

Forman, North Dakota  
April 7, 2009

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

The commission attended an employee non-agenda meeting in the Community Room until 10:00 a.m.

Norm Preble, Tax Director/VSO met with the Board to discuss an abatement filed by Roger Ringdahl on the SW1/4-18-130-55. Mr. Ringdahl has re-established his farming status following work off the farm for several years. He is requesting that his residential improvement be removed from the 2008 taxes as it is farm exempt. Rutland Township approved the application. Motion to concur with township. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous) The CAMA project was discussed and Mr. Preble informed the Board that he is working on the project. Mr. Preble also discussed a proposal from Secure Software Solutions (SSS) regarding a proposal to complete the remaining research on the parceling project for the soils study. The cost of the project is \$9876 less 30% which is \$2962.80 for a total of \$6913.20. Board members suggested that rather than paying (SSS) possibly asking county employees to do the work and pay the extra money to our employees. Some felt the process would be expedited if (SSS) completes the work and make information available for our county soils committee. Motion to accept the proposal of (SSS) and take advantage of the discount and hire (SSS) to complete the project for county soils committee review. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous) Warrant No. 60457

Mr. Bob Stanley, Keystone Pipeline/TransCanada (KPTC), met with the Board as per the Board's request to discuss road issues in Sargent County. Sparky Engquist was also present. Jerry Waswick asked for some dialogue on different phases of upcoming projects including truck traffic, sub-contractor traffic and (KPTC) use of haul roads. Mr. Stanley stated that he is not in charge of hauling but McLear Reagan has worked with the landowner issues and is the road supervisor. Mr. Stanley indicated that at the pump station in Southwest Township (KPTC) will start driving piles and doing dirt work to fill the site up. Since the road conditions are poor, (KPTC) has suspended all truck hauling but they did stockpile dirt that will get them through until June 1. (KPTC) has an obligation to restore the roads to the original condition if there are damages. The estimated completion date of October-November is expected for the pump station. Mr. Stanley requested from the county the exact haul roads that are allowed to be used for pipeline construction projects. In a follow-up phone call, Mr. Bill Laffoon, Construction Supervisor for (KPTC) agreed to be the contact person for Sargent County concerns.

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

Sparky Engquist, road supt. reported on County # 10 culvert project. At this time the culvert looks good but he has some issues with rural water that need to be addressed before he can proceed. He has been removing some snow in ditches in several areas to alleviate water flowing over the roadways.

Ken Forster, Forman, as a member of the 4-H Livestock Committee and 4-H Council met with the Board regarding the SC Extension Office. He has concerns and issues with the entry dates for premium sales at the county fair and a request for information from the Extension Office. The Board will schedule a meeting with Julie Hassebroek, Extension Agent on April 21.

Gerald Dill, Lysle Coleman and Andy Seyer, Verner Township and Sparky Engquist met with the commission to discuss a road agreement approved on February 19, 2008. The two mile stretch of roadway located between Section 19/30 and 20/29 in Verner Township has been a problem area this winter and has been shut down a few times. The road was very greasy last fall and needed gravel because of too much clay in the gravel. Sparky Engquist reported that there isn't any more gravel in a couple of pits in that area. He is working with another contractor for better gravel. The roadway needs a good thick layer of coarse gravel. Sparky will work with the township to place good gravel on this 2 mile stretch of roadway. Other discussion followed on the pipeline haul roads. Townships are responsible for their own haul road agreements.

Approve minutes of March 17, 24, 31, and April 2, 2009 meetings as corrected. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

Reappoint Harris L. Anderson, Havana and appoint Tammy Matthews, Cogswell to replace Judy (Mrs. Gerald) Ringdahl to five year terms on the Sargent County District Board of Health. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous)

Sheriff Travis Paeper requested the Yield signs on County Road 5 at the intersection of County Road 2 and 5, the east/west road be replaced with Stop signs. This would make this blind intersection much

safer because a large tree belt in the southwest corner makes it difficult for drivers to see vehicles approaching or entering the intersection. Motion to approve the request and instruct the road department to replace existing signs with Stop signs. (Waswick/Walstead/unanimous)

Authorize the County Auditor to request another permit from the ND Game and Fish Dept. for county and township governments to shoot or trap muskrats out of season to protect roadways experiencing road damage resulting from muskrats undermining roadbeds. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Traffic Safety Contract for FY 2009 between ND Dept. of Transportation and Sargent County Sherriff's Dept. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous) This contract provides \$900 for overtime wages for the Sheriff's Dept. to participate in the Click It or Ticket seat belt campaign.

Motion to appoint Sandra Hanson as the Designation of Applicant Agent for FEMA-1829-DR-ND and Snow Removal Policy 2009-2. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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STEVEN R WYUM

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR