

Matt Lunde, Forman City Police, asked the Board if they would consider selling the 1994 Ford Crown Victoria to the city. Advertise 94 Ford with minimum sales price of \$5995 and open bids on May 5th. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bill: (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)
33783 Forman City Water, sewer, garbage 98.15

BRIAN TAYER EVALUATION Carol Stockstad and Brian Tayer met with the Board and reported that everything is going OK for the Milnor Ambulance Service. Brian will take his EMT test on May 15th. Discussed the Gwinner First Responder responsibilities and whether insurance coverage should be provided. Brian will check and let this Board know.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.


BETTY HEWITT - CHAIRMAN
Forman, North Dakota
April 21, 1998

ATTEST:

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Betty Hewitt, Donald Wehlander, Lysle Coleman, Steve Wyum, and Bill Smith. Absent none. Also present: Amanda Dorr, Chelsea Roeder, Mara Edman, Tyler Beckstrom, Garret Jacklitch and Alex Breker, 8th grade students at Sargent County schools. Today is 'County Official for a Day' and these students will visit the various offices in the courthouse to look at the programs and services provided to the citizens of Sargent County. Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting.

Hewitt read minutes from April 7, 1998. Approve as corrected. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

STATE BLDG CODE Choose not to join with the society of the ND State Building Code. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

REBECCA BAUER PAPERS SERVED ON SC Reviewed papers served to Sargent County from Rebecca L. Bauer, passenger in the car driven by Mia Marie E. Cascio S, who was involved in an accident in May 1995. Our local agent and NDIRF have both been contacted.

BIDS FOR GAS, FUEL & PROPANE Open bids for gas, diesel fuel, and propane. Received bids from Economy Oil, Forman & Oakes and Farmers Union Oil Co., Forman, Lisbon, Elliott & Milnor. Accept both bids. (Smith/Coleman, unanimous)

DANIEL J. WILSON COUNTY DEED Approve County Deed to Daniel J. Wilson, Milnor, ND for Lot 8, Block 1, Original Addition, Village DeLamere for \$215. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

FORMAN GRAIN CO. INC. ABATEMENT Received abatement for taxes from Forman Grain Co. Inc., Sioux Falls, SD for 1997 taxes. Refer to Forman City. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

LOCAL ADVISORY COMM. WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS Rick Hoistad, member of the Local Advisory Committee, met with the Board to present the written recommendations from that committee. They include: a) Economic Development, b) Contract Policing, c) Commission Reduction, d) County Coordinator/Administrator, e) Combining County Offices, f) Courthouse Accessibility, and g) State/County/City/Township Joint Purchasing Powers. Accepted the recommendations and commend the committee for extensive research and diligence in pursuing the information on these topics. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

ROAD PERMIT TO DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE COOP Approve Road Permit to Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative to install a buried telecommunications cable with the boring method under the pavement on County # 3 - Section 30/31-130-55, County # 5 - Section 7/18-129-55 and County # 7 - Section 30/31-129-55 as per terms and conditions of the county permit. (Coleman/Wehlander, unanimous)

HUMAN SERVICE DIRECTOR Wendy Jacobson, HS Director, inquired about the Sargent Manor advisory group. Don Wehlander stated they haven't met for a while. A social worker from Sargent Manor called her department about some SD residents possibly coming to Sargent County. Wendy is concerned about the budget and not having a reciprocal agreement with SD.

AIR CONDITIONERS Purchase 3 air conditioners from Hansen Hardware to be delivered by May 15th, 1998. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

The Board recessed until 1:30 p.m.

SIGNING FOR 911 Sandy Hanson met with the Board to discuss signing for 911. She had estimates from 2 companies. Looking at single-faced signs mounted back to back. The budget is \$3,000. Start out on the three major state highways and do the intersections of all county and township roads. Approximate total cost = \$5500. Suggest pricing for county road intersections only. Sandy will get pricing and return to the next meeting.

ROAD DEPT. CO # 12 & 14 Sparky met with the Board to discuss road projects. Several roads are breaking up and they are being patched as needed. Some areas are having water problems and Sparky will check out culverts to make sure they are not plugged. Co. # 2 project is waiting for two documents. Co. # 12 by Lake Tewaukon had a big culvert installed and engineer proposed two culverts. Sparky would like to replace a culvert north of the big one and apply for FAS funds for replacement. Co. # 14 project exceeded the estimated amount and we can mitigate from other grade raises to use on this project. Sparky will call NDDOT to get their approval before proceeding with these projects. Discussed pocket gopher damage to roads. Request from County Historical Society to repair parking lot. Because the Historical Society is a county entity and receives tax dollars, Sparky agreed to donate his time and Society pays for materials. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous) Authorize completion of Co. # 5 project between Section 2/35 in Tewaukon Township. Discussed stockpiling crushed gravel.

PARKING LOT REPAIRS TO CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

COUNTY OFFICIAL FOR A DAY - 1998
COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK

Reappoint Dr. Rup Nagala to SC District Board of Health for a 5-year term. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

RUP NAGALA REAPPOINTMENT TO SC HEALTH BOARD

Received notification from ND Office of Intergovernmental Assistance that Hillside Motel and C-Store will receive a grant from the ND Community Development Loan Fund program for \$31,500. The CDLF funds will be used to purchase equipment for the expansion of the Hillside Motel and C-Store.

HILLSIDE C-STORE APPROVED FOR CDLF MONIES

Gina Hillestad updated the Board on the Job Classifications. Mr. Rhodes is running behind schedule and should be done by May 1st. He will give us the basic administration policies and look at options for pay schedules at that time.

JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

Approve payment of the following bills and April payroll in the sum of \$58,751.67. (Coleman/Wyum, unanimous)

34025 SEL Lumber	Carpet & installation	4183.76
	Human Service Expenditures	6205.98
34061 Air Touch Cellular	Phone	38.01
34062 Amoco	Gas	51.37
34063 B & K Electric	Bulb	57.00
34064 Barnes Co. Correctional	Prisoner Board	90.00
34065 Berube's	Car repairs	113.82
34066 Buhl's	Cleaning service	154.98
34067 Burnie's	Record binder	302.35
34068 Patricia J. Carlen	Travel	53.00
34069 Michael Carter	Travel	8.75
34070 Case & Bopp	Rent & Phone	411.98
34071 Chunky's Standard	Car service	36.00
34072 Dyste's	Supplies	33.64
34073 Electronic Comm.	Computer service	695.50
34074 Expressway Inn	Lodging	35.92
34075 Farmers Union Oil	Gas, tires & repairs	991.18
34076 Gall's Inc.	Equipment	85.42
34077 Global Computer Supp.	Upgrades for computers	1150.75
34078 Sandra Hanson	Travel	82.80
34079 Hardware Hank	Supplies	54.60
34080 Julie Hassebroek	Travel	117.93
34081 Hoag & Sons	Teller binding	57.83
34082 Sherry Hosford	Travel	48.50
34083 ISD	Computer hook-up	131.13
34084 Jemco Electric Motor	Boiler pump & motor	150.70
34085 Martinsen Home Center	Windows & repairs	959.80
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34087 McKeever's	Film & supplies	27.50
34088 McLaen Service	Co. Car repairs	270.58
34089 Thomas E. Merrick	Mental Health	52.50
34090 Lexis	NDCC updates	205.89
34091 Minn-kota Comm. Inc.	Radio service	170.80
34092 NCRAAO '98	Registration	130.00
34093 Larry Nelson	Labor	120.00
34094 NDACO	Registration & computer service	69.50
34095 NDACO	Workers Comp. Fee	429.45
34096 ND County Auditor's	1998 dues	50.00
34097 NDEMA	1998 dues	10.00
34098 POST Board	Licenses	30.00
34099 ND Register of Deeds	Registration	30.00
34100 ND State Radio	911 & teletype	1435.20
34101 Oakes Comm. Hospital	2 Blood Alcohol	73.40
34102 Officeland	Supplies	98.10
34103 Parole & Probation	1" Quarter	900.00
34104 Sharon Pearson	Refinishing doors	306.00
34105 Quill Corp.	Paper	19.90
34106 Rhodes, Shanley & Assoc.	Job descriptions	15.00
34107 Richland Co. Correct.	Prisoner Board	1760.00
34108 SEL Lumber Inc.	Repairs	37.64
34109 Stein's Inc.	Hand towels	120.42
34110 Streicher's	Equipment	128.75
34111 The Teller	Publishing fees	245.00
34112 Trade Mark Direct	Equipment	22.85
34113 Universal Service	Ribbons	152.00
34114 US Link	Telephone	368.83
34115 Viking Office Products	Supplies	89.42
34116 Wil's Body Shop	Towing cars	147.00
34117 3-D Spec. Inc.	Sign posts, etc.	1675.50
34118 Economy Oil Inc.	Fuel	957.61
34119 Ekstrom Repair Shop	Welder & repairs	4486.69
34120 Forman Drug	Supplies	6.63
34121 Forman Auto Parts	Repairs	459.14
& 34122		
34123 Gwinner Farmers Elev.	Gas	542.50
34124 Gwinner Farmers Elev.	Masks	18.00
34125 Kustom Machine Inc.	Repairs	212.44
34126 Nelson Int'l	Repairs	186.26
34127 Newman Signs	Signs	347.60
34128 NDACO	D & A Test	140.40
34129 Ray-Mac Inc.	Repairs	594.36
34130 Sturdevant's Inc.	Repairs	56.42
34131 Zep Mfg. Co.	Supplies	159.54
34132 Bears Den Mountain	Skiing	356.00
34133 Dickey Rural Telephone	911	378.50
34134 First N'tl Ins. Agency	Insurance	6.00
34135 Forman Ins. & Real Est.	Boiler Insurance	487.00
34136 KAB Caf	Co. Govt. Week	62.75
34137 Lisbon Pizza Ranch	DARE Ski trip	101.39
34138 NDDHS	MA & FC	1159.46

34139 NDSU-Varsity Mart	Supplies	30.95
34140 Julie Qual	Travel	83.00
34141 Treadway Graphics	DARE items	68.01
Weed Board Expenditures		166.30

Adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

Betty Hewitt
 BETTY HEWITT - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Sherry Hosford
 SHERRY HOSFORD COUNTY AUDITOR

Forman, North Dakota
 May 5, 1998

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Betty Hewitt, Don Wehlander, Lysle Coleman, Steve Wyum, and Bill Smith. Absent none.

Approve April 21, 1998 minutes. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

PERSONNEL POLICY
 UPDATE

Gina Hillestad presented a copy of the updated personnel policy prepared by Great Plains Benefits Group, Inc., Bismarck, ND. The commissioners and states attorney will review before the next meeting.

1994 FORD COUNTY CAR

No bids were received for the 1994 Ford county car. Retain car in county fleet.

COURTHOUSE
 ACCESSIBILITY
 HIRE LES BJORE,
 ARCHITECT

Les Bjore presented options available for handicap accessibility and egress to the county courthouse. He explained the review he completed of the entire courthouse and estimates. Proceed with outside elevator proposal through two phases in order to start obtaining grant monies for it. Phase 1-Schematic Design and Phase 2-Design Development. This obligates the county to a maximum of \$7,000. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous) Mr. Bjore will draw up a contract of what is expected in each phase.

SISTER COUNTY
 IN RADOY COUNTY,
 NORWAY

Tami Rust met with the commission to see the county widen cultural net with the taking of the Brampton Church and the schoolhouse at the fairgrounds by becoming a sister county with one in Norway. There has been many positive benefits gained from these transactions. Sargent County should take the initiative to invite Radoy County, Norway to become a sister county. Several people from Norway are coming to Sargent County October 12, 1998 for a dedication of a monument. This would be a good time to proceed with a program. Resolve to invite Radoy County to become a sister county. (Coleman/Wehlander, unanimous)

J LUNNEBORG ABETEMENT

Norm Preble arrived at the meeting. Received application for abatement from James & Ione Lunneborg on the NE1/4-31-131-54 that Shuman Township approved. A study was conducted in this area for a proposed Nathe-Wyum Lake Project. This area has retained a substantial amount of water and is quite deep in many places.

Recess until 2:00 P.M.

FAMILY NUTRITION
 PROGRAM

Julie Qual asked the Board to approve the county support agreement for Family Nutrition Program from October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999. All FNP costs are paid by the state. Approve (Wyum/Coleman, unanimous)

EDMUND WEBER
 REPLACEMENT COUNTY
 DEED

Approve Replacement County Deed to Edmund E. Weber for a tract of land in NW1/4-18-130-53, also known as Blocks One and Two (Vacated) Weber's First Addition, of the City of Cayuga. Original deed was issued November 21, 1989 and not recorded. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bill: (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)
 34172 The Bond Registrar, Inc. Interest, principal & fees \$52,033.25

Lyle Bopp returned to the meeting with information on land valuation. Table decision on Lunneborg abatement pending addition information.

CASS COUNTY REGIONAL
 JAIL FACILITY

Received a letter from Cass County Commission asking if Sargent County would be interested in being a partner in a regional jail facility in Cass County. If interested, the Cass Board would meet with this Board. Bill Smith reported he read that a ten-year moratorium has been placed on this project.

CLERK OF COURT
 FUNDING

The State Court Administrator's Office notified Sargent County that our application for state funding of the office of the Clerk of Court couldn't

be considered. An Attorney General's opinion concludes 'a county commission's resolution separating the offices of Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court for 'administrative and budgetary purposes only' does not meet the requirement of NDCC 11-17-11.'

NDDOT sent a Traffic Safety Contract stating they will provide funding support for the Sheriff's Department to participate in the ND Highway Safety Plan.

TRAFFIC SAFETY
CONTRACT - SHERIFF'S
DEPT

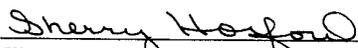
The following bills were approved.

34000 City of Forman	Water, sewer & garbage	129.90
34142 US West Communications	911	299.01
34146 Dickey Rural Comm.	Telephone line charges	512.99
34157 A T & T	States Attorney phone	19.27

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.


BETTY HEWITT - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR

Forman, North Dakota
May 14, 1998

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met in special session at 10:45 a.m. with the following members present: Betty Hewitt, Donald Wehlender, Lysle Coleman, Steve Wyum, and Bill Smith. Absent none. Also present: Sparky Engquist.

There is concern on the county road system due to heavy rains-especially a section of County No.4 north of Cogswell. This is a heavily traveled road and detour options are limited. Possible solutions would be to take the sheetwater cross country to Drain No. 11, which is full, or build up the grade.

COUNTY # 4

Sparky estimated a grade build at \$26,000. This would allow a 4" raise for 1/2 mile. He would use cold mix and rip rap the east edge of the roadway. Emergency Road Funds for 1997 allocated \$3,500 to rip rap this area but it has been to wet to complete this project.

ESTIMATES TO REPAIR
CO. # 4

Declare a state of disaster in Sargent County due to excessive rains that began on May 7th and has damaged properties, roads, bridges, and culverts. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

DECLARE STATE OF
DISASTER

Authorize \$24,000 from County Emergency Fund to make repairs to County No. 4. (Smith/Coleman, unanimous)

EMERGENCY FUNDS
FOR REPAIRS

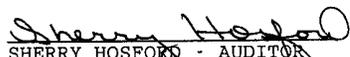
Discussed county road employees schedule and the need to hire a part-time employee to assist with patching. Job Service has been contacted.

ROAD DEPT. PART-
TIME EMPLOYEE

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.


BETTY HEWITT - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Betty Hewitt, Don Wehlander, Lysle Coleman, Steve Wyum, and Bill Smith. Absent none.

ROGER WHITE - MITIGATED ACRES
Roger White met with the Board to discuss mitigated acres. He talked to the State and they indicated they need more acres and he would like to see if any land would work in Sargent County. Mr. White suggested the SE1/4 and NW1/4-31-132-57. He would deed the 320 acres to the state and they would get his CRP payments. The state cannot accept CRP payments. The Board called Dave Leftwich, NDDOT, Secondary Roads to get more information. State is in the process of looking at the land and it will be a few weeks before they can review the parcels. Some counties are going ahead and purchasing some land and establishing their own pools. The state would develop a statewide pool but they are encouraging counties to set up their own pool. Sargent County is presently even on mitigated acres. Mr. White offered the same land transaction to Sargent County for mitigated acres. It wouldn't cost the county anything for mitigated acres. Sargent County doesn't feel they want to get involved in their own pool.

CO # 12 - TOM MUND REQUEST FOR CULVERT CAP TO CONTROL WATER
Tom Mund called the Board regarding the culverts under Co. # 12 that was agreed to cap one to see if the water could be controlled to eliminate downstream flooding. The water is up on the shoulder of the road and over the road in another area. The water is going three ways from Borg Lake. He would like a bigger culvert or one of the 30-inch culverts capped. Another solution would be to increase the culvert size in the township road between 19/30-Hall Township. The Board will talk to the Water Board.

Approve May 5, 1998 minutes. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

COGSWELL MAYOR - CONCERNS ON ADDITIONAL WATER AND POSSIBILITY OF RE-ROUTING WATER
LeAnn Even, Mayor, City of Cogswell, met with the Board to discuss the water problem in Cogswell. She is concerned about the county draining any sloughs into the city. The county is not planning to drain any sloughs. Sandy Hanson arrived at the meeting. LeAnn asked if there is any agency that could be contacted to build a permanent dike. Sandy said if we contacted the Corps of Engineers, the local government has to provide the materials and the COE would provide the manpower. Sandy suggested that LeAnn talk to Lyle Bopp because he was involved with Milnor City in obtaining permits.

Approve May 14, 1998 special meeting minutes and April 1998 financial statement. (Coleman/Wyum, unanimous)

SITE AUTHORIZATION APPROVAL
Approve Site Authorizations for American Legion Bullis Post 84 at Geneseo Bar & Cafe; North Sargent Booster Club at Stirum Bar; and Bison Booster Club at North Forty Bar, DeLamere. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

GENESEO DANCE PERMIT
Approve Dance Permit for 12 months to Geneseo Bar. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

ELECTION INSPECTORS
Approve appointment of the following as Inspectors of Election: Sharon Gainor, George Kiefer, Robert Anderson, Vivian Kosmatka, Pat Enderson, and Denise Dockter. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp arrived at 1:15 p.m.

JAMES LUNNEBORG ABATEMENT
Discussed the James Lunneborg abatement for the NE1/4-31-131-54. After consultation with the States Attorney and review of the NDCC (57-23-04), the commission feels this request does not have grounds for abatement. (Wyum/Smith, Roll call vote: All voted aye. No one voted nay. Motion carried)

Don Wehlander left at 3:00 p.m. to meet with NDDOT officials.

ROAD DEPT ISSUES
CO # 5, CO # 2, CO # 14,
CRACKFILLING, CO # 12,
FUEL & GAS TOTALS FOR 1997
CO # 2 SHEETWATER
Sparky Engquist met with the Board to discuss road projects. He is working on finishing Co. # 5 and has met with Sandra Siekaniec, Tewaukon Refuge. Co. # 2 road project is waiting for paperwork from Bismarck. Roadway Services will meet with Sparky to look at crack-filling work. Co. # 14 project cannot use 1997 ER funds to make additional repairs. Co. # 12 box culvert is a good possibility that this can be installed. Jeff Volk, Engineer, is doing a feasibility study to justify the additional culvert. Fuel and gas consumption for 1997 is being compiled and all equipment slips checked for accuracy. Sparky is working on removing the sheetwater along Co. # 1.

Lysle Coleman left at 3:30 p.m.

BRIDGE NOS. 123-20 & 135-05
APPROVE PURCHASE OF A 1982 GMC TRUCK FOR \$12,000.
Discussed work on Bridge Nos. 123-20 and 135-05. Sparky is waiting for the water to recede before repairs can be completed. Sparky provided information on a truck-1982 GMC General, 6 cylinder, diesel, 5-ton with built in shop on back of truck with 846 miles. Authorize Sparky to purchase for \$12,000 from Surplus Property. (Smith/Wyum, Roll call vote: All ayes)

FORMAN AMBULANCE EMT CONCERNS
Jerry Arneson met with the Board to discuss the status of Michael Carter, EMT, Forman Ambulance. Michael is taking a paramedic course in Bismarck and asked the Forman Ambulance Board for approval. The Ambulance Board asked him to 1) Go to each person who would cover for him while he was gone and get approval, 2) Call all commissioners and inform them of his plans, 3) Be sure all duties are covered before he leaves. He did not get covers for Monday and there was an ambulance run and he did not contact all the commissioners. He hasn't been providing proper maintenance to the ambulance. The Forman Ambulance Board will meet Wednesday evening to discuss what action should be taken.

Approve payment of the following bills and May payroll in the sum of \$64,195.20. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

34159 Forman City	Water, sewer & garbage	104.50
Weed Control Expenses		1813.90
34225 Air Touch Cellular	Cell phone	32.22
34226 Amoco	Gasoline	63.38
34227 Earl W. Anderson Jr.	Travel & mental health hearing	392.50
34228 Barnes Co: Correctional Fac.	Prisoner Board	90.00
34229 Leslie Bjore	Architect-Initial fee	1000.00
34230 Bob's Photo	Equipment	936.40
34231 Buhl's	Cleaning service	105.72
34232 Chunky's Standard	Tires, labor & service	169.63
34233 Coast to Coast	Tiller/cultivator	292.98
34234 Lysle Coleman	Travel	70.25
34235 Comfort Inn	Lodging	145.00
34236 Dan Delahoyde	Travel	40.00
34237 Dyste's	Supplies	13.69
34238 Election Systems	Ballots & supplies	1227.04
34239 Farmers' Union Oil Co.	Gas. & supplies	972.31
34240 Forman City	Garbage bags	250.00
34241 Forman Auto Parts	Repairs	212.15
34242 Freestyle Sales Co.	Film	257.65
34243 German Window Washer	Wash front windows	60.00
34244 Great Plains Benefits	Update Personnel Policy	569.00
34245 Hansen Lumber & Hdwe.	3 air conditioners	1645.00
34246 Hardware Hank	Supplies	350.58
34247 Gina Hillestad	Travel	90.00
34248 Sherry Hosford	Printer cable	34.99
34249 ISD	Computer connection	131.13
34250 Martinsen's Home Center	Supplies	76.14
34251 Harrison McCleery	Travel	30.00
34252 Diane McDaniel	Travel	45.00
34253 Microage Computer Center	Computer upgrade	478.67
34254 Minn-Kota Communications	Repairs	108.70
34255 Larry Nelson	Fairgrounds maintenance	130.00
34256 ND Ass'n of Cos.	Worker's Comp. Payment	525.50
34257 ND Treas. Ass'n	Convention expenses	95.00
34258 ND Sheriff's & Dep. Ass'n	Dues	20.00
34259 Oakes Community Hospital	3 Blood Alcohol	110.10
34260 Officeland	Supplies	15.98
34261 Norman Preble	Travel	60.00
34262 Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	1560.00
34262 SEL Lumber	Supplies	507.88
34264 Teller	Publishing fees	231.63
34265 Universal Service	Copier toner	272.00
34266 Western Printing Co.	Supplies	370.60
34267 White Banner Uniform	Uniform alterations	16.50
34268 Dickey Rural Comm.	Telephone service	534.12
34269 Hansen Lumber & Hwe	Supplies	50.00
34270 US Link	Long distance charges	305.81
Social Service expenses		2961.85
34297 3-D Specialties	Tape	16.95
34298 Bear Creek Gravel	Gravel & asphalt	2226.77
34299 Bernard Mahrer Const. Inc.	Gravel, oil, rock & sand	22205.22
34300 Economy Oil Co.	Fuel & gasoline	2097.55
34301 Farm Plan	Repairs	189.78
34302 Kugler Salvage	Gear	255.49
34303 Lloyd's Lawn Mowers	Switch	8.25
34304 NDDOT	Bridge Inspection	40.00
34305 Ray-Mac Inc.	Material	40.44
34306 Dakota Office Products	Supplies	33.70
34307 Doublewood Inn.	Lodging	63.50
34308 Forman Drug	Supplies	7.29
34309 Julie Hassebroek	Travel	113.50
34310 ND Dept. of HS	SPED & FC	890.95
34311 NDSU	Supplies	20.00
34312 State Fire & Tornado	Museum addition	31.20
34313 Sharan Huffman	Registration & travel	125.40

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Betty Hewitt
 BETTY HEWITT - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Sherry Hosford
 SHERRY HOSFORD AUDITOR

Forman, North Dakota
June 2, 1998

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Betty Hewitt, Don Wehlander, Lysle Coleman, Steve Wyum, and Bill Smith. Absent none. Also present: Norm Preble

LEGISLATORS FROM
DISTRICT 26 & 27

The Board invited the 26th and 27th District Legislators to meet with them and the following were present: Senator Jerry Kelsh and Rep. Pam Gulleon, 26th District and Senator Joel Heitkamp and Rep. Howard Grumbo, 27th District. The following issues were discussed: 1) Balance in taxes - income vs. sales vs. property; 2) Federal payments for game and fish lands and allocation within county; 3) Clerk of Court reduction; 4) County reorganization mandates; 5) Rural vs. urban - Where are we going? 6) School taxing power and election law variance; and 7) Garrison Diversion Conservancy District future. The legislators provided valuable information to the Board and expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to meet with them and encouraged continued communication.

1998 BOARD OF REVIEW
AND EQUALIZATION

The Board proceeded to organize as the 1998 Board of Review and Equalization. Norm Preble prepared a summary of all changes on the local level (township and city) and proposed changes by the county. Norm suggested that next year he schedules all equalization meetings and plan to attend to assist the townships with the various changes. The Board agreed to his suggestion. Several decreases in Ag property were a concern of the Board and some increases because of irrigation. Discussed gravel pit in the SW1/4-26-132-58 in Sargent County name. According to records in the Register of Deeds Office this was included in a Tax Sale from Sargent County to William Bruns on October 3, 1945. Authorize including Parcel 3-26-1480 in to Parcel 3-26-1479 for future taxation. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous) The Board recessed for lunch.

GRAVEL PIT IN DENVER
TWP

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TAX EXEMPT NUMBER

Orville Nelson, SC Historical Society, met with the Board regarding Sales Tax Exempt number. The Historical Society is purchasing materials for the new addition and would like to use the county exempt number. Allow SCHS permission to use the Sargent County Sales Tax Exempt number. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

LAKE AGASSIZ REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Irv Rustad, Lake Agassiz Regional Development Corporation, met with the Board to discuss the Community Development Financial Institution Fund. There is matching money available from the Dept. of the Treasury to invest in business enterprises (old or new). He is talking to 3 other counties and several cities to see if a loan pool can be established to encourage business development. This would also apply to Job Development Authority and housing. Steven Wyum introduced the following motion and moved for its adoption:

The County of Sargent recognized the continuing out migration population from the Sargent County area.

NON-BINDING COMMITMENT
UP TO \$500,000 FOR
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

In order to help reverse this dilemma, Sargent County anticipates a non-binding commitment up to \$500,000 to be placed in the Lake Agassiz Regional Corporation Community Development Financial Institution Fund. We understand that the CDFI fund will be established to invest in Business Enterprises in Sargent County. This non-binding commitment is contingent upon the Lake Agassiz Regional Development Corporation receiving the CDFI certification and a funding offer from the Department of Treasury under the Community Development Financial Institution Program.

Don Wehlander seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

JEFF STADUM RESIGNATION

Chuck Gates reported to the Board that Jeff Stadum has accepted a position with the Jamestown City Police Department and will be leaving June 15th. Chuck was authorized to advertise for a deputy and he asked permission to promote Travis Paeper to Chief Deputy at \$1800/month and the new deputy starting at \$1700/month. He would like the new deputy on duty July 6th. Chairman Hewitt vacated the chair and made the following motion: Amend the 1998 budget to rectify the salary change for Travis Paper effective June 1, 1998 and allow up to \$1700 per month for new deputy. Smith seconded the motion and said motion carried unanimously.

TRAVIS PAEPER PROMOTION

AMEND 98 BUDGET FOR
DEPUTY SALARY

Chuck Gates asked the Board to pass a resolution for the Johnny Holm concert on July 8th at the fairgrounds that no glass containers are allowed. Lyle Bopp will prepare the resolution.

JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

Gina Hillestad delivered the tentative job classification and pay plan proposal as prepared by Rhodes, Shanley & Associates. She reviewed the plan and the Board will study it and discuss the contents later.

BOARD OF REVIEW AND
EQUALIZATION -
JIM LUNNEBORG

The Board of Review and Equalization reconvened at 4:00 with Norm Preble and Jim Lunneborg present. The Board proceeded to discuss changes and the criteria used to make the changes. Jim Lunneborg asked about the Board's denial of his abatement application. They explained that the abatement is for property damaged by flood and he was asking for a land decrease due to flooding. North Dakota law

does not allow this type of abatement request. Approve all changes as presented to the township and city valuations with the exception of Ag land decreases in Denver, Hall and Willey and Ag land increases in Denver Township. (Wyum/Smith, Voting aye: Wyum, Smith and Hewitt. Voting nay: Coleman and Wehlander, Motion carried). The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. on June 16, 1998.

CHANGES IN TWP & CITY
ASSESSMENT BOOKS FOR
1998

Motion to approve minutes of May 19, 1998 meeting. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

Grant permission to Sandy Hanson to assist with ND Boys State at Wahpeton June 9-12 through the ND Division of Emergency Management. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

SANDY HANSON PERMISSION
TO HELP AT ND BOYS STATE

Approve 1/3 cost share of a 36 inch by 50-foot culvert between Section 14/15 in Forman Township. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

FORMAN TWP CULVERT COST
SHARE

Approve reappointment of Stanley Melroe and Homer Martinsen to Sargent County School Reorganization Committee for a 3-year term. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

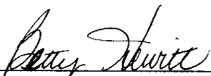
SC REORGANIZATION BOARD
MELROE & MARTINSEN
REAPPOINTMENT
SCOTT WALDEN COUNTY DEED

Approve County Deed to Scott Walden for Lots 16-17, Block 22, Auditor's Plat, Cogswell City for \$200. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

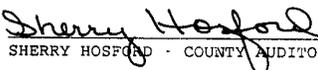
Authorize memo to Michael Carter, Coroner, to immediately discontinue use on the radio system of the coroner call number unless he is called out for a coroner call. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

CORONER USE OF RADIO

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


BETTY HEWITT - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


SHERRY HOSFORD - COUNTY AUDITOR

Forman, North Dakota
June 16, 1998

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Betty Hewitt, Lysle Coleman, Bill Smith, Steve Wyum, and Don Wehlander. Absent none.

Dan Jacobson and John Totenhagen, SC Water Board and Sparky Engquist met with the commissioners to discuss two water problems. 1) A culvert located between Section 30/31 in Herman Township continues to wash and the landowners do not have access to their land. An additional pipe was requested but Sparky has looked at the site and plans to put a lift of asphalt so the fill will not wash away. He will do this after it firms up. 2) The cap is not on the culvert between Section 24/19 in Milnor and Hall Township. It was removed by a landowner because he was being flooded out. Don said it was back on but he feels it should be controlled by Sparky because it is a county road. Sparky has checked the levels of water but there is concern about another heavy rain. The county commissioners feel the cap should be locked on controlled at the discretion of the Water Board. The cap should be on permanently and only opened after heavy rains to not jeopardize the county road. The Board directed Sparky to make permanent arrangements to install the cap. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

WATER BOARD - CULVERT
30/31-HERMAN TWP

CULVERT CAP BETWEEN
24/19- TOM MUND

Don Wehlander asked the Water Board about the drain north of DeLamere and who is responsible for cleaning. The residents of DeLamere and area landowners would like to clean a small drain that flows to the Tri-County Drain. The ND Dept. of Transportation officials agreed to work with the landowners. The cost would have to be paid by those landowners because it is not part of the legal drain.

DELAMERE WATER PROBLEMS

Dan Jacobson asked about the Co. # 1 road problem in Harlem Township. Sparky was able to establish a drain to the west of Esler Swanson's between Section 4/9. This water will drain to the west to Dr. # 11. Water will flow into the drain on the south side of the county road. He can clean out both sides of the roadway and put one culvert in to drain water to the ditch. He will move an 18-inch culvert between 3/10 and place between 3 and 4. An 18-inch culvert between 4/9 will drain into a 24-inch on the north edge of Section 9. He will install a cap to control the water.

CO # 1 - HARLEM TWP

Lysle Coleman asked the Water Board about spraying areas of Dr. # 11 in the Stirum area. This would have to be hand-sprayed and the Water Board will take a look at the area.

SPRAYING DR # 11

A culvert through middle of Meszaros Slough between Section 20/29 of Sargent Township has rusted through and should be replaced. There is a 48-inch in now and Water Board will meet with the engineer to discuss sizing of culverts.

MESZAROUS SLOUGH
CULVERT

Sandra Siekaniec, Tewaukon Refuge Manager, presented a check for Refuge Revenue Sharing Act. She also distributed information on the Annual Report, economic benefits to local communities of National Wildlife Refuge visitation and the planning update of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan. She also noted that new funding is available for roadways through refuges. Sparky will prepare some information for this funding.

TEWAUKON REFUGE CHECK

Recessed at 10:05 for Park Board meeting.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
 PEARL BENTSON ASSESSMENT
 1998 LAND CHANGES
 5% - AG LAND
 0% - COMM LAND
 4% - RES LAND (except Milnor City)
 Handicap Accessibility for Courthouse
 BOARD OF EQUILAIZATION
 WEBER TWP CHANGE
 DENVER TWP CHANGE
 ADJOURN BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
 JANET KIEFER, SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD
 837 TOWNSHIP ROAD MILES
 INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION
 JT POWERS AGREEMENT
 CO # 4 REPAIRS
 CO # 3
 REMOVE ROAD RESTRICTIONS
 FORMAN GRAIN CO. INC.
 ABATEMENT
 HERMAN TWP LANDOWNERS
 REQUESTING ABATEMENTS
 HEARING
 RESOLUTION REGARDING CLEANING
 THE WILD RICE RIVER
 GLASS BEVERAGE BAN FROM
 COUNTY PROPERTY
 STADUM - VEST
 ADDITIONAL HELP FOR JOHNNY HOLM

Reconvened at 10:35 as Board of Equalization. Those present: Norman Preble, Orville and Lois Gehring and Lyle Bopp.

A residential assessment was placed on Pearl Bentson home in NE1/4-31-131-56 of \$22,700. Norm explained the assessment process to the Gehring's and considered the size of the home as well as the location. The Gehring's feel the value is too high. The home was farm exempt but is now rental property and is taxable. Value remains at \$22,700. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

The Board proceeded to discuss other equalization issues. The state is recommending on agricultural land a 9% increase for 1998 to get the county to 100% of state value. Commercial value is at 98% and within state tolerance. The residential lot and structure value is 93.8%. Norm suggested talking to the State Board that we are in the process of revaluing the cities in the county or to raise all residential property in the county 4% except Milnor City because of a complete revaluation in 1997. As per NDCC 57-02, do not follow states recommendation to get to the 100% value, but increase ag values to 5% to be at 96% of state tolerance and increase residential by 4% except Milnor City to be at 97.8%. (Smith/Coleman, unanimous) Norm explained his process in re-valuing Forman City and is talking to Rutland City about this same project in 1998. Discussed land increase in Denver Township because of irrigation.

Recess for lunch.

Les Bjore presented handicap accessibility plans for the courthouse. The addition measures 22.5 feet by 22 feet. He also wants to verify location of offices and utilities.

The Board of Equalization reconvened at 1:30. Amend 6-2-98 motion to decrease value 1% instead of 5% on NE1/4-29-129-55 due to inaccurate information on railroad right-of-way measurement. (Wyum/Wehlander, Abstain: Smith, Motion carried) Amend 6-2-98 motion to adjust value of SW1/4-6-132-58 by 10% reduction (Coleman/Wehlander. Roll call: Aye: Smith, Coleman, Wehlander, Hewitt. Nay: Wyum, Motion carried.) Adjourn Board of Equalization SINE DIE. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve 6-2-98 minutes and May financial statement. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Appoint Janet Kiefer to the Sargent County Social Service Board for a 3-year term. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Certify 837 Township Road miles to the ND State Treasurer. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

Adopt Joint Powers Agreement for Purchasing for Indirect Cost Allocation. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist reported that the road project north of Cogswell is estimated at \$50,800 for cold mix lift and if we do an earth lift it would be \$80,000 minimal. This will be submitted to FAS for disaster monies. Highest average lift would be 5 inches. Co. # 2 project information will be forwarded to the Bureau of Reclamation this week. Crandall Construction will be working on Co. # 3 between Section 29/32-130-55. Sargent County Road Restrictions will be removed on all gravel roads effective June 22, 1998 and remain on paved roads through June 1998.

Earl W. Anderson, Attorney, met with the Board to represent Forman Grain Co. Inc., concerning a 1997 tax abatement filed on Lease No. 4548L. Mr. McDowell, Pres. communicated via a conference call. They feel the value of the property is too high and should be reduced to \$5,000. Mr. Anderson compared some sales in the county from comparable property. Forman City Council recommended that no change be made on the 1997 taxes but have recommended that a 50% reduction be made on the 1998 taxes. This building is currently being used for private bulk storage and due to physical condition; Mr. McDowell feels it is questionable of any long-term use other than bulk storage. The facility is also used as housing about 25 percent of the time. Mr. Anderson feels that the value should be lowered to \$5,000. Concur with Forman City recommendation for 1997 abatement. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Conducted abatement hearing to persons from Herman Township for 1996 and 1997 taxes. Landowners are asking for abatement of taxes because of flooding. Under the abatement process there isn't provision for the county to grant a tax abatement unless the flooding causes property improvement damage (NDCC 57-23-04). This would include any building, mobile home, structure or other improvement being destroyed by fire, flood or tornado. The landowners are concerned about the overflowing of the Wild Rice River and feel this should be cleaned out. The Corps of Engineers says there is no funding for cleaning the river. The residents of Herman Township would like some help to solve this problem. Can Buffalo Lake water be regulated for release? We have to work to get this cleaned out and maybe FEMA can be contacted for assistance. There was a dam installed in the late 1930's and washed out in 1951 or 1952. Possibly the commission sanctioned this dam in 1930. Adopt a resolution urging the United States government through emergency declaration to proceed post haste with plans to clean out the Wild Rice River to alleviate problems that are burdening the landowners along said river. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous) The group thanked Norman Preble for physically investigating this area and their appreciation for his assistance. Deny applications for abatement based on NDCC 57-23-04. (Wyum/Coleman, unanimous)

Chuck Gates met with the Board to discuss a resolution banning all glass beverage containers from county property. Approve resolution. Resolution on file in the County Auditor's Office. (Wehlander/Smith, unanimous) Jeff Stadum would like to buy his bullet resistant vest. Board agreed to sell for one-half of purchase price. Part-time position for clerical in Sheriff's Dept. has \$400 approved. He would like to hire another deputy, a nurse to do blood draw and a jailer to watch any detainees during the Johnny Holm concert on July 8th on the Sargent County Fairgrounds. Approximate cost \$220. Approved. Interviewing deputy candidates on Thursday.

Increase boiler coverage from \$100,000 to \$1,332,000. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)
Premium will be \$609 per year.

INCREASE BOILER COVERAGE

Approve Replacement County Deed to F. C. Callahan for 1.20 acres in NW1/4-9-132-53
that was sold pursuant to law on November 3, 1940. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

F.C. CALLAHAN REPLACEMENT
DEED

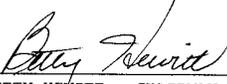
Primary Election results for county races and issues are as follows: Co.
Commission District 5: Ray Brockman-491, Roger Zetocha-413 and Connie White-248.
County Job Development Authority advisory vote: Yes-248 and No-774.

1998 PRIMARY ELECTION
RESULTS

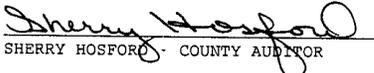
Approve payment of the following bills and June payroll in the sum of \$63,094.72.
(Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

34350 City of Forman	Water, sewer & garbage	98.15
Social Service Expenses		3467.10
Election Board Expenses		3034.50
34440 Air Touch	Cellular phone	32.19
34441 Amoco	Gas	31.29
34442 A T & T	Phone calls	25.32
3443 Buhl's	Cleaning service	106.52
34444 Patricia J. Carlen	Travel	83.00
34445 Case & Bopp Law Office	Rent & phone	411.98
34446 Chunky's Standard	Service cars	61.00
34447 Dakota Inn	Lodging	57.50
34448 Dakota Office	Supplies	111.28
34449 Dianne's Country Greenhouse	Flowers	128.24
34450 Dyste's	Supplies	1.49
34451 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas & repairs	774.09
34452 Forman Drug	Supplies	8.49
34453 Forman Auto	Repairs	276.98
34454 FRS Industries Inc.	Notary stamp	24.71
34455 Hardware Hank	Supplies	178.43
34456 ISD	Computer connection	131.13
34457 Lisbon Medical Center	Blood Alcohol	29.00
34458 Martinsen's Home Center	Repairs	195.62
34459 McKeever's Super Valu	Film, processing, etc.	90.71
34460 Minn-kota Communication	Radio repair and tower rent	266.75
34461 Larry Nelson	Labor	220.00
34462 ND Ass'n of Cos.	Computer consulting	413.75
34463 ND State Radio Communication	Teletype rental	210.00
34464 Oakes Community Hospital	2 Blood Alcohol	73.40
34465 Officeland	Supplies	5.46
34466 Quill Corp.	Supplies & paper	290.57
34467 Ray-Mac Inc.	North railing	313.04
34468 Reardon Office Equip.	Service agreement-copiers	1034.95
34469 Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoners Board	1040.00
34470 Jeff Stadium	Car wash	8.75
34471 Stein's Inc.	Supplies	107.04
34472 The Teller	Publishing fees	1335.82
34473 U.S. Link	Long distance calls	307.24
34474 Viking Office Products	Supplies	228.09
34475 Don Wehlander	Travel	150.00
34476 Bear Creek Gravel	Gravel	4813.80
34477 Bernard Mahrer Const. Inc.	Gravel	3587.84
34478 Butler Machinery	Repairs	97.86
34479 California Contractors Sup.	Tools	69.90
34480 Coast to Coast	Shovel	33.98
34481 Crandall Construction	Gravel	12452.06
34482 Economy Oil Inc.	Gas & Fuel	1892.64
34483 Johnston Culvert Co.	Culverts	9988.75
34484 ND State Agency	82 truck and supplies	13686.50
34485 RDO Equip. Co.	Cutting edges	2108.36
34486 SEL Lumber	Supplies	53.80
34487 Johnston Culvert Co.	Culvert	483.90
34488 Dickey Rural Telephone Co.	911	825.00
34489 Julie Hassebroek	Supplies	227.57
34490 KWIK Stop	Gas	12.75
34491 ND Dept. of Human Service	MA & FC	959.07
34492 ND State Radio	911	1225.20
34493 Julie Qual	Travel	157.75
34494 Treadway Graphics	DARE supplies	44.00
34495 US West Communications	911	298.08

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


BETTY HEWITT - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


SHERRY HOSFORD - COUNTY AUDITOR