

Forman, North Dakota  
April 2, 2024

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 with the following members present: Wade Anderson, Lyle Bopp, Mark Breker, and Scott Johnson. Jason Arth was present through technology. Also present was Richard Ruch & Jerry Waswick, county residents; Duane Peterson, Human Resources Director; Tia Bopp, Auditor's Office and Pam Maloney, County Auditor.

Chairman Scott Johnson called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney, arrived at the meeting.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended. (Bopp/Anderson) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the March 19, 2024 meeting minutes. (Anderson/Breker) Motion carried.

Ms. Hayen also presented a quote for Land Use Layer Delineation and Soils Layer Update at a cost of \$50,225. Motion to approve the purchase of the Sidwell program at a cost of \$50,225. (Breker/Bopp) Upon further discussion, the commission would like further information on whether this program is absolutely necessary or if the system the county has in place is sufficient by law. Motion to table the motion until further research is concluded. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve a Raffle Permit for Cogswell Gun Club for a raffle to be held at Cogswell Gun Club Trapgrounds, 90<sup>th</sup> St, Cogswell, ND on September 8, 2024. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to publish the annual notice concerning County Road Rights of Way in the official newspaper. (Breker/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the quote from Nelson Paint N Projects to paint the men's restroom, second story restroom and the break room for a cost of \$386. (Breker/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Sherry Hosford as Inspector for the Primary Election to be held June 11, 2024 and the General Election to be held November 5, 2024 and to authorize the auditor to make appointments if emergency vacancies arise. (Bopp/Breker) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the chairman to sign & return the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF) proxy form appointing the NDIRF Board Chairperson to vote for Travis Frey to the Board of Directors on behalf of Sargent County at the Annual Meeting of members of the NDIRF to be held on May 9, 2024, in Bismarck. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to promote Dustin Kuchar to Assistant Road Supervisor effective April 1, 2024. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

It was brought to the attention of the board that the Public Service Commission will hold another Public hearing regarding the Midwest Carbon Express CO2 Pipeline Project Siting Application on May 24, 2024 at the Harry Stern & Ella Stern Cultural Center, NDSCS, Wahpeton, ND. This hearing will focus primarily on adjustments in Dickey, Sargent, Cass and Richland counties.

Neil Weaving, Custodian, arrived at the meeting. He stated that the plasterer has been back and is finishing up the repairs to the ceiling next to the courtroom. He will bring a hard quote for grass seed back to the commission's next meeting – it will be an approximate cost of \$1300. He's had the lawnmower tuned up, so it is ready for the season.

LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director, arrived at the meeting. More discussion was held on the motion from the last meeting: Motion to approve the purchase of the Sidwell Land Use Layer Delineation and Soils Layer Update at a cost of \$50,225. Roll Call Vote: Yes – Anderson, Arth, Bopp and Johnson. No – Breker. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson also reported on the Gwinner City Tax Equalization Meeting that he had attended. There were several in attendance at the meeting that were questioning the percentage increases, as they were all quite different and the people felt that all the percentage increases should be the same. Ms. Hayen has placed a call to Vanguard Appraisal to get the answers needed.

Commissioner Bopp reported that he had attended the Commissioner's Summit Meeting and that was a very informative meeting and well attended.

Duane Peterson, Human Resources Director, stated that he is trying to fill the open positions within the county, is working on updating policies and has started county Facebook and Instagram pages to share information.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor; and Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering; arrived at the meeting.

Discussion was held on what road projects should be done in 2024. Mr. DeVillers recommended crack sealing County Road 7 from NDSH #11 to County Road #10; County Road #10 from County Road #7 to County Road #3; and crack sealing & putting on a seal coat on County Road #14 from NDSH #11 south five (5) miles. He also stated that funds should be set aside every year for some crack sealing, patching and pavement marking. The crack sealing quotes that had been received were discussed. More clarification is needed from one of the quotes in order to be able to compare those received. Mr. DeVillers will come back to the next meeting once the crack sealing quotes are clarified to determine what projects will be completed in 2024.

Motion to call for bids to pave the west parking lot of the courthouse. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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SCOTT JOHNSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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PAM MALONEY – COUNTY AUDITOR