

Forman, North Dakota
May 21, 2019

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:05 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room with the following members present: Bill Anderson; Jason Arth; Lyle Bopp; and Richard Ruch. Also present was Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller; and, Pam Maloney, Sargent County Auditor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Darci Weber, Social Services Director; arrived at the meeting. She requested that the commission approve her request for Sargent County to create a social service zone with Ransom and Richland Counties. Motion to create a social service zone comprised of Sargent, Ransom and Richland Counties. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Darci Weber, Social Services Director; Lyle Bopp, County Commissioner; & Pam Maloney, County Auditor; as representatives to the Social Service Redesign Planning Meeting in Bismarck on June 11. (Anderson/Ruch) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jerry Waswick arrived at the meeting after attending the health board meeting.

Wendy Willprecht, Emergency Manager/911 Coordinator, arrived at the meeting. She provided each commission with a FEMA site tracker spreadsheet with all township and county sites that experienced damage from flooding. She explained that this is a live document with changes made up to the time that the FEMA personnel come to inspect the sites. She also stated that someone is coming to inspect the courthouse for security issues, to help the county plan for future security enhancements.

Denise Ferderer, Tax Director; arrived at the meeting. She was there to discuss an abatement on Parcel #04-1658002, to correct the building assessment from classification as real property to a mobile home and correct the value. These are for tax years 2017 & 2018. Dunbar Township has approved the abatement. Motion to correct the building assessment classification from real property to a mobile home. (Bopp/Waswick) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ferderer also presented the commission with a spreadsheet of 2019 inundated lands for consideration for tax reductions due to inundated lands within the county. 13 applications were received affecting 32 parcels with a total of 1,175.41 acres. Ten (10) or more contiguous acres must be inundated to be approved as inundated land for tax purposes, in order to be in compliance with the applicable state law. Ms. Ferderer informed the Commission that all applications for inundated lands tax reductions submitted for 2019 complied with the requirements of State Law, and that approval of all of the said applications was recommended. Motion to approve the inundated acres applications as recommended by the tax director. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Dennis Brezicka, Dunbar Township Supervisor; arrived at the meeting. He was there to request cost-share on a 48" x 46' culvert between Section 33 in Dunbar Township and Section 4 in Rutland Township as high water has washed out the culvert. A hydrology study has been provided with the request. Motion to approve the cost share request for the cost of the culvert (Alternative 1 of the hydrology study) pending approval of the Sargent County Water Resource Board. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners had reviewed the sketches of the mural to be painted on the south side of the health department building. They have no reservations and Ms. Cary was given the approval to go ahead with the project.

Commissioner Bopp reported that he has contacted Ransom and Dickey Counties to appoint a representative or two for a committee to draw up a joint powers agreement between the three counties to hire a Human Resources Director to share between the three counties.

There was discussion of personal property that has been left on a property forfeited to the county for non-payment of real estate taxes. Some of the items have already been removed (lawnmower and some tools), but the family doesn't know where these items went. Motion to have the state's attorney

send a letter to the former owner to remove all personal property removed within thirty days, and all items left after said thirty days would be sold as county surplus property. (Anderson/Ruch) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

A mail ballot was received from Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative for Director for Central Region-District 2. Motion to cast a ballot for Kim Rasmussen. (Ruch/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor; arrived at the meeting.

Motion to approve Application for Drainage Work Within County Road Right-Of-Way from Rutland City to replace the 6" clay tile with a 12" PVC pipe to prevent it from plugging from turtles in the pipe. This pipe is used only one or two times a year for three to four days at a time. Location is in Section 25-130-53 – Rutland Township. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve Sargent County Road Permit for Montana-Dakota Utilities Company for installation of gas main to be installed along County Road #10 north of Milnor (also 140th Ave SE). (Waswick/Anderson) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Anderson, Ruch & Waswick. No – Arth & Bopp. Motion carried.

Rutland Township and Verner Township have both submitted requests for the county to adopt township road miles as county road. Rutland Township has requested that the county adopt the Silver Lake Road which is 135th Ave SE from County Road #3 (95th St SE) south & east to 96th St SE. Verner Township has requested that the county adopt two miles of 88th St between 114th & 116th Avenues. This is a high traffic road connecting two existing county roads. Sargent County already does the blading and snow plowing on this road. Motion to adopt the previously mentioned sections of township roads as part of the county road system – justification being the Verner Township road connects to a major artery in an adjoining county and is a major artery hauling grain to market and that most of the traffic on the Rutland Township road are people going to the county park; that the traffic counts warrant the change; and that the townships have requested the adoption. (Anderson/Bopp) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Anderson, Arth, Bopp & Ruch. No – Waswick. Motion carried. The Verner Township road will be designated as County Road #1A; and the Rutland Township road will be designated as County Road #10B.

Mr. Engquist reported that the large hole in County Road #12 has been repaired so the public is able to utilize the road, and that he is working with Interstate Engineering for a more permanent resolution.

There was also discussion regarding County Road #6 north of Nogowski's that has a plugged culvert. Mr. Engquist will keep monitoring the road.

There was further discussion on overweight permits motion from the last meeting. Commissioner Ruch and Deputy Matron Vanessa Bayger had done some more research on what the neighboring counties charge for overweight permits. Commissioner Ruch felt that the motion at the last meeting increasing the fee to \$500 might be too much. Motion to change the fee to \$20/axle and that no permits will be issued during load restrictions, unless it's an emergency situation. (Ruch/Bopp) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Anderson, Arth, Bopp & Ruch. No – Waswick. Mr. Engquist will contact the people with LoadPass to have a presentation at one of our future meetings.

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering; & Kent Sundseth, Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge Manager; arrived at the meeting. Mr. Sundseth stated that he has been in contact with the Denver office and that there is no new news regarding the FLAP projects to be done in Rutland and Marboe Townships. Construction is still set for 2020. This is Mr. Sundseth's last week at Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge. He will be moving to Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge near Detroit Lakes, MN. The board wished him well and thanked him for his service here.

Mr. DeVillers reported that the bid opening for the Silver Lake Access Road Project is set for Monday, June 17 at 1:00 p.m. The commission agreed that the contractor who gets the bid should start as soon as possible, so that the project is done this year. Mr. DeVillers was also asked to draw up plans for a parking lot expansion and for a handicapped ramp to be installed on the south side of the courthouse for access from the front of the courthouse to the back elevator entrance.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff; arrived at the meeting. He has a patrol vehicle that he will be taking to auction and wanted to know the minimum price that could be accepted. The board decided to advertise locally first and if there is not enough interest or dollars bid, it could go to the auction at that time. Sheriff Paeper will

take care of the bid notice for the paper. Bids to be opened at the June 18th meeting. Motion to advertise the 2016 Ford Explorer for sale on sealed bids to be opened June 18th at 10:00 a.m. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Paeper also asked if there would be a penalty section on the overweight permits. He stated that if the permit fees are too high, people would not pay the permit fee and take the chance of getting a ticket/fine if the penalty is less than the fee. He suggested that State Highway Patrolman Tim Peterson come to a meeting to discuss this with the commission. The commission thought that it would be a good idea for him to come at the same time that LoadPass would be here. Once Mr. Engquist has set up a meeting with LoadPass, he will contact Sheriff Paeper to schedule the same with Patrolman Peterson.

Commissioner Ruch stated that the Sheriff's Office, especially Deputy Matron Bayger, should be recognized for the wonderful job they did on the mock car crash presentation. There were many organizations that played a role, and all deserve recognition on a job well done.

Mr. Engquist and Commissioner Arth presented a revised gravel spreadsheet for 2019 graveling projects. Cost of the gravel is approximately \$649,906. Motion to approve the plan as presented. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:06 p.m.

The board reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

Curtis Olafson, National Field Director Aroonnax Public Strategies; Jonathan Novak, Fears Nachawati Law Firm; & Matthew Daniel, Ferrer Poirot Wansbrough Law Firm; arrived at the meeting. After a short presentation, motion to request and allow the state's attorney to work with the three law firms in the National Multi-District Opioid Litigation. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

This firm would be initiating a lawsuit on Sargent County's behalf. After further review, motion to sign the attorney's retainer contract for the opioid epidemic that State's Attorney Pfau had received. (Anderson/Waswick) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Approve May 7, 2019 meeting minutes as corrected. (Bopp/Ruch, unanimous)

Approve May payroll in the sum of \$209,051.68 (Nos. 16349-16410 & 78645-78652) and the following bills: (Anderson/Waswick) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

78615-78626		Health Unit Expenses	7,078.74
78627	Forman City	Water/Sewer/Garbage	167.56
78628	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	2,817.68
78629	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	895.53
78631-78644		Health Unit Expenses	4,449.76
78654-78666		Human Services Expenses	4,904.94
78688	Ameripride Linen	Cleaning Service	150.48
78689	AMS Alcohol Monitoring	GPS Rental	100.00
78690	Arth, Jason	Commission Travel	367.14
78691	Avid Hawk, LLC	Web Services	45.00
78692	B & K Electric, Inc.	Ballast/Tubes-Health Bldg.	122.00
78693	Cass County Sheriff	Delinquent Tax Service	72.00
78694	Computer Express	Thermal Paper	80.00
78695	Counties Providing Technology	Data Processing	1,255.58
78696	Crossroads Electric, Inc.	Hallway Lights, Courthouse	259.90
78697	Dacotah Paper	EnMotion Towels	142.78
78698	CHS-Dakota Plains	Gas Purchases	1,356.50
78699	Dakota Water Solutions	Water Jugs	35.00
78700	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	1,283.71
78701	Ferderer, Denise	Tax Travel/Education	729.40
78702	Forman Drug	County Car Fob Batteries	11.97
78703	Gordy's Grill & Fill	Sheriff Carwashes	48.00
78704	Gwinner One Stop	Sheriff Gas Purchases	249.95
78705	Holiday Inn-Bismarck	Sheriff Travel	84.60

78706	Information Tech. Dept.	Data Processing	621.33
78707	John Deere Financial	Mower Blades	85.66
78708	Johnson, Bryan	Sheriff Equipment	28.97
78709	LaQuinta- Bismarck	Treasurer/Auditor Travel	169.20
78710	Lexis Nexis Matthew-Bender	Century Codes	23.94
78711	Maloney, Pamela	Auditor Travel	35.00
78712	McLaen's Service	Patrol Car Maintenance	332.29
78713	NASRO-School Resource Officer	Officer Membership	40.00
78714	ND Ass'n of Counties	Workers Comp.	775.30
78715	Office of Attorney General	SCRAM 24/7	990.00
78716	Paeper, Travis	Sheriff Travel	184.63
78717	Pfau, Jayne	State's Attorney Expenses	678.27
78718	Pharmchem, Inc.	Sweat Patch Analysis	142.75
78719	Quill.com	Office Supplies	151.39
78720	Rearon Office Equipment	Sheriff Copier Rental	475.94
78721	Richland County Correction	Prisoner Board	3,080.00
78722	Roberts County Detention	Prisoner Board	140.00
78723	Ruch, Richard	Commissioner Travel	381.06
78724	Sargent County Insurance	Notary Bond/Stamp-Johnson	83.81
78725	Sargent County Teller	Printing/Publishing	665.80
78726	Seykora, Melissa	Extension Moving Expense	97.37
78727	Southside Automotive	Squad Car Maintenance	133.00
78728	Toepke, Alison	Treasurer Travel	391.09
78729	Tougas, Tanner	Sheriff Travel	116.00
78730	Verizon Wireless	Sheriff MIFI Cards	200.05
78731	Village Family Service	Employee Debrief	125.00
78732	Waverly's, LLC	Hanging Flower Baskets	39.98
78733	Wild Rice Soil Conservation	Extension Office Rent	500.00
78734	A W Diesel Service	Road Tire Repairs	1,205.18
78735	Cenex Fleet Card	Road Travel	39.03
78736	Colonial Research	Road Supplies	176.24
78737	Ekstrom Repair	Road 03 GMC Repairs	2,253.24
78738	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	Road Tire Repair	16.99
78739	JC Supply Products	Road Asphalt Patch	1,003.30
78740	Jerry's Backhoe Service	Fill Culverts County #5	300.00
78741	Kustom Machine	Road Black Pipe	65.94
78742	RDO Powerplan	Motor Graders Maintenance	4,700.21
78743	Rutland Oil Co.	Road Fuel	5,924.20
78744	Sanford	Road DOT Drug Testing	111.00
78745	Southside Automotive	Road Equipment Repairs	534.27
78746	True North Steel	Road Culverts	13,726.85
78747	Visto's Carquest	Road Supplies	160.91
78748	Bayger, Vanessa	Sheriff Office Chair	64.99
78749	Dickey Rural Networks	911 Trunks Rental	231.00
78750	Jacobson, David	Office Space Rental	150.00
78751	ND Ass'n of Counties	911 Wireless	2,855.92
78752	Sargent County Teller	EMS Publishing	74.50
78753	SC Treasurer	Extension Postage	1.30
78754	Seykora, Melissa	Extension Agent Travel	710.57
78755	VISA	Extension Supplies	324.60

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

JASON ARTH – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PAM MALONEY – AUDITOR