

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 10:15 a.m., following the meeting of the Sargent County Park Board, with the following members present: Mike Walstead, David L Jacobson, Jerry Waswick, Steven Wyum and Bill Anderson. Absent: None. Also present was Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff met with the commissioners to discuss the recently adopted Distracted Driving Policy. Sheriff Paeper is concerned about the language of the policy. Motion that the implementation of the Distracted Driving Policy be temporarily suspended pending receipt of proposed amendments that are to be prepared by Sheriff Paeper, States Attorney Bopp and Commissioner Steve Wyum. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Approve minutes of the April 2, 2013 commission meeting as corrected. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous) Board members also received a copy of the March 2013 financial statement.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at 10:30 a.m.

Approve purchase of a 2003 GMC Sierra K2500 Crew-cab pickup for use by the County Road Department from Neil Chapin of Forman for \$9,800. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

Clara Rebel and Morgan Eberhardt, Sargent County Social Services met with the Commission to request permission to place ribbons on trees on the courthouse lawn to commemorate May as Foster Care Month. There are currently 1142 Foster Care children in North Dakota with 3 of those being from Sargent County. There are presently no foster care homes in Sargent County. Clara and Morgan explained the procedure for becoming a Foster Parent. Authorize placement of ribbons on trees on the courthouse lawn to commemorate Foster Care Month. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous) The Commission thanked Ms. Rebel and Ms. Eberhardt for their efforts to promote Foster Care Month in Sargent County.

Approve April payroll in the sum of \$148,680.49 (Nos. 8186-8245 and 67610-67623) and the following bills: (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

67477-67478		Weed Board Expenses	917.80
67479		Human Service Expense	300.00
67485	ND Dept. of Emergency Services	2011 FEMA Package	27,524.38
67486	Coteau Des Prairie Lodge	Liquor License Refund	425.00
67487-67500		Health Unit Expenses	1,676.79
67501	Sargent County Treasurer	Abatement	1,090.53
67502	City of Forman	Water/Sewer/Garbage	146.30
67503	Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity	4,109.62
67505	ND Game & Fish	Final Report	3,678.00
67506-67512		Health Unit Expenses	1,310.52
67513-67516		Weed Board Expenses	681.77
67517-67530		Human Service Expense	15,039.02
67531	B & K Electric	Light Fixture Repair	135.20
67532	Bopp Law Office	St. Atty. Phone/Rent	411.98
67533	Buhl's Inc.,	Cleaning Services	195.95
67534	Comfort Inn	Tax Director Travel	69.00
67535	Dakota Plains Co-Op	Gas and fuel	9,834.74
67536	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	856.83
67537	Dyste's	Supplies	9.98
67538	Forman Drug	Batteries/Photos	17.99
67539	Gall's	Uniforms	189.99
67540	Hanson, Elida	Janitorial Duties	705.00
67541	Hanson, Sandra	Tax Director Travel	288.17
67542	Hardware Hank	Supplies	214.02
67543	HR Collaborative	Registration Fee	30.00
67544	Information Tech. Dept.	Lerms User Fee	87.00
67545	J & M Printing	Copies/Envelopes	501.85
67546	NDACo	Wyum Registration	135.00
67547	ND Clerks Association	Dues	60.00
67548	ND County Treasurer's Assn.	Dues	50.00
67549	ND State Radio Communications	State Radio Contract	120.00
67550	Preble, Norm	Test Monitoring	75.00

67551	Quill	Office Supplies	675.28
67552	Best Western Plus	Commissioner Travel	138.60
67553	Sargent County Teller	Printing/Publishing	708.80
67554	SEL Lumber	Courtroom Facilities	95.70
67555	Stein's Inc.	Supplies	161.40
67556	Verizon Wireless	Wi-Fi Mobile Cards	216.80
67557	White Banner Uniforms	Uniforms	419.00
67558	AW Diesel	Equipment Repairs	1,653.85
67559	A-Z Body Shop	Windshield Repair	253.00
67560	Chapin, Neil	2003 GMC Sierra Pick-up	9,800.00
67561	Ekstrom Repair	Equipment Repairs	275.05
67562	Enderson Construction	Gravel	3,802.65
67563	Kustom Machine	Used CV Joint	100.00
67564	Lund Truck Parts	Equipment Repairs	738.08
67565	Martinsen's Home Center	Supplies	160.38
67566	Praxair	Equipment Repairs	354.03
67567	Ray-Mac Inc.	Nuts/Bolts	19.95
67568	Titan Machinery	Equipment Repairs	377.76
67569	Visto's Carquest	Plow bolt	42.90
67570	3D Specialties	Signs	2,450.70
67571	Barnes County Corrections	Prisoner Board	195.00
67572	Century Link	911 Contracts	383.76
67573	Comfort Inn	911 Travel	69.00
67574	Computer Prof. Unlimited	Staff Support	1,023.19
67576	Dickey Rural Network	911 Contracts & Database	538.00
67577	Gwinner One-Stop	Gas	933.33
67578	Hanson, Sandra	911 Travel	282.26
67579	Information Tech. Dept.	WAN	454.40
67580	Lake Agassiz Regional Council	2013 Pledge	1,500.00
67581	Lisbon Area Health Services	Blood Alcohol	42.00
67582	McLaen's Service Inc.,	Vehicle Maintenance	119.29
67583	NDACo	911 Wireless	1,150.30
67584	ND Community Corrections Assn.	Community Service	9.00
67585	ND State Radio Comm.	State Radio Contract	7,207.20
67586	NDACo Resources Group	Tech. Support	200.00
67587	NDSU	Registration	20.00
67588	Oakes Community Hospital	Blood Alcohol	23.00
67589	Office of Attorney General	SCRAM 24/7	365.00
67590	Paeper, Travis	Car Wash	11.00
67591	Pharmchem, Inc.	SCRAM 24/7	29.00
67592	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	495.00
67593	Sargent County Insurance	Premium	4.00
67594	SENDCCA	Dues	250.00
67595	Sirchie	Fingerprint Pad	60.09
67596	Starion Bond Services	Bond Payment	87,660.50
67597	Universal Services	Toner	175.30
67598	Visa	Credit Card Purchases/Ext.	348.00
67599	Worley, Don	Refund	30.00
67600	NDDOT	Title Fee	10.00

Sandy Hanson, Tax Director, met with the Board regarding an Application for Abatement and Settlement of 2012 Taxes from Donald Patterson; parcel # 20-6153000 – a 4 acre parcel located in Section 33-131-58. It was noted by the landowner that the property was erroneously being taxed in the Sargent Central School District instead of the Oakes School District. It was determined that the property is located within the boundaries of the Oakes School District. Mr. Patterson is requesting that the taxes be recomputed with the correct tax levy. Verner Township approved the abatement. Motion to concur with Verner Township. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Following discussion on the Milnor City Renaissance Zone Abatement applications approved at the April 2, 2013, Commission meeting, and based on an opinion of the Sargent County States Attorney that Renaissance Zone properties are eligible for no more than a 5 year property tax exemption, and based on information obtained by the County Auditor subsequent to the April 2 meeting that the properties had already received five years of exemption, a motion was made to rescind the April 2 motion concurring with Milnor City with regard to the three Aberle properties in Milnor City's Renaissance Zone. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson also reported that she has not had any response from FEMA on the request to utilize monies that were approved for repair of a bridge site across the Wild Rice River in Herman Township from the 2009 flood disaster. The Board has 60 days to consider the bids for the repair of the Herman Township Bridge site that were received on March 29. FEMA repair funds from the 2010 flood disaster are available for the project, as long as the repairs proposed meet the scope of work requirements approved by FEMA, Sandy reported.

Sparky Engquist, Road Supt. met with the Board and provided a map of county roads that the road department intends to gravel this year. Discussion followed on the quality of gravel to be used on County roads, and the required testing of all gravel pits to assure that the proper class of gravel is delivered for use on Sargent County's roads. Road Commissioner Mike Walstead reported that Interstate Engineering will be testing the quality of gravel from the various pits which will be supplying gravel to the County Road Department. Steve Wyum asked if Sargent County has a policy governing the placement of culverts through county roads to facilitate field tile drainage projects. Motion to have Sparky Engquist, Lyle Bopp, Mike Walstead and Damon DeVillers, County Engineer; prepare a draft policy for review by the Commission. (Wyum/Anderson. Motion carried.) Sparky reminded the Board that a policy concerning ditch cleaning work on County road rights-of-way is currently being worked on that could include policy provisions concerning culvert placement.

Mike Walstead brought up needed repairs to County Road #10 through Milnor, which is also Milnor's Main Street, and asked if there are any County/City agreements in place concerning the division of costs for making repairs. The Board instructed Mike to contact County Engineer Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. and Milnor City to discuss the potential cost of the needed repairs and contributions that might be required of both the County Road department and the City. Sparky reported that nothing has been heard from ND-DOT as to whether any of the county railroad crossings have been considered for funding under the repair and replacement program.

Jeff Breker, Tewaukon Township Road Supervisor met with the commissioners to discuss two bridges in that township that the Board of Supervisors considers to be hazards to the public safety. Bridge 129-24.1 located between Sections 21/22 is a deteriorating timber bridge structure. Sparky Engquist stated that the hydraulic study had been completed at this site, and the road department is working on replacing this bridge with a metal culvert. Also, according to Jeff Breker, Bridge 128-22 located between Section 8/9, Township 129, Range 54 LTL is a wood structure that is hazardous because it is currently not marked and is narrower than the road. The township is requesting that the county remove the bridge and place a 30" culvert at this location. Frenier Dam controls most of the water in this area and a small culvert should solve the problem. The township plans to do work on this road this year and they would like the bridge removed before they commence work. Mike Walstead will talk to the county engineer to prepare a hydraulic study of this site.

Approve Gaming Site Authorization to American Legion Bullis Post #84, Lidgerwood, at Geneseo Bar and Café beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Sargent County Auditor Hosford reported that the County had received a check for payment of the county's share in the 2012 Conferment of Benefits declared by the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund Board of Directors in the amount of \$6,714.

Reappoint Dr. Rup Nagala to a five year term on the Sargent County District Board of Health. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

DAVID L JACOBSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR