

Forman, North Dakota  
May 2, 2006

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

Approve April 18, 2006 minutes as presented. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Mike Walstead reported that the custodian is unable to get the county lawn mower out of the Exhibit Building on the Fairgrounds. Direct the Fair Board to give a key to the custodian. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous)

The exterior courthouse lights have been installed and other projects are pending.

Lisa Knox, Family Nutrition Program coordinator presented the annual proposed plan for the FNP program and requested approval from the Board. She can claim a portion of the office space, secretarial service, equipment and Extension Agent time. Authorize Chairman to sign the summary for FY 2006 FNP funding. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Charissa Rubey, Dakota Micro, Inc. and Bruce Speich, Milnor, met with the Board to discuss County No. 14. Also present Sparky Engquist and Jim Smykowski. Ms. Rubey reported that she has done extensive research on that road by reviewing minutes and reading any activity that has happened on CR14. The roadway is causing problems for her employees and delivery trucks as well as other travelers on the road. The request from Dakota Micro, Inc. and residents along CR14 is to respectfully request serious thought and consideration be given to major improvements and the possible eventual paving CR14 between Highway 11 and 13 with asphalt capable of tolerating the type of traffic it is exposed to on a daily basis. Steve Wyum commended the presentation by Ms. Rubey and explained that this roadway is the number one project for gravel this summer. Sparky Engquist further explained that the road department plans to do some reshaping, dig out soft spots and fix and gravel the road top. Ms. Rubey invited the Board to visit her business and drive CR14. Discussion also followed on dust control. Mr. Smykowski informed the Board that years ago the local landowners were asked to donate land along CR14 for road improvements and continue to wait for those improvements.

Opened bids received for surplus property. Approve high bids received for item #'s 1630 & 1631, 1089, 1090 & 1364, 1091, 1362, 1363, 1361, 1092 & 1093, 2009, 1608, 1095, 87, 762 and IHC Riding lawnmower. Offer unsold items (Polaroid camera/case) to the SC Historical Society for the museum. Approve disposal of #'s 858, 1263 and keyboard to landfill. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Norm Preble, Tax Director, met with the Board for a hearing on an abatement for Edna Buskohl, Rosamond Hogness, Polly Chester and Ruby Odegard regarding a duplicate assessment on the land that the condos set on Lot 6 less 12' x 140' and all of Lots 7-8, Block 26, Original Townsite, Milnor City. The Milnor City Council approved the abatement. Concur with the city. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous) Norm also presented a (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) CAMA quote for software, installation and training of county residential property for taxation from Computer Professionals Unlimited. The purchase price is \$2499 plus \$100 monthly maintenance. Norm and Sherry will do additional research on the program and funding and report back at the May 16 meeting.

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. and Sparky Engquist visited with the Board about a letter from NDDOT that informed the county of an error made by NDDOT in federal aid allotment for 2007-2009. County funds will be reduced from \$444,420 to \$264,000. This reduction will significantly affect the proposed county programs. The Board proceeded to discuss options available to the county and placed a call to Mr. Dave Leftwich, Local Government Engineer, NDDOT to find out how much money is available. The advancement of funds through 2010 would not be known until October when all the counties have submitted their projects. Damon also agreed to check out grant availability for roads for economic development.

Karen Anderson, Dickey-Sargent Housing Authority Board member, met with the Board to request funding for the program. Dickey County has been providing office space and paying a monthly Internet fee for the CeMap. They would like Sargent County to pay one-half on the fee or \$26/month for the mapping and \$600 for copy costs. The Board agreed to consider these amounts for the 2007 budget. Currently there are 10 apartments in Gwinner through the housing authority.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:05.

Approve appointment of the following persons as election inspectors for the upcoming 2006 Primary Election. Precinct No. 1-Shirley Mund, Milnor; Precinct No. 2-Bonnie Larson, Gwinner; Precinct No.

3-Denise Dockter, Cogswell; Precinct No. 4-Vivian Kosmatka, Forman and Precinct No. 5-Renee Cramton, Rutland. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous) Jerry Waswick will serve as Chairman on the County Canvassing Board on June 19.

Approve Special Permit to Lauren Sebens, Milnor to sell beer at Edwin Erickson farm on June 3, 2006 during the watercross racing to raise funds for Sargent County Snowmobile Association in conjunction with the Milnor June Jamboree. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bill contingent on confirmation from Road Supervisor and Road Commissioners that equipment is suitable for road purposes. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

54705 DMI	1996 Komatsu Trackhoe	\$45,000.00
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Wallace Johnson and Roger Gibbon, Milnor met with the Board to discuss problems with a natural drain east of Milnor. They are concerned about the water problem that spreads out approximately 1 ½ miles. The ND State Highway Dept. has been contacted regarding State Highway 13 and acknowledges there is a problem and has inspected the area in the SE1/4-11-132-54. There are no funds available to place a box culvert under the highway to allow the water to flow its natural course. The Water Board has been contacted and Mr. Johnson has requested 3 large culverts to help move the water but has not gotten any help. Mr. Johnson is requesting help to remove this water from his land. Steve Wyum reported that a task force in Milnor City agreed to review this problem with an engineer and come up with a unified plan and refer this plan to the Red River Basin Commission to work on a grant or funding to assist in resolving the problem. The Board will send a letter to the Water Board requesting their assistance with other agencies to develop this plan.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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JERRY M. WASWICK – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR