

Forman, North Dakota
March 24, 2009

The Sargent County Commissioners met in a special session at 10:30 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Maurice Orn, Jerry Waswick, Bill Anderson, and Steve Wyum. Absent: None. Sandy Hanson, Emergency Management, and Lisa Fauss, The Sargent County Teller, were also in attendance.

Sparky Engquist, Road Supervisor, reported via phone on the condition of county roads and the temporary closing of some miles of #1, 2, 5, and 10. Sandy Hanson provided information on the flooding in Milnor City resulting in a Declaration of Emergency at a special meeting of the Milnor City Council.

Adopt and declare the following Declaration of Emergency for Sargent County in consideration of the information presented and in support of Milnor City's Declaration of Emergency and authorize chairman to proceed with the necessary paperwork. (Anderson/ Waswick, unanimous):

Declaration of Emergency Sargent County

WHEREAS, Sargent County to include townships and communities, have suffered damages to its infrastructure within its jurisdiction caused by spring melting, spring runoff, and rainfall. These conditions intensified due to wet conditions from late fall rains and spring ground frost at the time of our melting and rainfall;

WHEREAS, the impact of these damages are a threat to the health, well-being, and public safety of the citizens and traveling public in Sargent County;

WHEREAS, the costs of repairs, replacements, and safety measures taken for the protection of such areas within Sargent County are exceeding 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 24 day of March, 2009 at the Sargent County Courthouse in Forman, ND.

Steven Wyum, Chairman
Sargent County Commission

Sandy received a response from only a few of the townships and cities to her request for data on snow emergency expenditures from the earlier snowfall and storms. None of these entities reported they had met the criteria of expenses over 200% of the five-year average in February so at this time a Snow Emergency will not be declared unless future snowfall necessitates such action.

Jerry Waswick left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Bill Anderson proceeded to explain the Transportation Enhancement Project for Milnor City. Cities with less than 5000 population must be sponsored by their county in applying to NDDOT for funding while cities with more than 5000 population can apply directly themselves. There is no financial obligation to the county as a sponsoring unit. Approve Sargent County to sponsor the Transportation Enhancement Application to NDDOT for the City of Milnor and authorize the chairman to sign documents. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

ATTEST:

Steve Wyum, Chairman

Elaine D Anderson, Deputy Auditor