

Forman, North Dakota
March 7, 2006

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum, Jerry Waswick and Maurice Orn. Absent none.

Approve February 21, 2006 minutes as corrected. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

The Board reviewed correspondence and discussed upcoming National County Government Week. Area high school government classes will be invited to the commission meeting on April 4. Also in conjunction with the week another town hall meeting was scheduled for April 6 in Cogswell. City, township and county officials will be invited to attend the meeting scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Cogswell Community Center.

Lysle Coleman, Crete, and Sparky Engquist, SC Road Supt. arrived at the meeting. Mr. Coleman expressed his concern on truck traffic along County #1 between Section 6/7 and 5/8 in Verner Township and the possibility of naming a designated truck route. He is also concerned about the dust problem for safety and health reasons. The Board expressed financial concerns and discussed the proposed long-range plan for projects.

Norm Preble, Tax Director/VSO met with the Board to review and offer hearings for abatements filed. Mr. Preble explained the circumstances regarding each abatement. Lester Ellefson requested a reduction on Lots 11-12-13-14, Block 34, Milnor City to \$10,000 on a structure that was vacant and has since been removed. Milnor City Council approved the request. Approve abatement. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous) Tammy J. Hanson requested a reduction in structure value from a doublewide mobile home to real property value located on Lot 19, Block 1, Milnor City. Mr. Preble recommended \$27,000 for the home and the City of Milnor approved the recommendation. Approve abatement based on Tax Director recommendation and approval by Milnor City. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Eng., Inc. and Sparky Engquist met with the commissioners to discuss Future County Federal Aid road projects. The list of projects will be submitted to NDDOT for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Also discussed proceeding with a General Obligation Bond Issue. Motion to issue \$700,000 in bonds over a ten-year period for highway purposes. (Anderson. Motion died for lack of a second). Further discussion followed on funds and federal aid allocation. Member Anderson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**INITIAL RESOLUTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION COUNTY ROAD BONDS, SERIES 2006**

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable by the governing body of the County of Sargent, State of North Dakota (the "Issuer"), that Bonds be issued for the purposes hereinafter mentioned;
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that subject to the approval of the qualified voters of the Issuer, the Issuer shall issue its Bonds as follows:

1. The maximum amount of Bonds proposed to be issued is \$700,000.
2. The purpose for which the Bonds are proposed to be issued is to pay all or part of the cost to make improvements to the County road system.
3. The assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County of Sargent as defined in Section 21-03-01, N.D.C.C., is \$158,557,043 for tax year 2005.
4. The total amount of outstanding general obligation indebtedness of the Issuer is \$125,000, and there is \$125,000 General Obligation Bonds of the Issuer issued for a similar purpose.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Waswick. On roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Walstead, Orn, Wyum, Anderson, and Waswick. The following members voted nay: None. The following members were absent and not voting: None. The majority having voted aye, the motion was carried and the resolution was duly adopted.

Member Walstead introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION CALLING AND SETTING ELECTION
FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE**

WHEREAS, by initial resolution adopted by the governing body of the County of Sargent, State of North Dakota (the "Issuer"), it has been found advisable to issue Bonds of the Issuer in the sum of not to exceed \$700,000 for the purpose of providing money to pay all or a portion of the cost to make improvements to the County road system; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have an election on the said question.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that said initial resolution proposing the issuance of said General Obligation Bonds, be and the same is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of the Issuer at a Special Election of the Issuer, to be held in conjunction with the state-wide Primary Election, called and set for June 13, 2006, at which election said question shall be submitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the polling places, the time for voting and the election officers shall be as set out in the attached Notice of Election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor of the Issuer is hereby directed to give due and legal notice of the election and question to be submitted thereat.

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

County Auditor

Motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Anderson. On roll call vote, the following members voted aye: Walstead, Orn, Wyum, Anderson, and Waswick. The following members voted nay: None. The following members were absent and not voting: None. The majority having voted aye, the motion was carried and the resolution was duly adopted.

Damon DeVillers informed the commissioners that in order to receive federal aid funds for engineering services on road and bridge projects; the county must request proposals for engineering services. Motion to advertise for construction engineering services for Project SC4110 (057)-County # 1 and preliminary and construction engineering services on BRO-0041 (011) –Bridge No. 127-20.0. Proposals shall be opened on April 4, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous) Damon also indicated that his firm has a presentation on bridge and sign inventories. He was directed to the Technology Committee Chairman to set up a presentation.

Gerald Dill, Andy Seyer and Lysle Coleman, Verner Township Supervisors and Sparky Engquist met with the commissioners to discuss the road situation between Section 19/30 and 20/29 in Verner Township. The commission is still agreeable to continue with the 50/50 share of gravel costs (agreed upon mutually when gravel is necessary) and Sargent County to continue to maintain roadway and snow removal. Sparky expressed concern over liability on maintaining the roadway. The township supervisors agreed to discontinue any maintenance with their contractor on this portion of roadway and accept a two-year agreement with the county to maintain the roadway and share in the gravel costs for 2006 and 2007. Another meeting to discuss the agreement will be scheduled for February 2008. The township also agreed to remove trees along the road right of way in said sections.

Sparky Engquist reported on road and bridge projects, signing and shop renovations. He is also looking at a trackhoe. Approve out-of-state travel for Sparky Engquist and John Meckle to inspect a trackhoe in Rapid City, SD. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Milnor City contacted the Board about applying magnesium-chloride for dust control on Main Street until they pave the areas in July. Approve 50/50 cost share of product and application on portions of Main Street and authorize Sparky Engquist to coordinate project with city. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Steve Wyum representing the Personnel Board reviewed the Donation of Sick Leave (Section 308 of the SC Employee Handbook). The Personnel Board recommends changing the definition of "County Employee" to mean an employee with over three (3) months continuous service with the county. This does not include temporary employees. Motion to approve change. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous)

The Vacation Policy was discussed and tabled until the States Attorney makes a firm recommendation to the commissioners as to what the wording should be for future discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous)

JERRY M. WASWICK – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR