

May 18, 1999
Forman, North Dakota

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Lysle Coleman, Ray Brockman, W.E. Smith, and Steve Wyum. Donald Wehlander arrived at 9:35 a.m.

Approve minutes of 5-4-99. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Ray Brockman discussed a request for amendment for Gibbon C-Store through Lake Agassiz for Equity Match Requirement.

Sandy Hanson received approval for Forman Carfest Days to use courthouse lawn for some activities, reported on progress of 911 address signs, and discussed water problems reported by entities. Commissioner Wehlander moved to declare a state of emergency situation in Sargent County, seconded by Steve Wyum, carried. The following Declaration was adopted, and signed by Sandra Hanson, Emergency Management, and W. E. Smith, Chairman of Commission.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Sargent County has suffered damages to the public transportation system, farmlands, homes, culverts, and drainage systems being caused by the excessive ground water and rainfall occurring in the spring of 1999; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these damages are a threat to the health, well-being, and public safety of the citizens and traveling public in Sargent County;

WHEREAS, the costs of repairs, replacements, and safety measures of such areas within Sargent County are exceeding the available resources of local townships, residents, and county resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of county Commissioners declare an emergency and orders the activation and utilization of the County Emergency operation plan and its procedures to monitor the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, and continue to alleviate hardship, and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the impact of this emergency upon the affected citizens of Sargent County.

Randy Pope, Interstate Engineering, presented an update on the bid letting held on April 23rd. Randy will schedule a pre-construction conference.

Approve Site Authorization to American Legion Bullis Post 84 to conduct games of chance at Geneseo Bar & Café from 7-1-99 to 6-30-2000. (Wyum/Wehlander, carried)

Commissioner Wehlander commended Deputy Paeper on excellent work with county youth under the D.A.R.E. program. Travis Paeper reported on decision of County Personnel Board after consultation with Rhodes, Shanley & Associates plus research by members of personnel board on salary adjustment request by Health Department. Motion to approve recommendations of Personnel Board on salary range adjustments and implementation of PH1, PH2, and PH3 effective 7-1-99. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Sheriff Gates reported 58 graduates of the D.A.R.E. program within county, and thanked Commissioner Wehlander for his support and participation. He discussed the Traffic Safety Contract participation by his department. Moved to approve Traffic Safety Contract from NDDOT. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney joined the meeting to discuss various issues.

Discussion of 16.2% increase in NDPERS health insurance premiums, various options available to county and their affect on county finances as well as employee benefit package and accessibility to medical providers. Moved to provide a health care benefit package to include health and dental services in an amount equal to 75% of the family medical health care package as provided under ND Public Employees Retirement System EPO programs effective with 7-1-99 premiums. This amount shall be automatically adjusted as premiums vary from time to time. Any eligible participant may use such benefits to provide health or dental benefits offered only through the county. (Wyum/Wehlander, carried)

Marla Bopp and Donna Eklund, Forman Ambulance, inquired on the status of housing the ambulance. Commissioners will notify them when a change occurs.

Norman Preble, Tax Equalization, reported on sales tax review and the inundated acres program with a filing deadline of June 1st.

Moved for Sargent County to enroll in the Exclusive Provider Organization plan under NDPERS effective July 1, 1999. (Wyum/Wehlander, carried) County will attempt to get NDPERS to present a training session to inform county employees of changes involved in changing from PPO to EPO coverage.

Merrill Engquist, County Road Dept., discussed uniforms, gravel projects, questions on bills, 911 sign installation, summer employment, and proposal on purchase of Bobcat. Moved to purchase 763 Bobcat with deluxe cab enclosure with heater, and a bucket. (Wyum/Brockman, carried)

Approve financial statement after clarification of transfers. (Coleman/Wyum, carried)

Moved to hire Social Worker at Step 7 for Family Focus. (Wyum/Brockman, carried)

Roslyn Amerman, Custodian, and Bill Amerman informed commission on Roslyn's medical problems, claim filed with Workers Compensation, and use of sick leave until she gets verification of benefits from Workers Compensation or is able to return to work. Commissioners have contacted a cleaning firm to conduct construction work cleanup that isn't a responsibility of contractor.

Moved to approve payment of approved bills and May payroll in the sum of \$64,901.73. (Wehlander/Brockman carried).

36615	City of Forman	Water, sewer & garbage	121.00
36617	Cleona Lugert	Land purchase/right-of-way	500.00
36680	The Bond Registrars	GO Bonds	56212.25
	Social Service Expenses		3117.59
36706	Travis Paeper	DARE expenses	300.00
36707	Red Hawks	65 baseball game tickets	390.00
36708	Airtouch Cellular	Phone	21.65
36709	Amoco	Gas	90.90
36711	B & K Electric	Repairs	292.50
36712	Barnes County Facility	Prisoners Board	360.00
36713	BW Doublewood Inn	Lodging	78.00
36714	Scott Buckhouse	Travel	100.00
36715	Buhl's	Cleaning service	156.14
36716	Burnie's	Receipt books	136.58
36717	Patricia Carlen	Travel	244.37
36718	Chunky's Standard	Car servicing	132.00
36719	Lysle Coleman	Travel	99.50
36720	Comfort Inn	Lodging	429.00
36721	Dyste's	Supplies	10.70
36722	Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas & repairs	627.65
36723	Farm Plan	Blade	52.57
36724	Gall's Inc.	Equipment	58.96
36726	Sandra Hanson	Travel	141.91
36727	Hardware Hank	Supplies	107.68
36728	Sherry Hosford	Travel	177.50
36729	ISD	56K connection	131.13
36730	J & M Printing	Envelopes	116.30
36731	Ken's Shopping Center	Gas	14.56
36732	Lisbon Medical Center	Blood Alcohol	29.00
36733	Martinsen's Home Center	Repairs	580.44
36734	McKeever's Super Valu	HBA	18.34
36735	Minn-kota Communication	Equipment & repairs	341.38
36736	Larry Nelson	Labor	140.00
36737	NDACO	CEU, WC & Cost Allocation	1807.46
36738	ND Peace Officer's	Dues	250.00
36739	ND Register of Deeds	Registration	15.00
36740	ND Sheriff & Deputy	Dues	20.00
36741	ND Dept of Health	Supplies	15.00
36742	ND State Radio Comm.	Teletype rental	210.00
36743	Oahe Windshield Inc.	Repairs	50.00
36744	Officeland	Supplies	130.84
36745	Pitney Bowes	Postage scale update	205.00
36746	Norm Preble	Travel	211.00
36747	Quill Corp.	Supplies	78.48
36748	Reardon Office Equip.	Supplies & copier maintenance	1041.14
36749	Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	3324.00
36751	Schwaab Inc.	Stamps	58.30
36752	Stein's Inc.	Supplies	105.16
36753	Streicher's	Equipment	161.50
36754	The Teller	Publishing fees	332.02
36755	Uniforms Unlimited	Uniforms	14.85
36756	Universal Services	Toner	68.00
36757	Valley Ford	Repairs	83.93
36758	Viking Office Products	Supplies	53.15
36759	White Banner Uniform	Uniforms	223.75
36760	Global Computer Supply.	Printer	313.80
36761	AW Diesel Service	Repairs	624.93
36762	Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	1346.95
36763	Todd Ellestad	Tree removal	625.00
36764	Fargo Tire Service	Tires	1214.00
36765	Forman Auto Parts	Repairs	17.75
36766	Hillside C-Store	Fuel	44.01
36767	Johnston Fargo Culvert	Culverts	5552.66

36768	Kiefer Imp.	Tools & repairs	501.00
36769	Jim Lyon	Cropland reimbursement	100.00
36770	NAPA	Repairs	224.94
36771	Ray Mac Inc.	Repairs	47.25
36772	RDO Equipment Co.	Repairs	382.94
36773	SEL Lumber	Repairs	3.40
36774	Swanston Equip.	Repairs	348.52
36775	NDSU-TTT	Workshop registration	240.00
36776	Advance Elevator	Courthouse addition	1350.00
36777	Les Bjore	Construction Management Services	1125.00
36778	Construction Bulletin	Publication	149.35
36779	DARE America	Certificates	61.79
36780	Dickey Rural Telephone	911	386.50
36784	First National Ins.	Builders Risk	237.08
36785	Julie Hassebroek	Travel	369.72
36786	Interstate Eng.	Grade raises	5289.00
36787	NDSU	Supplies	5.00
36788	NDDHS	SPED, MA, FC	992.53
36789	Northern Escrow	Courthouse addition	10350.00
36790	Richland Electric	Courthouse addition	3050.00
36791	Schmittty's Plumbing	Courthouse addition	4000.00
36792	Treadway Graphics	DARE	158.59
36793	US West Comm.	911	295.14
	Weed Control Expenses		1142.08
36799	Dickey Rural Comm.	Phone	514.52
36800	US Link	Long distance calls	483.45

Les Bjore, Architect, reported elevator project should be completed within a month, and explained some of the causes of the various delays in construction schedule. The roofing and tuckpointing project will be tabled, and Mr. Bjore will contact roofing firm to get estimate on immediate repairs essential to prevent water damage within courthouse.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

W.E. SMITH, CHAIRMAN

Elaine D. Anderson, Deputy Auditor