

Forman, North Dakota  
May 1, 2012

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, David L Jacobson, Mike Walstead and Jerry Waswick. Absent: None. Also present was Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller.

Approve minutes of April 17, 2012 meeting as corrected. (Walstead/Jacobson, unanimous)

Travis Paeper, Sheriff met with the Board to discuss clarification of the Personnel Policy specifically Family Leave, Medical Leave, Sick Leave and Pregnancy-Related Absences. States Attorney Lyle Bopp was present and agreed to provide a written opinion on leave following childbirth that addresses questions concerning use of sick leave while in the hospital or for doctor appointments; otherwise employees must use their vacation and unpaid Family Leave. Bill Anderson encouraged the Personnel Board to review these policies and clarify the content.

Mark Dagley, Secure Software Solutions visited with the Board via conference call. The purpose of the call was to discuss the implementation of the new soils based valuation of agricultural land in Sargent County. Modifiers, total by county of the different soils types and an Ag Value Comparison by year not including the capitalization rate were reviewed. States Attorney Bopp was asked to research the time frame for notifying taxpayers of the increase in value based on the soils study. The Board will make a decision whether to implement the soils data for 2012 taxes at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jerry Waswick reported that the speed limit signs have been installed in Stirum as well as the parallel stripes and handicap parking places. Installation of rumble strips on both sides of Stirum was tabled.

Roz Amerman, custodian, stopped by the meeting to discuss repairs to the north door of the courthouse. Board members agreed that it is not necessary to have the automatic opener for said door as the north entrance is not handicapped accessible, and there is an opener on the west entrance, which is handicapped accessible.

Approve appointment of Joan Lee, Cayuga as the 2012 Election Inspector. (Jacobson/Wyum, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney presented two (2) easements for approval for tile projects that were installed last year – 1) N½NE¼-13-131-55 and S½SE¼-12-131-55 for the benefit of and appurtenant to adjacent land (dominant tenement) along County Road #1. Authorize the Chairman and County Auditor to execute said easements. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. informed the Board that several ER Projects will require preliminary engineering services and the Board must have a Request for Proposals for these engineering services in order to continue forward with these projects. Motion to advertise for proposals with the proposal opening on June 19 at 11:30 a.m. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

---

BILL ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

---

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR