

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum, and Jerry Waswick. Absent: Maurice Orn, Bill Anderson. Lyle Bopp, States Attorney and Lisa Fauss, The Sargent County Teller, were also present.

Marwood Klein, Ambulance Coordinator, updated the Board on the Wyndmere Ambulance situation. He hasn't met with Bill Anderson and Brian Tayer to discuss the Wyndmere proposal. Marwood was informed that the Wyndmere squad is uncertain of what they are looking for at this time but they are recruiting new members and possibly would be looking for assistance one day a week. Marwood reported on scanning the old handwritten commission minutes. He was unable to proceed with any scanning and is concerned about frequent opening of the books and the fragility of the books and pages. The Board suggested that Marwood get quotes on a hand scanner to complete the job and report back to this Board.

Approve minutes of February 17, 2009 meeting as corrected. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous).

Jerry Waswick asked for a few minutes of time to report on a February 27 news clip on WDAY TV regarding the snow fall on February 26. He read the interview as relayed to the public which seemed to falsely imply that Sargent County had failed to make a snow declaration that would end up making the burden of the cost to the county that would otherwise be recouped with state funds. Jerry further stated that Sargent County did not meet the criteria as set forth by a state emergency declaration to qualify for reimbursement of funds. At this time our budget is not strained beyond any anticipated North Dakota winter weather and in the event that we do meet the criteria or have undue strains on the budget, Sargent County will declare an emergency declaration.

Sandy Hanson, EMS/911 and Norman Preble, Tax Director/VSO met with the Board. A conference call was placed to the Bullberry Systems, Inc. regarding the software and GIS services agreement that was reviewed at the last meeting. Lyle Bopp reviewed the contract and had questions on termination of the contract, ownership of data information, number of licenses and annual support. Following the conference call the Chairman was authorized to sign the software contract.

Norm and Sandy will be meeting with Mark Dagley, Secure Software Solutions (SSS) this afternoon. Four townships are completed with data for soils and another 4 or 5 ready to send to SSS. SB 2052 passed the Senate to extend the deadline to complete the soils information for one year and is now in the House for their consideration. Discussed Sargent County Soils Committee and a per diem for meetings. It was suggested that \$40-\$50 per meeting plus mileage would be comparable to other Boards. Steve Wyum suggested that payment of these expenses be allowed from the Automation and Telecommunications Fund. The Board will make a final determination of the per diem at the next meeting.

Sandy Hanson explained the 2001 audit review for FEMA. She informed the Board that three township sites and one county site were de obligated for FEMA funds for a total of \$1281.19. Approve reimbursement to ND Dept. of Emergency Services for \$1281.19 for township and county unused funds. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

The Board received notification that Sargent County will be awarded a grant for \$20,673.13 to replace nine window mount air conditioners with nine mini-split air conditioners/heat pumps. Completion date for this grant is June 20, 2009.

Steve Wyum reviewed with the Board the update on stimulus funds that Sargent County is expected to receive from the Federal Stimulus Funds for highway projects. The proposed project is the overlay on County # 7 and County #10 with an estimated cost of \$717,730. Federal Aid funds plus stimulus dollars would be utilized with approximately \$38,000 of county funds needed to complete the project. Steve also reviewed the proposed projects for 2009 with county road dept. forces.

Mike Walstead informed the Board that Brenda Schreiner, RN/DON has extended her resignation to March 17th to assist with training. Colleen Sundquist, Administrator, Health District, will be interviewing two applicants for the position this week. Mike is requesting on behalf of the Health District Board to authorize Grade 13/Step 4 if Colleen feels the applicant qualifications warranted a higher step. Motion to approve up to Grade 13/Step 4. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

Meeting recessed at 1:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR