

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, and Jerry Waswick. Absent: Maurice Orn. Also present: David L. Jacobson.

Approve minutes of May 4, 2010 meeting as corrected. Board members also received a copy of the April 2010 financial statement. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous).

Approve April payroll in the sum of \$139,402.29 (nos. 4467-4525 and 62472-62484) and the following bills. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

62348	Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity	1288.78
62349-62360	Health District Expenditures		1712.28
62361	City of Forman	Water/Sewer	182.30
62362	Cass County	Document Preservation	74.00
62364-62372		Health Unit Expenses	3091.92
62374-62383		Weed Board Expenses	399.06
62390-62414		Human Services Expenses	12,750.07
62404	A-Z Body Shop	Repairs	217.65
62405	American Express	Credit Card Purchases	2039.60
62406	Casy Bopp	Lawn Mowing	90.00
62407	Buhl's	Cleaning Services	152.35
62408	Cass County Sheriff Dept.	Sheriff's Fees	41.00
62409	Chunky's Standard Service	Oil, Supplies	48.80
62410	Colemer, Al	Flowers	246.24
62411	Daily News, Wahpeton	Advertising	98.84
62412	Dakota Communications, Inc.	Install MDT System	90.00
62413	Dickey County Sheriff Office	Sheriff's Fees	65.00
62414	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	825.41
62415	Ed's Place	Gasoline	148.74
62416	Farm Plan	Parts	109.97
62417	Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gasoline, Oil	967.75
62418	Forman Drug	Photo Processing	18.56
62419	Gwinner Oil Bulk Dist, Inc.	Oil Change	60.39
62420	Gwinner One Stop, Inc.	Gasoline, supplies	885.59
62421	Hardware Hank	Plants & supplies	190.90
62422	Information Technology Dept.	WAN/LERMS	519.80
62423	Lexis Nexis	NDCC updates	373.71
62424	Martinsen Home Center	Supplies	186.16
62425	McLaen's Service, Inc.	Oil Change	43.31
62426	ND Co. Treasurer's Assn.	Dues	50.00
62427	Oakes Times	Advertising	43.60
62428	Quartermaster	Sheriff Dept. Uniforms	76.93
62429	Quill	Office Supplies	133.38
62430	Ransom County Gazette	Advertising	23.60
62431	Richland County	Sheriff's Fees	65.00
62432	Sargent County Teller	Publishing fees	671.70
62433	Toepke, Alison	Travel	59.00
62434	Underground Vaults & Storage	Microfilm Storage	1.40
62435	Walstead, Michael	Travel	202.00
62436	Waswick, Jerry	Travel	161.00
62437	AW Diesel Service	Repairs	38.53
62438	Arrowhead Transport	Gravel	384.00
62439	Bernard Mahrer Const, Inc.	Gravel	46914.86
62440	Crandall Construction	Gravel, Blade	25504.10
62441	Diesel Machinery, Inc.	Repairs	171.43
62442	Dyste's Food Pride	Supplies	45.18
62443	Eagle Ditcher	Parts	202.40
62444	Ekstrom Repair	Tires & Repairs	3037.45
62445	Enderson Construction	Road/Culvert repairs	7656.50
62446	Hall Township	Crop damage reimbursement	460.00
62447	Hansen Lumber & Hardware	Supplies	97.07
62448	Johnston Fargo Culvert, Inc.	Culverts	23349.16
62449	Nelson Bulk Oil	Fuel, repairs	5063.55
62450	Ray-Mac, Inc.	Part	6.02
62451	Superior Lamp, Inc.	Parts	596.81

62452	Swanston Equipment Co.	Flasher Unit	154.08
62453	Visto's Carquest	Part	88.37
62454	Barnes County Corrections	Prisoner Board	3185.00
62455	Bryant, Rick	Supply reimbursement	13.56
62456	Computer Professionals Unlimited	Staff Support	1063.11
62457	Dawson, Lisa	Travel	264.50
62458	Dickey Rural Telephone	911 contracts & updates	271.00
62459	Fireside Office Products	Scanner	994.00
62460	Hewlett-Packard Co.	22" monitor-St.Atty	209.00
62461	Lisbon Area Health Services	Blood Alcohol Tests	108.00
62462	NDACO	911 Service Charges	517.40
62463	NDACO-Worker's Comp.	Premium Billing	831.92
62464	NDACO Resources Group	Tech Support	325.00
62465	NDSU Ag. Comm. Dept.	Wireless Router	59.99
62466	NRG Technology Services	Tax Dept Hard Drive	422.50
62467	Oakes Community Hospital	Blood Draw	20.00
62468	Qwest	911 Contracts	191.88
62469	Sargent Central Public School	Room Rental	30.00
62470	Sargent County Insurance	Auto Insurance	120.00
62471	Streicher's	Printer Mount	339.99

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. presented a Construction Engineering Services Agreement with his firm to provide engineering services for Project No. STM-SC-4124(0052) on CMC 4124 3.5 miles east of ND 32 on County No. 7. Authorize the Chairman and Auditor to execute said agreement. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Discussed plans for recognizing the 100th year since the courthouse was built. Suggestions were to have a booth at the Sargent County Fair with pictures, memorabilia, and original construction contract and newspaper articles. Other ideas included a series of articles in the paper with the history of the courthouse and hosting an open house on the 100 year date of dedication of the courthouse. Bill Anderson agreed to look at some options.

Authorize Chairman and County Auditor to sign an easement with Gary Krause concerning drainage from Alkali Lake and withholding recording of the easement and making payment to Mr. Krause until Sargent County knows if ND Game and Fish approve the easement. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Appoint Maurice Orn as Chairman of the Sargent County Canvassing Board. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

NDDOT informed the Board that regarding the grade raise, hot bituminous pavement and riprap project on ND Hwy 11 east of Forman the project will extend the existing 30" culvert to meet the new inslope, remove the two 18" culverts that were installed during the aggregate grade raise and install one new 36 inch equalizer culvert with no slope.

James Asche, Gwinner met with the board to present a request to cap the south end of a 24" culvert and an 18" culvert through 87th St SE (Section 14/23-131-55-Dunbar Township). Currently, water flows North across Section 23 through a 24" culvert and an 18" culvert to the northeast corner of Section 14-131-55, then through a 24" culvert and returns across Section 13. The water also runs east along the south side of County Road 1 through a 36" culvert and depending on volume, as water approaches the southwest corner, it runs over both roads heading north and east. Mr. Asche's proposal would reduce crop loss; prevent water from running over the roads and direct water to its current destination in Section 24. The Board directed Damon DeVillers, Engineer to look at this site and size the culverts.

Jim Gallagher and Betty Maly, Gwinner Farmers Elevator Co., Forman, ND arrived at the meeting. Ms. Maly reported that she had researched the descriptions vacated in that portion of Gardner's Addition. All tax revenue has been going to Bowen Township since 1955 on that quarter of land. Lyle Bopp, States Attorney via conference call informed the Board that the county can grant the exemption but it is under Forman City jurisdiction. Mr. Bopp stated that the records show that this area never was deannexed and this land is located in Forman City. He stated that the Board can approve this and refer it back to the city for their approval. The Board conducted a public hearing on an Application for Property Tax incentives for a new grain wet bin capacity of 170,000 bushels and one grain handler 7000 bph dryer. The Gwinner Farmers Elevator Co. is requesting a 5-year property tax exemption at 100%. No one objected to the exemption. Grant a tax exemption on new construction by Gwinner Farmers Elevator Co. for 100% of property taxes for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. (Waswick/Wyum. Roll Call: Aye: Walstead, Anderson, Waswick and Wyum. Nay: none. Motion carried) The Board instructed the States Attorney to prepare a letter of opinion on Gardner's Addition.

Steve Wyum informed the Board that four applicants were interviewed for the Tax Director assistant position and Sandy Hanson hired Shannon Jablonsky, Forman and offered her \$11.25 per hour until a job description has been prepared, submitted and evaluated for said position. Approve hiring Ms. Jablonsky effective June 1 for 28 hours per week and eligible for prorated benefits. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Discussed the promotion of Jamie Lien to assistant road supervisor and the intent of the step increase for other employees at Step 8 or less. Motion that the resolution to grant a step increase to be effective June 1st does not apply to any employee who is getting a step increase as an individual promotion effective that day. (Anderson/Waswick. Roll call: Aye: Anderson and Waswick. Nay: Wyum and Walstead. Motion failed)

Received notification from the ND Department of Commerce that Sargent County has been awarded an Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant for replacement of the heating system in the courthouse for \$34,776.60. Lyle Bopp, States Attorney has reviewed the Financial Award and approved the Chairman to sign the award.

Weber Township is requesting cost share for a squashed 36 inch by 45 foot culvert to be placed in the road on 135th Ave at the NE1/4 of Section 16 and the NW1/4 Section 15 in Weber Township. The purpose of the culvert is to alleviate a perpetual washing out of the township road and blocking of an important route for emergencies and buses as well as a farm to market road. Approve one third cost share of the culvert request pending approval of one third cost by the Water Board. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist, road supervisor met with the Board and updated them on the Alkali Lake drainage project and other projects including culvert placement and gravel.

David P. Obermiller, P.E., One Building Systems Consultants and Adam Sinks met with the Board to discuss the heating replacement project. He inspected the boiler room and made some comments on the procedure to follow for replacing the boiler. His company would provide engineering design services and prepare the electrical and mechanical drawings, put together a bid package and check on the time line for ordering the thermal heat units. The engineering service would be 9% of the construction cost. Mr. Obermiller estimated six weeks for construction and a proposed bid opening date of July 15th. Motion to hire Obermiller-Nelson Engineering Building Systems Consultants (ONE Building Systems Consultants) for engineering design services for the Sargent County Courthouse heating replacement project. (Waswick/Anderson. Steve Wyum requested that the engineer explore an alternate backup system. Motion carried.)

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR