

Forman, North Dakota  
March 6, 2012

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, David L Jacobson, Mike Walstead and Jerry Waswick. Absent: None. Also present was Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller.

Approve minutes of February 21, 2012 meeting as corrected. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

Motion to schedule a Non-agenda employee meeting on April 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Jerry Waswick informed the Board that the County's most recent courtroom facilities grant application had been approved. The grant will provide matching funds for a walk-through metal detector and a hand-held metal detecting wand. The cost of both of these items is less than \$3,000, of which 75% will be covered by the grant.

Sandy Hanson, EMS/Tax Director/911 Coordinator arrived at 9:15 a.m.

Clifton Brown, Cogswell City Acting Mayor met with the Board to discuss the chronic overland floodwater problem in Cogswell and request that the culverts through County #4 north of Cogswell be blocked to lessen the flow of floodwater into the City until the water drains out of town. There are several factors, in addition to the water flowing through the culverts in County #4, which are contributing to the floodwater problem. The Board suggested that the City's engineer be contacted to review the hydrology of this area to determine if any of the culverts can be closed without violating the State statute concerning Minimum Stream Crossing Standards. Mr. Brown also asked if the water can be diverted down the east side road ditch of County 4. Chairman Anderson requested that Road Commissioner Walstead, Road Supt. Sparky Engquist, and County Engineer Damon DeVillers, look at the situation and consider the possibility of diverting water away from the City by directing it down the east side of County #4. The capacity of existing culverts through the CP railroad right of way and ND Highway #11 would also have to be considered.

Sandy Hanson met to discuss the Residential Appraisal program implemented with Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. and the need to add additional workstations to allow more County employees to use the program simultaneously. Discussion followed on how many additional workstations are required. The County Auditor and the County Tax Director were of the opinion that 2 additional stations would be sufficient. Motion to approve two additional workstations. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at this time.

Jim Bosse and Todd Stein, Cogswell met to review the Cogswell-Brampton road right of way and how the landowners along this roadway can acquire the right of way. Discussion followed whether the land had to be advertised for sale on bids. Because the surface area of the property is primarily used and maintained as road right of way, with little opportunity for private use of or gains from the property, it was the opinion of the States Attorney that the property has minimal market value, and that advertising for bids is not required by State law. Motion to deed the property to adjacent landowners, reserving an easement for road right of way that is no less than the statutory right of way that is 4 rods in width, and is consistent with the width of the right of way on other segments of County #4, for \$1.00, with the landowners to cover all costs, including deed preparation fees, recording fees, and any additional costs that may be incurred in the course of transferring ownership of the property. (Jacobson/Walstead) States Attorney Lyle Bopp said that he feels comfortable with that motion. Discussion by Chairman Anderson suggested tabling a decision on this matter until Lyle Bopp, Mike Walstead, Jim Bosse and Todd Stein have a chance to look over these descriptions to be sure that they are correct, and to consider whether the people of Sargent County should retain 50% of the mineral rights. Motion tabled pending the report from the States Attorney.

The Board received a letter from Chris Boerboom, Southeast District Director and Acting State Director of NDSU Extension Service, regarding a proposal for part-time employment offered to Julie Hassebroek, Sargent County Extension Agent, with the period of part-time employment to commence following her retirement as full time County Agent on March 30, 2012. Ms. Hassebroek has consented to remain as an Extension Agent/Agriculture on a part-time basis during the time that Lisa Dawson, Home Economist is out of the Sargent County office on maternity leave. The proposal is that Ms. Hassebroek serves in a 40% capacity until May 31, 2012 or until the County Agent's position is filled, whichever occurs first, with costs and expenses to be shared in the same proportions as were in effect when Ms. Hassebroek was employed full time. Motion to approve the 40% contract as per the terms set forth above. (Jacobson/Wyum, unanimous)

Marwood Klein, Forman Ambulance Coordinator presented the Forman Ambulance Squad's quarterly report on the operation of the ambulance service, and the Forman Squad's total runs for 2011, including a financial statement and comparison of monthly spending for 2011. The Commissioners thanked Marwood and the members of the Ambulance Squad for their service to the people of Sargent County.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff met with the Board to again discuss the proposal for purchasing 2 new vehicles for the Sheriff's Dept., and for retaining 1 or both of the used vehicles for the county fleet. Board members asked Sheriff Paeper to obtain more information on trade-in allowances and values of both the existing county vehicles and currently owned Sheriff's Dept. vehicles.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

---

BILL ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

---

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR