

Forman, North Dakota
April 21, 2009

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Maurice Orn, Steve Wyum, Bill Anderson, and Jerry Waswick. Absent: None. Holly Jessen, The Sargent County Teller, was also present.

Approve minutes of April 7, 2009 meeting. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous).

Approve payment of the following bills and April payroll in the sum of \$144,074.72 (nos. 3147-3209 and 60539-60551). (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

60442	Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity	1745.15
60443	Weed Expenditure		400.00
60444	Motor Vehicle Dept.	Title Transfer	10.00
60445	City of Forman	Water, sewer, garbage	270.30
60446 – 60455		Health Dept. expenditures	1852.95
60458	Sargent Co. Treasurer	Ringdahl abatement	487.09
60459	ND Game & Fish	Final fishing report	2543.00
60462	American Express	Purchase card items	381.34
60463-60473		Human Services expenditures	11620.19
60474	Doublewood Inn	EMS lodging	165.00
60475	Buhl's	Cleaning	184.02
60476	Dacotah Paper	Paper & napkins	406.09
60477	Dakota Mailing	Optimail ribbons	92.41
60478	DRN	Phone	706.73
60479	Dyste's	Supplies	61.33
60480	Farmers Union Oil	Gas, fuel, supplies	4630.15
60481	Sandra Hanson	Travel/supplies	550.90
60482	Hardware Hank	Supplies	28.05
60483	Hoag & Sons	Binding 2009 papers	80.56
60484	ITD	LERMS	75.00
60485	Institute of Local Govt	Cont. Ed	650.00
60486	Law Enforcement Systems	File envelopes	156.00
60487	Joan Lee	Travel	22.50
60488	Martinsen's	Supplies	280.98
60489	McLaen's Service	County car repairs	261.24
60490	NDACO	Marriage License Program	5.00
60491	ND Recorder's Assn.	Registration	50.00
60492	ND State Radio	Teletype rental	120.00
60493	Maurice Orn	Travel	326.25
60494	Otter Tail Power	Rental house	17.18
60495	Norman Preble	Tax Director travel	36.00
60496	Quill	Supplies	72.34
60497	Ramkota Hotel	Lodging	825.00
60498	The Sargent County Teller	Publishing	294.36
60499	Streichers	Ammunition	38.19
60500	Bureau of Govt Affairs	2009 Directory	25.00
60501	Mike Walstead	Travel	164.83
60502	Florian Wisnewski	Assessor per diem/travel	43.90
60503	Steve Wyum	Travel	450.45
60504	AW Diesel	Repairs	147.72
60505	Arrowhead Transport	Gravel-Rd.#6	1164.00
60506	ATCO Int.	Repairs	125.00
60507	B&K Electric	Shop gas pump repair	162.30
60508	Chunky's	Repairs	17.00
60509	Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	1100.88
60510	Jacobson Implement	Bobcat/repairs	23687.36
60511	Johnston Fargo Culvert	Culverts	21316.32
60512	Lawson Products	Oil	80.80
60513	NAPA Parts	Repairs	175.69
60514	Nelson Bulk Oil	Fuel	3481.28
60515	Newman Signs	Signs	759.82
60516	Simplex-Grinnell	Fire extinguishers	275.00
60517	Sturdevant's Auto	Repairs	38.65
60518	Wurth	Repairs	5.67
60519	Big D Communications	Equipment	1831.20

60520	CPU	Technical support	1022.23
60521	Lisa Dawson	Travel	16.50
60522	Dickey Rural Telephone	911 contract	239.00
60523	Drug-Free Action Alliance	Posters	21.00
60524	Forman Drug	FEMA photos	79.98
60525	ITD	Wan	452.20
60526	Jacobson Plumbing	Heat Pump System-Courthouse	14862.24
60527	Lake Agassiz Reg. Council	2009 Support	1500.00
60528	Lisbon Area Health Serv.	Blood Alcohol	34.00
60529	NDACO	911 contract	788.80
60530	ND State Radio	911 contracts	2753.40
60531	Qwest	911 contracts	191.88
60532	Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	1705.00
60533	Sandbag Warehouse	Sandbags/supplies	1465.00
60534	Sargent Co. Insurance	Premiums	1950.78
60535	Universal Services	Extension-toner	189.00
60536-60538		Weed expenditures	267.12

Bill Anderson reported on the Commissioner's visit with the N.D. legislators in Bismarck on Transportation Day, April 15th, to discuss and encourage support of the Highway Funding bill. Townships and cities with less than 5000 population will get no Stimulus money. They felt encouraged that most legislators were open to working together in the transportation funding effort. It was discouraging that the majority party's leadership in the House of Representatives seemed, at the time, to be unwilling to recognize the transportation needs of rural North Dakota. Continued persuasion may bring them around.

Mark Gainor, Milnor Airport Authority, and Jayson Gainor discussed a request for \$5000 funding for the Milnor Airport within the County's Airport Authority levy. The budget request of approximately 1/3 mill would be considered in the 2010 budget. Commissioner Anderson commended the Airport Authority on the work being done to revitalize the airport for more efficient usage for the Milnor community and all county residents. Mark expressed the Milnor Airport Authority's appreciation of the cooperation received from the Sargent County Commissioners. A copy of the Airport Authority's budget and a copy of the Airport Authority's improvement plan were left with the County Auditor.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at 10:35 a.m.

Marwood Klein, Sargent County Ambulance, discussed CPR/AED certification of county employees, and the Commissioners support and strongly encourage all employees to take the classes to be held the week of May 4 – 7th. Sandy Hanson, EMS/911, added her support.

Sandy Hanson spent time in the flood fighting work in Lisbon, LaMoure, Dickey, and Cass. She'll be contacting townships and cities to get the appropriate paperwork submitted for FEMA projects. Two townships had applied for funding under the Snow Emergency Declaration. Sandbags are stored at the county shop.

Julie Hassebroek, Extension, and Roger Haugen, District Director, reported that Ms. Hassebroek had discussed the entry dates and deadlines issues with Ken Forster, and they had resolved their differences and are moving to the future. The 4-H Council has set the sanctions and won't be changed for the current year. Ideas to improve the program or participation can be brought to the 4-H Council for consideration. Mr. Haugen stated that Sargent County has a very strong 4-H program. The County commission values the 4-H program provided to the youth of the County, and the hard work of the many volunteers, such as Mr. Forster, who help make the program successful.

Lyle Bopp discussed the proposed liability wording to be included in the Airport Authority contracts with Gwinner City and Milnor City. He will check with the entities on concerns.

The board recessed at 12:05 p.m. for lunch, and reconvened at 2 p.m. following Sargent County Park board meeting. Lyle Bopp and Holly Jessen left the meeting.

Russell Martinson and Scott Mund, Hall Township, met with the Commission and discussed options to provide an access to a farm site from which the family has been displaced due to washout of township road near a county bridge (#135-5.2). County Engineer Damon DeVillers had discussed this project with NDDOT and presently there is no immediate funding available for a long-term solution. Sandra Hanson, EMS; Lyle Bopp, States Attorney; the Hall Township Board, and Sargent County Commissioners will cooperatively be involved with decisions on which way to legally proceed with work and funding. Lyle Bopp returned to the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Sparky Engquist and Steve Wyum reported on this season's road projects, FEMA administrative paperwork, road restriction complaints, and purchase of new Bobcat and the sale of the used one to Scott Hansen Farms, Guelph, ND in amount of \$23,800.00. Richard Ruch of rural Cogswell met with the Commission and discussed the condition of Co. Road #5, and damages from pipeline truck hauling. Mr. Ruch also presented the Commission with checks totaling \$3,815.10 from the Cogswell Gun Club, the funds being the proceeds of the Silver Lake Fishing Tournament held in February. The money is to be used for improvements to the County Park at Silver Lake.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

STEVEN R WYUM – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ELAINE D ANDERSON – DEPUTY AUDITOR