

Forman, North Dakota
April 4, 2006

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum and Jerry Waswick. Absent Maurice Orn.

Approve March 21, 2006 minutes as corrected. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Reviewed letter dated March 23, 2006 from NDDOT regarding the railroad/highway crossing in Gwinner City. Attempted to contact Dave Leftwich, Local Government Engineer, NDDOT and he was out of the office. Tabled.

The Board proceeded to review correspondence.

Reappoint Lorraine Jacobson to the SC District Board of Health. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Discussed polling hours and election board wages for upcoming Primary Election. Approve opening the polls at 9:00 a.m. and closing at 7:00 p.m. and paying board members \$7.35 per hour for all persons attending the training sessions and \$5.15 per hour for those not attending the training session. Hours paid will include time worked at the polls, delivering the election materials to the courthouse and attending the training sessions. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Myron Yagow, Milnor and Norman Preble, Tax Director, met with the Board to discuss an application for abatement and settlement of taxes on the NE1/4-33-132-55. The home was destroyed in July 2005 and Mr. Yagow is requesting a 6-month proration on the structure. Willey Township approved his request and Mr. Preble recommended the reduction. Concur with the Tax Director's recommendation. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous) Howard Rasmussen, Leonard, ND sent a letter to the Board regarding valuation on a home he built in Milnor. This matter was discussed at the Milnor City Board of Equalization meeting last night and Mr. Preble did reduce the value of home because the lower level is unfinished. He also explained the process for placing values, tax exemption limits and sales ratio data. He explained to Mr. Rasmussen that he could file an abatement for refund on the reduction or attend the County Board of Equalization meeting in June. Norm Preble reviewed some farm home exemptions and his intention to place them on the tax roll.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, arrived at the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Glenn Hangaard and several members of the high school government class of Sargent Central arrived at the meeting to observe County Government. Board members explained the various duties of their positions and services provided by the county as well as the taxation process and the upcoming election.

Lyle Bopp proposed a change discussed by the Personnel Board to revise the Holiday pay for the Friday after Thanksgiving. The PB proposes the policy to read: Friday after Thanksgiving the Courthouse will be open, however, staffing level will be determined by the Department Head. The excused employee(s) will not have vacation, sick leave, personal leave deducted. Adopt change. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Bill Anderson reported that Joann Harris, Rutland, ND is interested in a position on the SC District Board of Health for the seat vacated by Jeanne Hoistad. Approve appointment of Ms. Harris for a five-year term. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp reported on a phone call from a township regarding road conditions and placing a notice in the paper informing the public to report any potentially hazardous conditions on any roadways in the county. The Board agreed to place the ad in the paper on behalf of Sargent County and the Township Officers Association.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff presented quotes on a new Dodge Durango. The low bid was from Corwin Chrysler, Plymouth, and Dodge for \$21,096. The Board authorized him to proceed with the acquisition process.

The board recessed at 12:00 for lunch.

The board reconvened at 2:30 p.m. following the Sargent County Park Board meeting.

Damon DeVillers and Jackson Zaharia, Interstate Engineering, Inc. and Sparky Engquist arrived at the meeting. The Board proceeded to open Request for Proposals for Engineering Services for Construction Eng. for Project SC 4110(057) and Preliminary and Construction Eng. for Project BRO-

0041(011). Proposals were received from Houston Engineering, Fargo, ND and Interstate Engineering, Inc. Wahpeton, ND. Motion to retain services of Interstate Engineering, Inc. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve Construction and Maintenance Agreement and letter certifying the right of way acquisition for Project SC 4110 as requested from NDDOT. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

The Board visited with Sparky about finishing up some projects and upcoming work. A letter from Shuman Township was discussed and the Board noted that they are concerned about holes in the road and their intention is to get the site on 88th St SE and County Road 12 fixed by July 1, 2006.

The Board recessed to a Non-Agenda Employee Meeting on the Conference Room.

Meeting recessed to Thursday, April 6th.

Reconvened meeting of the Sargent County Commission on April 6, 2006 at 5:05 p.m. Members present: Jerry Waswick, Steve Wyum, Bill Anderson and Mike Walstead. Absent: Maurice Orn.

Chairman Jerry Waswick called the meeting to order.

Six applicants for the Equipment Operator position were interviewed this morning. Steve reports all of the applicants are very good candidates and it will be a difficult decision. The interviewing committee narrowed it down to two applicants. After extensive discussion Road Supervisor Sparky Engquist recommended we hire Mike Marquette. Motion by Mike Walstead that we hire Mike Marquette for the equipment operator position and due to his technical education and mechanical ability to be placed at a Grade 6, Step 9 pay scale. Second by Steve Wyum. Roll call vote: Yes: Walstead, Wyum, Anderson, and Waswick. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Discussion about hiring of summer part time employee for the road department. Authorized Sparky to place an ad for the position.

Motion by Bill Anderson to authorize Road Supervisor the authority to offer the Equipment Operator position to second choice applicant should Mr. Marquette decline the officer. Motion seconded by Steve Wyum. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Wyum, seconded by Bill Anderson. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

JERRY M. WASWICK – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR