

Forman, North Dakota
March 5, 2019

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at the Sargent County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Jason Arth, Lyle Bopp, Richard Ruch and Jerry Waswick. Also present was Pam Maloney, Sargent County Auditor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve February 19, 2019 meeting minutes as corrected. (Waswick/Bopp, unanimous)

Jeanne Sexton-Brown, Sargent County Teller, arrived at the meeting.

Motion to schedule the annual Employees' Non-Agenda Meeting for Tuesday, April 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at the Courthouse. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussed possible participation in the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF) group health insurance feasibility study. Sargent County may participate in the feasibility study at no cost to the county. The study will look at the possibility of NDIRF offering a group health insurance plan for North Dakota counties and other political subdivisions as an alternative to the North Dakota PERS plan. Motion to approve participation in the NDIRF Health Plan feasibility study, and to authorize the County Auditor to execute all authorizations, releases and other documents required to facilitate the county's participation in the study. (Anderson/Waswick) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Forster, Sargent County Fair Board member, arrived at the meeting. He provided the auditor and each commissioner with a written report of the Fair Board's financial condition following the 2018 County Fair. This report also showed events slated for the upcoming 2019 Sargent County Fair which will be held July 25-28, 2019. It also provided financial information and a description of improvement projects to be done yet this summer. Motion to accept the report and to commend all fair board members for their hard work, dedication and a job well done. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the request of the custodian to purchase a snowblower and lawnmower. Motion to grant Courthouse Commissioner Bopp and the custodian full authorization to purchase a suitable snowblower that is large enough to handle snowdrifts as large and heavy as those which have blocked sidewalks around the courthouse this winter. (Waswick/Ruch) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. A suggestion that a new riding lawn mower be acquired for use on the courthouse grounds and at the county shop was tabled until the park board meets on March 19, to find out when a new mower will be acquired for the park, so the older model from the park might possibly be transferred from the Park inventory to the courthouse inventory.

Merrill Engquist, Sargent County Road Supervisor; Bruce Berg, Butler Machinery representative; & Troy Mahler, RDO Equipment Company representative; arrived at the meeting. Motion to grant Commissioner Lyle Bopp, former State's Attorney, authority to check the bids for compliance with State Law and bid specifications in the absence of Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney. (Anderson/Waswick) Upon roll call vote: Yes – Ruch, Waswick, Anderson and Arth; No – None. Abstain – Bopp. Commissioner Bopp examined the bids and found all submitted to be legally sufficient. The board proceeded to open and read bids for the acquisition of One Motor Grader – New 2019 Model consistent with the county's specifications. Bids were received from RDO Equipment Co., Fargo, ND; and Butler Machinery Co., Fargo, ND. Discussion was held concerning the options with each machine in the various bids and possible delivery dates if a bid is accepted. Both Mr. Berg and Mr. Mahler were given an opportunity to speak and to answer questions from the board. The road supervisor and the road commissioner will review each bid, including financing options, and will make a recommendation for Board consideration at the next meeting.

Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; arrived at the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Motion to postpone the bid opening for the boat docks that have been designated as surplus property that had been scheduled for March 19 until after the park board has met on March 19 and has had a chance to consider the sale and to set a new sale date. (Anderson/Waswick) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held with Road Supervisor Engquist on the advantages and disadvantages of different classes of gravel used on county roads. In recent years Sargent County has primarily applied a modified Class 13 gravel on the County Roads.

Commissioner Bopp reported that the perimeter of the Courthouse dome has been leaking water for some time, and a permanent repair should be found before any further damage is done. He will do some research on how best to handle it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

JASON ARTH – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PAM MALONEY – COUNTY AUDITOR