

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m., following the county park board meeting, with the following members present: Dave Jacobson, Jason Arth, Mike Walstead, Sherry Hosford, and Bill Anderson. Also present was Lyle Bopp, State's Attorney; Jayne Pfau, Assistant State's Attorney; Tibby Hinderlie, The Sargent County Teller; and Pam Maloney, Sargent County Auditor.

Approve May 2, 2017 minutes as corrected. (Hosford/Arth, unanimous)

Travis Paeper, Sargent County Sheriff, arrived at the meeting to discuss the purchase of the new squad car. Purchase price of the vehicle, a 2017 Ford Police Pursuit All Wheel Drive SUV, is \$30,558.17, and Nelson Auto would allow a trade-in value of \$8,300 for the 2014 Ford Police Interceptor that will be removed from the Sheriff's Department's inventory. Ringdahl Ambulance Service had previously expressed interest in the 2014 model, but decided it was too small for their needs. However, they might be interested in the 2011 Ford Expedition which is now one of the two county fleet vehicles. Sheriff Paeper will check with Kelley Blue Book to see what the 2011 Ford Expedition would be worth. Motion to purchase the 2017 Ford Police Interceptor at the State bid price of \$30,558.17, keep the 2014 Ford Police Interceptor in the county fleet and put the 2011 Ford Expedition up for sale. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Commissioner Walstead stated that the custodian thinks that it is advisable to pull out the evergreens around the courthouse and replace them with shrubs. The evergreens emit an unpleasant odor when it's warm, and they are growing too close to the foundation of the building. He was given approval to pull out the current evergreens, but to postpone planting something different at this time.

Commissioner Hosford inquired about the status of loans made by the Sargent County Job Development Authority (JDA).

Brenda Peterson, Sargent County Health District Administrator; and, Aaron Johnson & Grant Larson, Fargo Cass Public Health; arrived at the meeting. The commission proceeded with the second reading of the proposed On Site Sewage Treatment System ordinance, pursuant to the request that had been made by Commissioner Walstead at the April 4th meeting. Ms. Peterson stated that this ordinance will help Cass County Public Health complete its job of environmental health protection for the counties of: Cass, Trail, Steele, Ransom, Richland, and, Sargent; and will protect property owners and the environment. The Sargent County Health District Board has previously approved the ordinance, and is requesting that this ordinance be adopted by the County Commission. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Larson also answered several questions posed to them by those present. There was concern expressed by the States Attorney about what constitutes a public nuisance and who would be responsible for the enforcement of the ordinance. Motion to approve the 2nd reading and approve the ordinance establishing uniform Onsite Sewage Treatment System regulations for Sargent County effective July 1, 2017 subject to the addition of an appendix with Standard Operating Procedures pertaining to the enforcement of provisions concerning any system deemed to be a "nuisance". (Hosford/Walstead) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Walstead, Anderson & Hosford. No – Arth & Jacobson. Motion carried.

Sandra Hanson, Tax Director/911 Coordinator/Emergency Manager, arrived at the meeting. An Application for Abatement of Taxes had been received from Wade Kuehn, Milnor, requesting abatement of taxes on a residence in Milnor that had been torn down in 2015: Parcel 25-7618000 – Lot 3, Block 2, Swanson's Addition, Milnor City. The applicants request that the value of the residence structure be reduced from 12,000 to 0. Ms. Hanson has done a drive-by and confirms that the structure is gone. Milnor City has approved the abatement application. Motion to concur with Milnor City. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve May payroll in the sum of \$177,135.91 (Nos. 13505-13565 & 75256-75271) and the following bills: (Anderson/Hosford, unanimous)

75108-75109	Weed Control Expenses	76.80
75126-75136	Health Unit Expenses	4,896.70
75137 Forman City	Water/Sewer/Garbage	171.08
75138 Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	2,015.55
75139 Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	884.71
75142 Lake Agassiz Regional Development Corporation	JDA-Milnor Spec. Home	2,528.33
75143 Ottertail Power Company	JDA-Milnor Spec. Home	20.85
75144 Sakry Plumbing	JDA-Milnor Spec. Home	6,377.69
75145-75155	Health Unit Expenses	2,828.98
75165-75178	Human Services Expenses	5,244.15

75179	Ameripride Linen	Cleaning Services	88.15
75180	Avid Hawk, LLC	Web Services	45.00
75181	Bayger, Vanessa	Sheriff Travel	203.00
75182	Bopp Law Office	Rent/Telephone	225.00
75183	Cenex Fleet Card	Gas Purchases	28.76
75184	Comfort Inn	Commission Travel	81.90
75185	Computer Express	Sheriff Equipment	898.99
75186	Computer Prof. Unlimited, Inc.	Data Processing	1,255.58
75187	Dacotah Paper. Co.	Copier Paper	417.86
75188	CHS-Dakota Plains	Gas Purchases	772.39
75189	Dakota Water Solutions	Water Jugs	48.00
75190	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	1,022.63
75191	Farm & Home Publishing	Plat Books	750.00
75192	Ferderer, Denise	Tax Director Travel	391.14
75193	First Medic	Sheriff Supplies	312.30
75194	Forman Drug	Sheriff Supplies	24.37
75195	Gwinner One Stop	Sheriff Gas Purchases	496.76
75196	Hardware Hank	Courthouse Supplies	294.73
75197	Hoag & Sons	Newspaper Bound	106.04
75198	Hosford, Sherry	Commission Travel	364.61
75199	Information Tech. Dept.	WAN Access	533.35
75200	James Valley Lodge #4 FOP	Membership 2017	46.00
75201	CHI-Lisbon Area Health	Blood Alcohol Draw	42.00
75202	Maloney, Pam	Auditor Travel	214.00
75203	Minn-Kota Communications	Phone Handsets	72.36
75204	ND Ass'n of Counties	Webinar/Maloney	35.00
75205	ND Newspaper Association	Printing/Publishing	191.40
75206	ND County Recorder Association	Conference Registration	100.00
75207	Nelson Auto Center	Sheriff Vehicle Purchase	30,558.17
75208	Nelson Home Center	Supplies	279.66
75209	O'Brien, Matt	Sheriff Gas Purchase	35.01
75210	Office of Attorney General	Scram 24/7	2,185.00
75211	OTIS Elevator	Elevator Maintenance	423.00
75212	Peterson, Brenda	Coroner Travel	32.10
75213	Pharmchem, Inc.	Sweat Patch Kits/Analysis	808.00
75214	Quill.com	Aud/Treas Office Supplies	112.92
75215	Reardon Office Equipment	Copier Mntnc Agreement	742.00
75216	Sargent County Insurance & Real Estate	Insurance	316.00
75217	Sargent County Teller	Printing/Publishing	384.04
75218	Sirchie	Sheriff Supplies	44.83
75219	Sleep Inn & Suites	T/R/COC Travel	81.90
75220	Southside Automotive	Sheriff Oil Change	60.87
75221	Stark County Sheriff Office	Sheriff Service/Delq Tax	25.00
75222	Teal's Market	Courthouse Maintenance	17.25
75223	Uline.com	Courthouse Maintenance	955.48
75224	Universal Services	LaserJet Toner	342.90
75225	Vanguard Appraisals	Appraisal Services	2,220.00
75226	Verizon Wireless	Sheriff MIFI Cards	160.04
75227	Ekstrom Repair	GMC Vehicle Repair	682.47
75228	Hansen Lumber & Hardware	Road Supplies	267.18
75229	Interstate Engineering	Engineering Services	15,791.32
		Cty. Rd. # 2,4,10 & 14 & Flap Project	
75230	John Deere Financial	Tractor Lease Payment	4,337.50
75231	Lee's Service Station	Tires/ Road Pickup	751.60
75232	ND Ass'n of County Engineers	Conference Fee	180.00
75233	NDDOT Financial Division	Bridge Removal	11,035.47
75234	Nelson Bulk Oil	Road Fuel	3,918.04
75235	Rutland Oil Company	Road Gasoline	1,293.75
75236	Southside Automotive	Vehicle Repairs	1,224.35
75237	Team Lab	Fine Road Patch	700.00
75238	Visto's Carquest	Road Shop Supplies	83.25
75239		Weed Board Expense	140.04
75240	Hansen, Candy	Extension Seminar	107.00
75241		Weed Board Expense	10.60
75242	NDACO	911 Wireless	1,086.00
75243		Weed Board Expense	72.28

75244	SC Treasurer	Extension Postage	21.89
75245	Universal Services	LaserJet Fuser Unit	232.70

States Attorney Bopp was asked about the Quit Claim Deeds for the vacated alleys & streets in Milnor City that had not been put back on the tax rolls after they had been vacated back in the 1920's. His office is continuing to work on the project, but he has some questions about the exact location of the legal drain running through the area, and wanted to get that verified before proceeding further.

Commissioner Walstead reported to the Commission that he had found an old vent pipe in the Courthouse attic that had been cut off at some time in the past, and might have been the reason for the odor in the women's restroom. Custodian Joe Butler has plugged the pipe and the odor has gone away, but the odor has come and gone before, so it is unsure whether this pipe has been causing the issue or not. Time will tell.

The auditor is still waiting on supporting documents from B & K Electric for the Energy Conservation Grant application sent in to replace the fluorescent lighting in the courthouse.

There have been no applications received to replace Nancy Glarum on the Sargent County Weed Control Board. No action taken at this time.

Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor; and Jesse Sedler, Interstate Engineering; arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Sedler reported that he has sent the application in for the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) bridge replacement projects in Rutland Township, across the Wild Rice River north of Sprague Lake; and, in Marboe Township, across LaBelle Creek/Drain #12 southeast of Lake Tewaukon; and has received a confirmation email. The applications will be reviewed, prioritized and awarded sometime in June. Engineer Sedler has begun working on the estimate and application for the special Road Fund (SRF) project on the Rutland Township and Weber Township road (135th AV SE) from County Road #3 south to the south boat landing at Silver Lake. Commissioner Anderson will work on getting letters of support from Sargent County Park District/Silver Lake Recreation Area, Rutland Sportsmen's Club, Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge, Rutland Township & Weber Townships. Mr. Sedler also reported that he had checked the railroad crossing on County Road #10/Main Street in Milnor, about which the county had received a complaint. There is still retainage being held on the County #10 paving project, and Mark Sand and Gravel will fix the crossing along with redoing the paint for some striping and crosswalks.

Motion to approve Sargent County Road Permit granting permission to Cass County Electric Cooperative to bore under County Road #2 for 3 Phase Power Cable Replacement in Sections 20 & 21 of Denver Township. (Anderson/Hosford, unanimous)

The commission reviewed an "Application for Drainage Work within County Road Right-Of-Way" from Tyler Keller, Gwinner, ND, proposing to build an approach for field access. This will be installed in the NE1/4 of Section 11-131-57 in Harlem Township. Motion to approve the application pending a hydraulic study and proper sizing of the culvert. (Walstead/Arth, unanimous)

The commissioners questioned Mr. Engquist about the blading of County Roads #5 & #6 as they had received complaints about washboards on these roads. He was also asked why some of the road department employees write in their hours on their time cards, instead of using the time clock. He reported that they usually leave their homes and head out to their blades in the morning rather than coming to the shop first. Mr. Engquist believes that this is better time management.

Motion to accept proposal from Borgen, Inc., to apply Nuvo Gap crack sealing and leveling on County Roads #4 & #10 for \$30,000. (Walstead/Anderson) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Arth, Walstead, Anderson & Hosford. No – Jacobson. Motion carried.

Mr. Engquist also reported that he had done some checking with Boyer Ford from Minneapolis regarding replacing the 1984 IHC snowplow truck. Prices range from \$40,000 to \$80,000 with many different options available, but the inventory changes from day to day. The board advised him to get some information and quotes to bring back to a future meeting. States Attorney Bopp reported that the 2017 gravel contracts were on his desk and would be sent out to the respective contractors.

Mark Breker, Rutland, arrived at the meeting. He complained about farmers planting crops in the county road right-of-way on County Road #3. He requested that it be checked out as soon as possible and the farmers contacted to remove the crop planted if it is in the right-of-way, as it is a safety issue. Road Supervisor Engquist will check on the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

DAVE JACOBSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PAM MALONEY- COUNTY AUDITOR