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

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

Bill Smith reported he met with Malcolm Tenneson, Interstate Engineering, Inc. to review the GIS proposal. He reported this would be very beneficial to the county to prepare the maps with the grid system to be used for roads, signs, bridges, and 911. The commission will decide to what extent they want to proceed and how much money to allocate for this project.

Discussed the possibility of renting an office in the Main Street building to a chiropractor from Britton, SD.

Conducted hearings for the following people for inundated acre abatements filed with the county: Roger Bopp, Mary Orn and Gordon Anderson. The respective townships approved the abatements. Concur with townships due to parcels being unintentionally overlooked by the Tax Director. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

Conducted a hearing for John & Janelle Lotzer abatement on Lot 8, Block 32, Milnor City. The city approved the application. Concur with city. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve continuation with First National Insurance Agency for county insurance coverage. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Proceeded to open bids for furnishing supplies for the year beginning April 1, 2000 and ending March 31, 2001 as advertised. Bids submitted as follows: CULVERTS: Johnston-Fargo Culvert Co. and ND Concrete Products Co. Accept both bids. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

BRIDGE PLANK & CONCRETE BRIDGE DECKS: ND Concrete Products Co. and Wheeler Lumber Operations. Accept both bids. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

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

CUTTING EDGES: General Equipment & Supplies Inc., RDO Equipment Co. and Modern Industrial. Accept all bids. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

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

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

BITUMINOUS MATERIALS: Christianson Asphalt Products. Accept bid. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

GASOLINE, FUEL & LP GAS: Farmers Union Co-Op Oil Co. and Gwinner Oil Co., Inc. Accept all bids and call for low bid at time of delivery. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Colleen Sundquist presented a draft of the brochure for the Elevator Addition Open House scheduled for April 18, 2000. Also discussed program, invitations, posters and lunch.

Sparky Engquist met to discuss road topics. He recommended an additional 30 days probation for Owen McGregor. Approved. Discussed condition of haul roads used in 1999 and bridge projects. He explained the status of the lease with Praxair. Received a request for a road permit from Sulley Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for installation of buried cable along County # 2 & 7 in Southwest, Brampton and Taylor Townships. Approve Road Permit. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous) Tree removal south of Brampton was discussed and other road concerns.

Resa Schmidt and Terese Johnson, Lutheran Rural Response, LSS, explained the programs and resources available for rural crisis. They serve Region 5 including Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele and Traill Counties.

Approve Site Authorization to El Zagal Viking Patrol to conduct games of chance at Stir'Um Up Bar & Grill, Stirum, ND for a period beginning April 3, 2000 through 6-30-00 and 6-30-00-6-30-01. (Brockman/Wyum, unanimous)

Julie Hassebroek met with the Board to discuss hiring temporary support staff for April-July. Julie recapped the balance of the budget including the deficit balance to NDSU. She also provided an Extension work update through July. Approve \$4200 from Extension Agent budget for temporary support staff for said department April -September 2000. A job description shall be prepared and the position advertised with a recommendation for hire from the Extension Agent on April 4, 2000. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous) Received a letter form Richard Bendish, Field Service Representative for Nationwide Retirement Solutions that as of March 31, 2000 the company is eliminating area service reps. Employees should contact the company via the Internet or telephone.

The Board discussed the problem with the stairways in the new addition. Steve Wyum will coordinate the selection of new tile and repairs.

Approve payment of	the	following	bills	and	March	payroll	in	the	sum	of	\$63,476.90.
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3872	Social Service expenditu 5 Airtouch	Cell phone	30.06
	7 Amoco	Travel	59.66
	Bob's Photo	Supplies	166.93
	9 Ray Brockman	Travel	176.75
) Brule Co. Auditor	Prisoner Board	301.00
3873	l Buhl's	Cleaning service	155.76
3873	2 Burnie's	Receipt books	137.31
3873	3 Case & Bopp	Rent & phone	411.98
	ł Chunky's	Travel	49.00
	5 Lysle Coleman	Travel	71.50
	5 Comfort Inn	Lodging	180.00
	7 Dacotah Paper Co.	Paper	281.10
	3 DRC	Telephone	466.38
	Diversified Comm.	Phone repairs Coal	113.00 1326.10
) Empire Feed & Grain L Farmers Union Oil Co.	Propane, gas & repairs	1663.12
	2 FRS Industries	Stamps	109.73
	3 Global Computer	CD ROM kit	110.45
	1 Sandra Hanson	Travel	38.75
	5 Hardware Hank	Repairs	142.49
3874	5 Haroldson Office	Supplies	6.59
3874	7 JJ Keller & Assoc.	Books	83.52
3874	3 Lexis Publishing	Books	123.23
	9 Curtis Mahler	Assessor	35.00
) Pam Maloney	Travel	12.50
	l Martinsen Home Center	Supplies, repairs & tools	181.08
	2 McKeever's	Supplies	41.93
	3 Mary Miller	Guardian ad litem	281.61
	4 Minn-kota Communications 5 NDACo		514.00 722.04
	5 NDACO 5 ND Co. Auditor's Ass'n	CE, WC, Drug testing Dues	50.00
	7 Allen Nelson	Assessor	32.50
		Travel	29.00
) Public Safety Equip.	2 used radar	1916.00
	L Quill Corp.	Supplies	278.19
3876	2 Reardon Office	Supplies	23.94
3876	3 Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	1040.00
	4 Clerk of District Court		4.75
	5 SEL Lumber 5 Streicher's	Repairs	14.52
	7 The Teller	Lens Publishing	7.50 490.85
	3 US Link	Telephone	418.95
	9 Viking Office	Supplies	734.36
) Florian Wisnewski	Assessor	35.50
3877	L AW Diesel Service	Repairs	358.45
3877	2 B & M Tire & Repair	Repairs	22.62
	3 Doyle Equip.	Repairs	291.00
	4 Economy Oil	Gas & fuel	2280.51
	Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	1256.46
	5 Forman Repair	Coupler	7.60
	7 Keller Machine Shop 3 Kustom Machine Co.	Repairs	13.00 17.84
) Lawson Products Inc.	Repairs Tool	283.36
) NAPA Parts Supply	Repairs	2.69
	l Nelson Int'l	Repairs	100.72
	2 Oahe Windshield	Repairs	273.27
3878	3 RDO Equipment Co.	Repairs	283.36
3878	4 Sargent Co. Auto Parts	Repairs	28.99
3878	5 Share Corp.	Repairs	70.97
	5 Town & Country	Tools	158.72
	7 Am. Communications	Computer setup	551.50
	3 Bits & Bytes	Computers	3101.80
) CPU) DRC	DP charges 911	446.25 382.50
	l Connie Gulleson	JII Travel	49.75
	2 Julie Hassebroek	Travel	260.96
	3 ITD	56K	209.80
	1 NDDHS	FC, IV-E & SPED	1102.65
3879	5 NDSU	Salaries, travel & registration	8185.26
3879	7 Office Max	Supplies	39.99
	3 SC Ins.	Boiler coverage	675.22
3879	9 Shea Technologies	Computer	1414.34

38800	Stutsman Co.	DP charges
38801	US West	911
38802	Universal Services	Supplies
38808	Larry Nelson	Labor
	NDDOT	Road repairs

1028.25 288.48 180.00 40.00 699.13

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

LYSLE COLEMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR