

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum, Bill Anderson, Maurice Orn, and Jerry Waswick. Absent: None.

Motion to approve minutes of March 6, 2007 meeting as corrected. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous)

Authorize the County Auditor to request another permit from the ND Game and Fish Dept. for county and township governments to shoot or trap muskrats out of season to protect roadways experiencing road damage resulting from muskrats undermining roadbeds. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous)

Motion to approve sale of the 2004 Durango pursuant to bid received on March 12 for \$11,200 to Gwinner City. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous)

Motion to approve payment of the following bills and March payroll in the sum of \$126,868.83 (#'s 56811-56874). (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

56700 Dickey Rural Telephone Co-op	Phone service	511.30
56701 Otter Tail Power Co.	Electricity	1831.90
56768-56786 Health District Expenditures		3044.39
56788 City of Forman	Water, sewer & garbage	133.05
56790 NDCSW	Registration	65.00
56791 DRT Co-op	Phone service	639.45
56799 Pam Maloney	Mileage-Weed Board	7.80
56800-56810 Human Service Expenditures		5858.85
56875 Adamson Industries Corp.	Equipment-Sheriff's Dept.	1709.65
56876 Alltel	Cell phone service	133.81
56877 Bill Me Later	Supplies	185.83
56878 BP Amoco	Gas	81.93
56879 Buhl's	Cleaning service	188.89
56880 Creative Forms & Concepts	Warrant checks	577.55
56881 Dickey/Sargent Housing Authority	Copies and Internet fees	917.16
56882 DOCS	Snow removal	90.00
56883 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas and supplies	443.05
56884 City of Forman	Garbage bags	100.00
56885 Gall's	Equipment-Sheriff's Dept.	2103.41
56886 Government Mgmt Group	Job Descriptions	1850.00
56887 Gwinner One-Stop Inc.	Gas	165.97
56888 Sandra Hanson	Travel	241.70
56889 Hardware Hank	Supplies	34.27
56890 Hoag & Sons	2006 Teller bound	73.95
56891 Sherry Hosford	Travel	205.60
56892 ITD	LERMS User Fee	75.00
56893 Lexis Nexis	Printing	55.60
56894 Martinsen's	Supplies, repairs and tools	703.80
56895 McLeod USA	Long distance phone charges	168.46
56896 ND County Auditor's Ass'n	2007 Dues	75.00
56897 Allen W. Nelson	Assessor fees and travel	38.44
56898 Office Depot	Paper	73.98
56899 Maurice Orn	Travel	26.52
56900 Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity	1704.44
56901 Norm Preble	Travel	37.80
56902 Quill Corp.	Supplies	105.96
56903 Ramkota Hotel	Lodging	850.00
56904 Reardon Office Equipment	Supplies	129.99
56905 Stein's Inc.	Custodial supplies	284.89
56906 Taser International	Repairs	450.00
56907 The Teller	Publishing fees	213.30
56908 Underground Vaults & Storage	Microfilm storage	2.80
56909 Bureau of Gov't Affairs	Publications	21.00
56910 Mike Walstead	Travel	247.74
56911 Jerry Waswick	Travel	292.68
56912 Florian Wisnewski	Assessor and travel	42.64
56913 Workforce Safety	Volunteer policy	250.00
56914 AW Diesel	Repairs	134.68
56915 ATCO	Repairs	138.05

56916 Berg Auto Supply	Repairs	719.64
56917 Whitey Bommersbach	Travel	92.40
56918 Dyste's	Supplies	8.63
56919 Economy Oil	Gas & fuel	6450.06
56920 Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	789.74
56921 General Equipment	Repairs	5449.74
56922 Robert Gregor	Gravel box liner	50.00
56923 Huron Culvert	Cutting edges	6131.56
56924 Kustom Machine Inc.	Repairs	86.65
56925 NDLTAP-UGPTI	Traffic signing registrations	150.00
56926 Nelson Bulk Oil	Fuel	8248.46
56927 Ray-Mac	Repairs	47.50
56928 Todd's Welding	Repairs	375.21
56929 Tri-County Water Resource	Culverts for Tri- Co. Drain No. 1	22722.23
56930 Welton Tire Service	O-rings	45.00
56931 Wurth Service Supply	Repairs	12.53
56932 Barnes County Corrections	Prisoner Board	2270.00
56933 CPU	Data Processing charges	871.22
56934 Lisa Dawson	Travel	56.16
56935 DRN	911 contracts	255.00
56936 Dyste's	Supplies	3.99
56937 Hewlett Packard Co.	HP Compaq computer & cartridges	903.50
56938 ITD	WAN access & anti-virus	406.40
56939 NDACo	Tech support and 911 wireless	1563.01
56940 ND Nutrition Council	Registration	15.00
56941 NDACo Resource Group	2 Monitors and 1 printer	1019.00
56942 NDSU	Registration	140.00
56943 NDSU Extension Service	Extension Agent and Home economist salary And travel January-June 2007	12263.20
56944 Oakes Community Hospital	Blood alcohol draws	31.40
56945 Official Payments	County website fee	165.00
56946 Qwest	911 contracts	575.64
56947 Radisson Hotel	Lodging	100.00
56948 Ransom County Gazette	Publishing	16.30
56949 Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	1022.53
56950 Starion Bond Services	GO Bond interest	19641.33
56951 Zones Corporate	Software	296.40

The Board proceeded to conduct the second reading of the proposed Sargent County ordinance establishing Requirements for Body Art Establishments. Additional information concerning the effectiveness and enforceability of the ordinance was requested from the States Attorney and the County Health Unit. Further action tabled until April 3.

The Board proceeded to open bids for furnishing supplies for the year beginning April 1, 2007, and ending March 31, 2008, as advertised. Present: Merrill Engquist. Bids submitted as follows:

GRAVEL: Crandall Construction, Cayuga; Mark Sand & Gravel Co, Hankinson; Arrowhead Transport Inc., Gwinner; and Bernard Mahrer Construction Inc., Rutland. Accept all bids. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

MIXING, LAYING, & DRYING BLACKTOP: Bernard Mahrer Construction, Inc., Rutland. Bid was opened.

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

GASOLINE, FUEL, & LP GAS: Farmers Union Co-op Oil Co, Lisbon; Nelson Oil Company, Milnor; Economy Oil, Inc., Oakes; Rutland Oil Co., Rutland, SE Propane, LLC, Gwinner. Accept all bids contingent upon receiving a signature from Rutland Oil Co. on the bank money order. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Norm Preble, SC Tax Director, Harvey and Phyllis Dawson, Brampton Farm Service met with the SC Commission to present an application for property tax incentives for new or expanding businesses.

The Dawson's are requesting payments in lieu of taxes for five (5) years on the construction of a new fertilizer plant located in the SE1/4 of SE1/4-11-129-57 and the SW1/4 of SW1/4-12-129-57. A notice of Competitors of hearing on application for property tax incentives has been scheduled for May 1, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. to consider this request.

A hearing for an application for abatement of taxes filed by Lauren and Brenda Sebens on Lot 31 and 32, Block 27, Milnor City was conducted. Mr. Norm Preble explained the building improvements were granted by the City of Milnor for a five year tax exemption for the Renaissance Zone Project 8-MIL-purchase/dba Sebens Pheasant Inn LLC of the building located at 424 Main St., Milnor. Milnor City approved a full 100% of the five-year tax exemption, not to include special assessments or land, effective January 1, 2006. Milnor City approved the abatement on March 5, 2007. Concur with Milnor City. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous)

A hearing for an application for abatement of taxes filed by Roger and Kenneth Gibbon on Lots 1-4 less northwest ten feet of Lot 1, Block 16, Milnor City was conducted. Mr. Norm Preble explained the valuation of the nonexisting building improvement assessment was included in error and should be removed. Milnor City approved the abatement on March 5, 2007. Concur with Milnor City. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at the meeting. The Board discussed payment of accumulated vacation for Joan Lee as Deputy Recorder prior to her appointment as SC Recorder. Motion to approve payment of accrued vacation up to the time of appointment (June 1, 2006) as per opinion of States Attorney. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Execute proxy for North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund for Annual Meeting/Election of Representative Director and direct Sargent County votes be cast for Richard Aberle, Lamoure County Commissioner, to the Board of Directors. (Orn/Waswick, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist, road supervisor, met with the Board to discuss road department issues. Part time help was reviewed and Sparky recommended re-hiring Tim Gates, who will have his Class 1 license when he returns for work. Motion to approve hiring Tim Gates at \$9.75 per hour. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous) Discussed repairs to the City of Milnor storm drain on Main Street/Sargent County Highway # 10. Motion to approve paying one-half cost of paving repairs up to \$1300 for the paving project on Main Street/Sargent County Highway # 10 next to Pheasant Inn. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous) Sparky recommended changing classifications for Mike Marquette to Assistant Supt. and Martin Bommersbach to Shop Foreman/Head Mechanic. Motion to promote Mike Marquette to Assistant Supt. at Grade8/Step8 and Martin Bommersbach to Shop Foreman/Head Mechanic, Grade7/Step 9. (Walstead. Died for lack of 2nd) Motion to request a CPQ for Assistant Supt. and Shop Foreman/Head Mechanic from Maximus. (Waswick. Withdrawn) Motion to promote Mike Marquette to Assistant Supt. at Grade 8/Step8, effective April 1, 2007 and request a CPQ for Shop Foreman/Head Mechanic from Maximus delivered to the SC Commission no later than April 16. (Walstead/Orn. Roll call vote: Aye: Anderson, Walstead, Waswick, Orn and Wyum. Nay: none. Motion carried)

Approve out of state travel for Julie Hassebroek, Extension Agent to attend the Horse Expo Bus Tour April 27-29, 2007 to St. Paul, MN. (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve removal of the following inventory items and offer for sale: Nos. 1057, 1421, 1745, 687, 1734, 1260. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous) Surplus equipment is sold strictly on an "as-is" basis with no warranty expressed or implied and may be viewed at the courthouse from 9:00-4:30 Monday-Friday. Bids will be opened on April 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

BILL ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR