

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, David L Jacobson, Bill Anderson, Sherry Hosford, and Jerry Waswick. Also present was Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering; Merrill Engquist, Sargent County Road Supervisor; and Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller.

Approve minutes of February 17, 2015 meeting as corrected. (Hosford/Anderson, unanimous)

Sargent County will receive \$2,595,623 in Surge funding. Damon presented plans and specifications for 3 Surge funding projects with a recommendation to call for bids as one package with 3 separate project bid prices. The projects include: Hot Bituminous Surfacing for Sargent County #14 from 5 miles south of ND #11 south 2.5 miles to the intersection with County #5; Mine, Blend & Hot Bituminous Surfacing on County #2 from ND #13 south 1.9 miles to Crete; and, Mill & Hot Bituminous Overlay on County #10 from ND #13 north 2.5 miles to the Sargent County line. Bids to be opened on Tuesday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. Motion to call for bids as per the engineer's recommendation, with a completion date of September 15, 2015, for all projects. (Waswick/Anderson) Roll Call Vote: Yes: Jacobson, Waswick, Anderson, Hosford & Walstead No: None

Damon DeVillers requested approval of a Change Order on Emergency Repair project CER-4125(062). Motion to approve. (Hosford/Anderson, unanimous)

Jayne Lewandowski, Assistant State's Attorney, arrived at the meeting at this time.

The Board proceeded to open and read bids for the acquisition of One Motor Grader – New 2015 Model or Low hour 2014 Model. Bids were received from RDO Equipment Co., Fargo, ND; and Butler Machinery Co., Fargo, ND. Company representatives were present for the bid opening. Discussion was held concerning the options with each machine in the various bids and possible delivery dates if a machine is acquired. It was agreed that Road Commissioner Walstead and Road Superintendent Engquist would meet to read over and discuss each bid. A recommendation will be made to the commission at the next meeting.

Discussion held regarding Bridge #135-05.0 & 135-05.1 between Sections 25 & 26 over the Wild Rice River in Hall Township. The auditor was instructed to send a letter to Hall Township inviting the Township Supervisors to attend the county commission meeting on April 7 at 11:00 a.m. for discussion of current and future transportation needs; of the condition of the bridges; and, of the availability of funds for bridge replacement projects.

Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor, will contact Dickey Rural Networks regarding the installation of fiber optic communications line at the Sargent County Highway Shop.

Due to changes in components, and to the receipt of insurance money received for a damaged playground slide at Silver Lake County Park, motion to allow an increase from \$48,782 to \$50,893 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Silver Lake Park, previously approved and authorized on February 17, 2015. (Hosford/Anderson, unanimous)

Motion to accept, with regret, Roslyn Amerman's resignation as courthouse custodian as of March 17, 2015. Motion to advertise the custodian position opening with a March 30, 2015 deadline. Employment to start May 1, 2015. (Jacobson/Hosford, unanimous)

More discussion was held on the need or usefulness of a County policy dealing with employees' cell phone reimbursements/purchases in cases in which the phone is used for both county and personal business. Some information was received from other counties, and the auditor was asked to provide information on how much and for whom reimbursements are currently paid in Sargent County. Tabled for a future meeting, after additional information has been obtained.

Discussion held regarding old desktop computers whether they should go on the surplus property auction. All computers should have the hard drives cleaned out by NRG and the computer hardware should be put on the auction.

Cal Jacobson, Jacobson Plumbing, Heating and Excavating, was contacted by Commissioner Waswick regarding removal of the old water cooler from the First Floor, Courthouse Rotunda. The old water cooler is to be removed and the water line capped as soon as possible.

Sargent County's application for a Court Facilities Improvement Grant to install keypad locks for the three general courthouse entrances was denied by the State committee on the grounds that the project

was not specific to improvement of facilities used primarily by the court system. Some discussion was held on whether to install the locks without the grant monies. Courthouse Commissioner Jerry Waswick will obtain more information for the next meeting.

A Non-Agenda Employee Meeting was scheduled for May 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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MIKE WALSTEAD - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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PAM MALONEY - AUDITOR