

Forman, North Dakota
April 15, 2008

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Maurice Orn, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum, Jerry Waswick, and Bill Anderson. Others present: Holly Jessen, The Sargent County Teller.

Approve April 1, 2008 minutes as corrected. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous). Commissioners received the March financial statement.

Approve April payroll in the sum of \$134,424.28 (#'s 1858-1918) and all bills presented. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous):

58833	Otter Tail Power	Electricity
\$2025.62		
58835-58846	Health District Expenditures	
1079.30		
58847	City of Forman	Water/sewer/garbage
209.85		
55850	Weed Board Expenditures	
107.12		
58858-58868	Human Service Expenditures	
11577.39		
58869	B&K Electric	Labor
82.80		
58870	Brian's Repair	Auger repair
51.00		
58871	Buhl's	Cleaning
167.55		
58872	Chunky's Standard	Oil, filter
38.00		
58873	Dacotah Paper Co.	Paper, floor degreaser
370.58		
58874	Dickey Rural Networks	Long distant calls
845.45		
58875	Dyste's	Supplies
107.24		
58876	Farmers Union Oil	Gas, supplies
1140.90		
58877	Hardware Hank	Supplies
22.60		
58878	Sherry Hosford	Travel
110.25		
58879	Information Tech. Dept	LERMS, WAN
523.60		
58880	Lexis Nexis	Century Code updates
201.65		
58881	Martinsen's	Supplies
409.07		
58882	McLaen's Service	Sheriff repairs
34.95		
58883	ND State Radio	Teletype rental
120.00		
58884	ND Workforce Safety	Prepaid Volunteer Premium
250.00		
58885	Norman Preble	Travel
58.50		
58886	Quill	Supplies
146.94		
58887	Reardon Office Equip.	Toner, envelopes
100.05		
58888	The Sargent County Teller	Publishing
553.68		
58889	Stein's	Supplies
223.93		
58890	Synergy Graphics	5500 ballot applications
1129.88		

58891	Jerry Waswick	Travel
217.80		
58892	AW Diesel	Repairs
589.90		
58893	B&K Electric	Labor-shop
662.80		
58894	Butler Machinery	Repairs
1297.31		
58895	Ekstrom Repair	Floor dry, supplies
109.94		
58896	Merrill Engquist	Travel
32.06		
58897	Little Falls Machine	Repairs
192.49		
58898	Nelson Bulk Oil	Fuel, repairs
5457.70		
58899	Ray-Mac	Repairs
68.26		
58900	RDO-Power Plan	Exhaust pipe
40.10		
58901	Wallwork Truck	Repairs
19.51		
58902	Welton's Tire	Tires
635.00		
58903	Barnes County Corrections	Prisoner Board
1320.00		
58904	Comfort Inn	Lodging-Sandra Hanson
53.00		
58905	Computer Professionals	Tech. support
906.07		
58906	Downtown Café	HLS meeting
57.48		
58907	City of Forman	Rent
60.00		
58908	Sandra Hanson	Travel
50.00		
58909	Hewlett-Packard	Micro tower, processor-Auditor
547.00		
58910	Lake Agassiz Regional	2008 budget
1500.00		
58911	Lisbon Area Health Serv.	Blood alcohol
32.00		
58912	NDAC	Tech support/Wireless 911
2170.25		
58913	NDAE4-HYW	Dues
10.00		
58914	Brenda Peterson	911 travel
131.00		
58915	Qwest	911 contracts
191.88		
58916	Ransom Gazette	FEMA ad
35.20		
58917	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board
770.00		
58918	Sargent Co. Insurance	Boiler coverage
1649.90		
58919	Sargent Co. Teller	FEMA ad
52.60		
58920	Zones	Software-Auditor
296.40		
58921	NDDOT	FEMA Trailer replacement title
5.00		

Norman Preble, Tax Director, explained his method of assessing apartment commercial property to strive for comparable valuations on all such property in Sargent County. He proposed that the valuations on six such properties in Gwinner and Forman be lowered. Sandra Hanson and he will be attending the Agricultural Land Valuation Course 202 in Bismarck May 12 – 16, 2008. He had no time

frame on the Soils Study progress and completion available for the Commissioners as requested at last meeting.

Jerry Waswick reported that the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center project is on hold at this time and that all counties involved are still in the consortium with a freeze on all spending. There is no time line to proceed but additional State funding and Federal grants would be necessary to help fund the increased costs over the original estimates. The cost of prisoner board and the possibility of other avenues being explored, with Sheriff Paeper doing the legwork, were discussed.

Commissioner Waswick introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**THE SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION
AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

“WHEREAS, the month of April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and

WHEREAS, an estimated 40,000 plus children per year in the United States suffer some form of sexual exploitation, victimization by predators and prostitution; and

WHEREAS, many of these children suffer violent assault, physical, mental and long-term adverse effects, even death; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACO) and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) have partnered for a national campaign to promote child safety and help prevent the commercial sexual exploitation of children; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sargent County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses the national campaign against the Sexual Exploitation of Children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sargent County Board of Commissioners urge local communities to demonstrate their commitment to protecting children and send a clear message to child sexual offenders that the criminal and sexual victimization of children will not be tolerated.”

Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. All commissioners voted Aye; no one voted Nay. The resolution was duly carried and adopted.

Approve request from Sargent County Relay of Life committee for use of courthouse bathroom facilities with a volunteer monitoring the courthouse on June 20, 2008 during the event.

An ad will be placed in the official paper asking for the submission of names for the Sargent County Home Rule Charter Committee for one elected city official, one township official, and two members-at-large. The Sargent County Commissioners will consider these nominees/applicants when forming the Committee.

Sandra Hanson, Emergency Medical Services/911 (EMS/911), reported on the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting. The final application for a grant of \$82,000 will be submitted by the May 9th, 2008, deadline with new priorities. The committee accepted the high bid of \$2655 for the FEMA trailer. Sandy will be participating in the interview process on April 25, 2008, in Fargo for the SE Regional Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear & Explosives (CBRNE) position. In spite of national cases of misuse of Homeland Security funding, she is of the opinion that this county has utilized the money to improve and professionalize the emergency responders locally, and work with regional projects in which Sargent County can utilize equipment and assistance when needed. Six volunteers in the Rutland-Cayuga fire district have completed their First Responders training, and will respond when available. At this time, they personally cannot commit to 24 hour/7 day schedule.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, arrived at 11:15 a.m. Discussed the Brummond Construction bill and Tim Gates overpayment.

Lyle presented a draft of a resolution to combine the offices of the Treasurer and Recorder offices in Sargent County. Adopt the resolution drafted by the States Attorney to combine the Sargent County Recorder/Clerk of Court and Treasurer’s offices and to make the Sargent County Treasurer-Recorder an appointed position instead of elected. (Anderson/Walstead). Table motion in discussion until May 6, 2008, to allow the Commissioners time to study the draft resolution and consult with constituents. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous).

Discussion of the 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Financial Award to Sargent County in amount of \$294,250 of which \$100,000 will be used for road improvements on County Road

#14 and \$184,250 to purchase preferred stock in Dakota Micro, Inc. After review of certain details of the Award which was the full amount recommended by the Lake Agassiz Regional Council, the Board authorized Chairman Orn to sign the Financial Award. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous).

Appoint Elaine D. Anderson as Inspector of Election for the 2008 Primary and General Elections as per NDCC 16.1-05. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous).

Authorize the County Auditor to request another permit from the ND Game and Fish Dept. for county and township governments to shoot or trap muskrats out of season to protect roadways experiencing road damage resulting from muskrats undermining roadbeds. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Bids for the 2008 season hay mowing of 11.4 acres north Silver Lake Park and 12 acres, more or less, near the Sargent County Fairgrounds will be opened on May 20, 2008. Bid instructions and detailed maps are available at the States Attorney and Sargent County Auditor offices.

Sparky Engquist, Road Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss agreements with TransCanada Keystone Pipeline. He explained the haul road agreement and that the pipeline is waiting for a \$250,000 performance bond to present with the Hauling Road Agreement. A motion was made to approve the agreement subject to receipt of the performance bond and review by the States Attorney and authorize the Chairman to sign said agreement. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Road crossing permits were also reviewed for TransCanada Keystone pipeline. There are five crossings in Sargent County: 1) Sections 1 & 2-129-58; 2) Section 2 & 11-129-58; 3) Sections 24 & 25-130-58; 4) Sections 11 & 14-131-58 and 5) Sections 8 & 9-132-58. This permit will allow the pipeline to cross these county roads necessary for the installation of the Keystone Pipeline. The permit outlines the conditions for each crossing as well as payment from the pipeline company of \$300 per road crossing. A motion to approve the five permits. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous) Sparky Engquist updated the Board on the purchase/lease of the Walk and Roll packers for the road graders.

Work is being finalized to resolve a dispute between Ricki Hoistad and Sargent County concerning rock piles and bridge planks. States Attorney Bopp presented a Memorandum of Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding between Sargent County and Ricki Hoistad regarding the bridge plank and removal of rock piles. The Chairman was authorized to sign these memoranda.

The Board recessed at 3:00 p.m. to a non-agenda employee meeting in the conference room.

The Board reconvened at 3:40.

Discussed the letter and check from Shuman Township for a partial payment for pump rental at FEMA sites. A motion to return the check for \$203.25 with a letter stating that this amount is not acceptable but the local FEMA coordinator is trying to resolve this with unused local FEMA funds. If there is no additional funding available the total amount of \$1355 shall be due and payable to Sargent County. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

MAURICE ORN – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD – AUDITOR

ELAINE D ANDERSON – DEPUTY AUDITOR