

Forman, North Dakota
May 4, 2004

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Karen Anderson, Don Wehlander, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum and Ray Brockman. Absent None.

Cindy Leinen and Brian Tayer, Ambulance Coordinators, Mike Marquette, volunteer, Sandy Hanson, EMA and Travis Paeper, Sheriff met with the Board to discuss suggestions for the future of the ambulance. Highlights discussed were to continue EMS work group meetings, commitment to keep the Forman service on duty 24 hours/7 days a week, attitude changes, develop a Sargent County Emergency medical Service Plan, patient care and develop a time line strategy. A first Responder group in all the communities is a very vital part of the ambulance service. Everyone was encouraged to recruit in his or her various communities. A meeting was scheduled for May 13 with ambulance squads, coordinators, commissioners and the sheriff to discuss whether to restructure and how it will work financially.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at 9:30.

Norm Preble, Tax Director/VSO met with the Board to discuss transportation for veterans. In the past, he has provided rides to the VA Hospital in Fargo for veterans and charges travel costs to the county. The Sargent County Senior Services van travels to Fargo and they are willing to provide rides at a cost of \$17.00. Norm asked if the veteran is unable to pay this fee, would the county pay. The Board agreed that the county could provide this service. Norm asked if the Board would consider his position as Tax Director and VSO to 60% time for next year. He is proposing to work 3 days each week. The Board will consider his request at budget time.

Colleen Sundquist, Administrator, SC Health Dept. informed the Board the SC Board of Health has agreed to participate in and coordinate the ND Abandoned Automobile Program for Sargent County. This is a countywide voluntary program designed to eliminate unwanted car bodies and other scrap metals that clutter up our county. This program will be conducted at no cost to the property owner.

Sparky Engquist reported on the trip to Canada to view the EN1 project. This is a product that is used on gravel roads. Hans Jehle, Fort Distributors Ltd., St. Andrews, Manitoba, conducted a tour at their plant and roads were inspected that had used the product. Some damage was noted on the older roads but techniques have improved. The cost is considerably less than asphalt and the roads where EN1 is used should have a good stabilized base.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff, reported that one bid was received on the 1998 Ford Crown Victoria for \$2,000. The county would remove the Sheriff's seal from the door and remove the equipment. Accept bid from Bob Adermann and instruct Sheriff's Dept. to remove equipment. (Wehlander/Anderson, unanimous) The bids for several guns closed on April 30. Three handguns have been sold and three others are receiving oral bids. A Letter of Understanding between Sargent County and Todd Hardy was reviewed and acknowledged. Accept Todd Hardy's resignation on the terms in the Letter of Understanding. (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous) Travis reported that on April 28 an interview team proceeded to interview applicants for deputy sheriff. Five interviews were conducted and Travis recommends hiring Chris Sandvig, Ellendale. Approve recommendation at Grade 11 Step 3 beginning May 10. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Approve April 20, 2004 minutes as corrected. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve appointment of the following persons as election inspectors for the upcoming Primary Election. Precinct No. 1-Shirley Mund, Milnor; Precinct No. 2-Dana Grosgebauer, Gwinner; Precinct No. 3-Denise Dockter, Cogswell; Precinct No. 4-Vivian Kosmatka, Forman and Precinct No. 5-Renee Cramton, Rutland. (Anderson/Wehlander, unanimous) Steve Wyum will serve as Chairman on the County Canvassing Board on June 11.

Approve Site Authorization for gaming at American Legion Bullis Post at Geneseo Bar & Café, Geneseo and El Zagal Viking Patrol, Inc. at Stir'Um Up Bar and Grill, Stirum for the period beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

The Board received a letter from Cogswell City regarding county owned property located on Lots 1-2-3, Block 21, Auditor's Plat. A beehive is located on the premises and causing a nuisance and the city is requesting that it be removed. Sparky Engquist, road supervisor, agreed to look at the problem and contact the city.

The Board received a letter from Dick Johnson, Brampton concerning several road issues. The Board will respond to Mr. Johnson's letter.

Karen Anderson made a motion to meet with the county road department employees twice a year. Died for lack of a second.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

STEVEN R. WYUM – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR