

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: W.E. Smith, Karen Anderson, Steve Wyum, Ray Brockman and Donald Wehlander. Absent none.

County Government Day is being observed and the public invited to visit the courthouse.

Approve April 2, 2002 minutes as distributed. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve March 2002 financial statement (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Paul Mathews met with the Board to discuss issues on Drain No. 11. He is asking for an Attorney General's opinion. Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting. Paul and Joseph J. Cichy, his attorney has worked on a letter seeking the AG's advice. Lyle is concerned because this is a Water Board issue and they have their own attorney. The commissioners would like to address these concerns and resolve the issue. A meeting is scheduled with the Sargent County Water Board on Thursday, April 18.

The Board proceeded to open bids for items advertised for sale. Several bids were received and a motion was made to accept the high bid for each item. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Bill Smith and Sherry Hosford attended a Governmental Accounting Standard Board workshop in Fargo. The county must comply in 2003 with a statement of net assets and a statement of activities. Capital assets include land, improvements to land, easements, buildings, building improvements, vehicles, machinery, equipment and infrastructure. They must be reported at historical cost and depreciated in the statement of activities over their estimated useful life. Capitalization thresholds are recommended between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Motion that Sargent County expense out anything under \$5,000 and set up schedules for items in excess of \$5,000 and compute useful life and depreciation schedules. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

The Board proceeded to open bids for the furnishing of one or two new motor graders. Bids were received from RDO Equipment Co., Fargo, ND; Butler Machinery Co., Fargo, ND; and Sweeney Brothers, Fargo, ND. Sparky Engquist and the machinery dealers left the meeting and Sparky will tabulate the bids for the Board to review after lunch.

Doc Nelson submitted estimates for hot water heaters to use upstairs. It is necessary to drill through 14 inches of concrete to install the pipes to the heater. Doc is also concerned about the lack of electricity when all the air conditioners are in use. The Board instructed him to contact an electrician to get an update of the entire courthouse.

Lyle Bopp reported regarding the landfill that Jeff Leadbetter had a conversation with the Attorney General's office and the sole issue is whether Gwinner City has exclusive jurisdiction over the landfill. Mr. Leadbetter has been told that it does have exclusive jurisdiction but has not received anything in writing. A special meeting of the City of Gwinner is scheduled for April 24 to address zoning.

Virgil Nogowski submitted a bid to haul gravel at the March bid letting. The bid was rejected because he submitted a renewal application and not a renewal certificate. Lyle Bopp will draft a letter to Mr. Nogowski clarifying the reason that bid was rejected.

Clair Halvorson, Sargent County Senior Council, met with the Board. Mr. Halvorson discussed the nutrition program, including location of the office in the courthouse. The Senior Council would like to see the office remain in the courthouse and will be conducting a meeting on Thursday to discuss this issue. The Board of Commissioners went on record that as long as they need the office in the courthouse, it will be available at no rent to that organization.

Approve payment of the following bills and April payroll in the sum of \$76,007.64. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Social Service Expenditures		9251.56
43123 Karen Anderson	Travel	268.15
43124 Ray Brockman	Travel	94.24
43125 Buhl's	Cleaning service	170.87
43126 Chunky's Standard	Car service	114.90
43127 Comfort Inn	Auditor lodging	39.31
43128 Dacotah Paper	Paper & supplies	263.48
43129 Dakota Communications	Coroner Pager	140.88
43130 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas and repairs	1069.45
43131 Globe Office Supply	Leather tabs	107.38
43132 Hardware Hank	Supplies	58.48
43133 Haroldson Office Supply	Supplies	46.52

43134	Gina Hillestad	Travel	55.80
43135	Sherry Hosford	Travel	57.04
43136	Martinsen's	Repairs	307.29
43137	McLaen's Service	1998 Ford CV repairs	4743.50
43138	McLeod USA	Long distance calls	236.86
43139	Minn-kota Communications	Radios and labor	1589.15
43140	ND State Radio Comm.	Teletype & 911 service	1345.20
43141	DOCS	Labor and snow removal	305.00
43142	Officeland	Supplies	29.40
43143	Quill Corp.	Copier supplies	99.50
43144	SE Propane	200# propane	171.56
43145	Stein's Inc.	Paper and supplies	174.39
43146	Streicher's	Holster & equipment	140.75
43147	The Teller	Publishing fees	369.71
43148	Universal Services	Copier supplies	624.00
43149	Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	28.12
43150	Don Wehlander	Travel	161.20
43151	White Banner	Deputy uniforms	160.50
43152	AW Diesel Service	Repairs	33.95
43153	Atco Intl.	Repairs	115.00
43154	Dyste's	Supplies	10.84
43155	Farm Plan	Repairs	9.25
43156	Lyle Signs Inc.	Signs	1547.25
43157	MJ's Tarp Repair	Repairs	40.00
43158	Nelson Bulk Oil Co.	Fuel	1225.53
43159	RDO Equipment	Cutting edges	106.68
43160	Schwarting's Repair	Repairs	45.00
43161	Doublewood	Extension lodging	82.50
43162	CPU	Data processing charges	501.41
43163	DRT	911 contracts and updates	422.50
43164	Julie Hassebroek	Travel	258.81
43165	ITD	Wan access & Anti-virus	393.00
43166	Jenny Marhula	Travel	52.77
43167	NDACo	Computer support	49.00
43168	NDDOT	Seal coat final	710.89
43169	NDSU Extension Service	Registration	50.00
43170	Gail Hokenson	Registration	60.00
43171	Office Max	Supplies	108.87
43172	Erin Olson	Burglary Evidence reimbursement	49.31
43173	QWEST	911	289.77
	Weed Board Expenses		256.39

Joe Breker representing the Wild Rice Soil Conservation District, Mark Wyum, Walt Albus and Julie Hassebroek, Extension Agent arrived at the meeting to discuss the CCSP (Conservation Cropping Systems Project). There is a 4 county board comprised of members from Day, Marshall Sargent and Ransom Counties. They began this project about a year ago and leased a quarter of land south of Forman and hired Mr. Albus to run the farm and study no-till rotation farming. Mr. Albus sees the project as a team project involving many organizations in the four county areas. There are 14 different crop rotations that are applicable to this area to give no-till a test in this area. Mr. Wyum explained the procedure to acquire the land and how they selected the site. Julie Hassebroek reported on the education products available including the GPS data that will be used. The mission of the CCSP is to evaluate profitable crop rotations and crop management strategies that are uniquely adapted to the climate in the project area. This has the potential of a national showcase and those present feel very fortunate to have in located in Sargent County. The commission is also being asked to contribute funding and be a sponsor of this project. The county has no funding or budget.

Sparky Engquist reviewed the bids received on the motor grader(s). Tabled until next meeting. Sparky informed the Board of current projects. He is working on the bridges that need repairs and now that the frost is out he will proceed with the work. The road north of Crete (far end of No.2 from Ransom County south) is breaking up and Sparky is planning to spread oil and put gravel on it to make it acceptable for this year. A group of landowners from Denver Township met with the Water Board and Sparky to discuss cleaning out a natural drain. The county has work that needs to be done with a backhoe. Equipment rental rates were considered to complete these projects along with the work in the township. The options available were discussed and the Board felt a sublease with the township would be affordable. County No. 2 is not going to be considered by the National Guard until 2005. It was suggested that Sparky get some quotes from contractors for the Board to review. Charles Kerlin resigned effective April 17, 2002. The position is being advertised with deadline on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Discussed Co. No. 3 east of Rutland and the possibility of armor coating, which includes a base of gravel and chipping.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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RAY BROCKMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

