

Forman, North Dakota
April 2, 2002

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: W.E. Smith, Steve Wyum, Ray Brockman and Donald Wehlander. Absent Karen Anderson.

Designate the following locations for polling places and hours shall be 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the June Primary Election and the General Election. The polling places shall be Precinct No. 1 Milnor Senior Citizens Center, Precinct No. 2 Cayuga Senior Citizens Center, Precinct No. 3 Gwinner Community Hall, Precinct No. 4 Forman City Hall, Precinct No. 5 Rutland City Hall, Precinct No. 6 Cogswell Community Center. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Received a letter from Earl W. Anderson, Jr. resigning his position on the Sargent County Job Development Authority effective immediately. Reluctantly accept the resignation and advertise for replacement. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve purchase of a replacement beeper for County Coroner up to \$150 and instruct the Coroner to register the serial number with the Auditor's Office. (Wehlander/Smith, unanimous)

Approve March 19, 2002 minutes. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Jean Thielman, Ransom-Sargent Senior Services coordinator reported on some changes in the programs. There has been a decrease in the seniors, which affects the project income. There is an opening in Ransom County Outreach Program that Jean will work 18-20 hours per week. She will be in Forman 2 days a week (Monday and Thursday) and 3 days in Ransom County. This will provide a saving of \$7500 per year. Jean has been in an outreach position in the past and is up for the challenge. It has been suggested that the Senior Service personnel should be out in the centers and not at the courthouse. If this happens the office in the courthouse would be vacated. The commission indicated that a rotation of location of office personnel to the various communities would be most effective. The transportation program is separate funding, also located in the courthouse and does not seem to have any funding problems at this time. The commission feels that both programs should be kept as one. Ms. Thielman referred the commission to Marian Millerhagen, transportation director, to discuss this issue.

Norm Preble reported on farm residence exempt applications that were mailed out. Approximately 80 have not been returned and he would like to send out a follow-up letter. The commission suggested a phone call or the letter. There are about 50 applications for inundated land, which includes 3500 acres. This is a substantial reduction from last year.

Julie Hassebroek, Extension Agent, reported on the 4-H Centennial meeting which is scheduled for tonight and invited the commission to attend. She asked for approval to attend the bus tour at Minnesota Horse Expo in St. Paul, MN on April 26,27,28, 2002. Approve out-of-state travel for Julie Hassebroek. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous) Jenny Marhula, Home Economist has been invited to the Society for Nutrition Annual Conference in St. Paul on July 27-31, 2002. All expenses will be paid by NDSU. The commission asked Julie about the Conservation Cropping System Project (CCSP) planting plots in Sargent County, which she explained the activities.

The Board reviewed the revised Police Services Contract with Milnor City. Members of the county commission and Milnor City Council met to discuss the contract. Adopt the contract effective April 1, 2002. (Wehlander/Wyum. Roll call: Yes: Wehlander, Smith, Wyum, Brockman. Absent Anderson. Carried)

Lyle Bopp met with the Board to discuss the AIA agreement between Michael J. Burns Architects, Ltd. on the courthouse exterior restoration project.

Chuck Gates presented the Board with the log for Milnor City for the month of March 2002. Discussed sale of a light bar to Golden Valley County in August 2000. It was incorrectly deposited in the Gaming Fund. Motion to transfer \$250 from Gaming Fund to the General Fund. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous) Chuck reported on recovered monies of \$49.31 from a burglary at The Keg in Milnor. A voucher has been prepared for approval at the next meeting to return this money to Erin Olson. Traffic Safety Control funding was discussed and the use of the funds. Authorize the SC Sheriff to apply for saturation patrol funding. SC will not be seeking a mileage reimbursement. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve and sign the AIA Agreement between Owner-Architect (Sargent County and Michael J. Burns Architects, Ltd.) for courthouse exterior restoration (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

April 16, 2002 was declared County Government Day for Sargent County. The Board approved that day to invite the citizens of the county to the courthouse to observe the Board in session and tour the courthouse.

Lyle Bopp discussed the two Drain No. 11 issues on request from Commissioner Smith and decided to have further discussion with Paul Mathews at the April 16, 2002 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

RAY BROCKMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR