAYING & DRYING BLACKTOP: Bernard Mahrer Const., Inc. Accept bid. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

BITUMINOUS MATERIALS: Koch Materials Co. Accept bid. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

GASOLINE, FUEL & LP GAS: Economy Oil, Gwinner Oil Bulk Dist., Inc., Farmers Union Co-Op Oil Co., Southeast Propane and Gwinner Farmers Elevator. Accept all bids that include bidder bonds. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Sandra Siekaniec, Manager, Tewaukon Refuge, met with the Board to present the Refuge Complex's annual report. Sparky Engquist and Mike Paczkowski were also present. She also discussed a Dakota Tallgrass Prairie Project, which is a partnership program supported by private landowners and USFWS to preserve North and South Dakota's Tallgrass Prairie Heritage. Sandra also announced that she will be leaving the service and relocating to Alaska the first of April. Steve introduced Mike Paczkowski and he asked about installing tile along County Road # 12. Sandra responded that the regional office is concerned about water quality and if the tile is installed it will deteriorate the water quality. The refuge donated a pump to the county and allows the county to pump the water from the roadway. The county could raise the roadway as another option and the refuge could provide borrow from their pit. The road would need a 3-4 foot lift but still could experience problems if the water is at a high level. Mr. Paczkowski will make some additional contacts.

Sparky presented a report including: 1) Proposed County # 2 project that is being coordinated with the National Guard, 2) Estimates for the door on the cattle barn

between \$1700-\$1800-approved, 3) Towns without active elevators regarding road restrictions-leave same as past, 4) Seal coat project-recommend filling cracks on all roads before seal coat-estimate of \$6000-\$8000, 5) Traffic counts on various roadways has been sent to NDDOT, 6) Sign inventory and replacement will start soon, 7) No major problems with spring run-off, 8) Pickup for road department- he is getting information on pricing.

Approve payment of the following bills and March payroll in the sum of \$67,892.72.
(Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

Social Service Expenses		2970.70
40903 Amoco	Travel	49.88
40904 Earl W. Anderson	Guardian ad litem	1058.24
40905 Karen Anderson	Travel	265.20
40906 Barnes Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	810.00
40907 Bits & Bytes	Computer repairs	106.75
40908 Ray Brockman	Travel	286.20
40909 Buhl's	Cleaning service	169.49
40910 Burnie's	Binder	479.91
40911 Patricia J. Carlen	Travel	48.00
40912 CellularOne	Phone service	72.50
40913 Charlie's Body Shop	Decal placement	25.00
40914 Chunky's	Tires	432.00
40915 DOCS	Labor & snow removal	720.00
40916 Dyste's	Supplies	6.85
40917 Empire Feed	25.01 tin coal	1281.76
40918 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas, fuel & repairs	3427.67
40919 Forman Drug	Supplies	4.10
40920 Chuck Gates	Travel	6.00
40921 Hardware Hank	Supplies	259.49
40922 Hoag & Sons Book Bindery	2000 Teller	61.70
40923 Sherry Hosford	Travel	136.00
40924 ILG	Registration	88.00
40925 Lorraine Jacobson	Travel & misc.	325.37
40926 Curtis Mahler	Assessor fee	37.00
40927 Martinsen's Home	Repairs	135.24
40928 McLaen's Service Inc.	Co. car repairs	366.66
40929 Allen Nelson	Assessor fee	34.00
40930 Oakes Community Hospital	Blood alcohol	55.00
40931 Pitney Bowes	Rate update	205.00
40932 Norman Preble	Travel	121.80
40933 Reardon Office	Copier drum	185.00
40934 Remily's	Supplies	3.52
40935 Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	360.00
40936 Roger's Plumbing	Water heater element	63.40
40937 Clerk of District Court	Vital statistics	5.75
40938 SEL Lumber	Repairs	488.84
40939 Southeast Propane	LP gas	367.20
40940 Streicher's	Ammunition	285.90
40941 Stutsman Co.	Data processing & printing tax recpts	810.00
40942 The Teller	Printing fees	316.20
40943 US Link	Phone	11.74
40944 Underground Vaults	Form receipt	1.40
40945 Verizon	Cell phone	33.11
40946 Viking	Supplies	226.44
40947 Florian Wisnewski	Assessor fee	37.60
40948 AW Diesel Service	Repairs	1236.26
40949 Butler Machinery Co.	Repairs	37.59
40950 Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	899.22
40951 General Equipment	Repairs	773.54
40952 Gwinner Oil Co., Inc.	Fuel	1054.23
40953 Huron Culvert & Tank	Cutting edges	2820.00
40954 Kustom Machine Inc.	Repairs	327.18
40955 Liberty Industries	Repairs	955.35
40956 Parts Supply	Repairs	41.41
40957 Oahe Windshield	Repairs	89.58
40958 Ray Mac Inc.	Repairs	62.25
40959 RDO	Repairs	46.27
40960 Sound Off Inc.	Repairs	46.30
40961 Sturdevant's Inc.	Repairs	57.48
40962 American Communications	Printer support	80.00
40963 Brown Industries	Co. Gov't Week	199.50
40964 CPU	Data Processing support	473.03
40965 DRN	Phone service	576.80
40966 First National Ins. Ag.	Premium	16.00
40967 Connie Gulleon	Travel	55.17
40968 Julie Hassebroek	Travel	386.63
40969 ITD	T-1 access	289.52
40970 Interstate Engineering	Services	5582.17
40971 Minn-kota Communications	Radio service	1380.25
40972 NDDHS	FC & Medicaid	1371.52
40973 NDSU	Print shop	12.00

40974	NDSU Ag Communications	Registration	90.00
40975	North Sargent Post Prom	Donation	50.00
40976	Office Max	Supplies	170.65
40977	Qwest	911 telephone	287.86
40978	SC 4-H Council	Supplies	32.95

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

DONALD WEHLANDER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR