

Forman, North Dakota
May 4, 2010

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

The Board recessed to a Non-Agenda Employee Meeting in the Conference Room.

The Board reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, Sandy Hanson, EMS/Tax Director and Robert Kocer, Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. were in attendance.

One proposal was received from Vanguard Appraisals, Inc., Cedar Rapids, IA to conduct a countywide reappraisal of all residential properties in Sargent County. The Board reviewed the proposal and discussed the time line, payment schedule and the contract. Motion to retain the services of Vanguard Appraisal, Inc. to complete this project. (Wyum/Anderson. Roll call: Aye: Wyum, Anderson, Orn, Waswick and Walstead. Nay: None. Motion carried)

Dwain Elenberger, City of Milnor met with the Board to request the county to share in the cost of installing 2 solar powered stop signs at the intersection of County No 10 (Milnor Main Street) and Fifth Avenue. The cost per sign is \$1572. The city is concerned about safety for school children as they cross the main street. These signs would provide a safety measure for traffic flowing through the city. Motion to participate in the cost with the stipulation that Milnor City contact the ND Dept. of Transportation to inquire if there is any cost sharing available from the state. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Approve minutes of April 20, 2010 meeting as corrected. (Waswick/Orn unanimous)

The Board reviewed an Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes from Mary Hehr property located on the North half of Lot 9 and all of Lot 10, Block 6, GCDC 1st Addition, Gwinner City. The applicant requested a refund or prorate for cheaper special assessments. The mobile home was moved off the premise on August 21, 2009. There is no abatement process for special assessments, according to State Law, reported Sherry Hosford, County Auditor. the site that needs to be removed and restored to original condition. The Gwinner Gwinner City denied the application. Concur with Gwinner City. (Orn/Anderson/, unanimous)

The Board reviewed an Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes from Gary Neuman for 2008 and 2009 taxes for property located on Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Dada's 2nd Addition, Cayuga City. The applicant is requesting a reduction on the residential improvement from \$19,377 to \$9,000. Cayuga City approved the request for 2008 and 2009. Concur with Cayuga City. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

A brief discussion was held with Tax Director Sandy Hanson concerning the Soil Study Committee. Sandy Hanson and Jerry Waswick will be working with the townships to determine, apply and delineate the modifiers.

Ambulance service lines and levy were discussed and Sandy Hanson will schedule a meeting in June with Oakes Ambulance Service.

Jim Gallagher and Betty Maly, Gwinner Farmers Elevator Co. met with the Board to present an Application for Property Tax Incentives for New or Expanding Businesses. The application requests a 100% 5 year tax exemption to expand an existing business project for one grain wet bin-capacity of 170,000 bushels and one grain handler 7000 bph dryer. The facility will be used for receiving and drying grain at high speed. Discussion followed on the location of this property, whether it is in Bowen Township or Forman City. Lyle Bopp indicated that the Gardner's Addition appears to be within the city limits of Forman City. Motion to encourage Gwinner Farmers Elevator Co. to do research to determine which entity has jurisdiction over this property and schedule a hearing on this application for May 18, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. and instruct Auditor to have applicant publish the Notice to Competitors of Hearing on Application for Property Tax Incentives. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Appoint Patricia Orn, Stirum to replace Sandy Mathias, Stirum on the Sargent County District Board of Health for a five year term. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Design Standards on County Major Collectors and Local Roads for New or Reconstruction of Existing Infrastructure. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve Gaming Site Authorizations to Bison Booster Club, Milnor, ND for North 40, Inc., DeLamere, ND beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Discussed the delinquent Contract for Deed with Clayton Hoffman on the west 43' of south 192' of Lot 1 and east 50' of Lot 2, Block 6, McNeeley's Addition, Cogswell City. Lyle Bopp will send a letter to Mr. Hoffman.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:10.

Verner Township Board members Lysle Coleman and Jerry Dill met with the Board and requested an update on the County Road #1 (Section 9/16-131-58) which is currently under water and asked what will be done on this site. Also present was Lyle Bopp, States Attorney and Sparky Engquist, SC road supt. Sparky Engquist stated that the roadway is being built up today because the county could not get permission from the landowner to pump the water. Also discussed Kraft slough and other areas within Verner Township that are threatened by high water.

Sparky Engquist informed the Board that he is doing paper work for placement of a tile drain between Section 36-130-54 and 31-130-53. This project is on the east edge of Alkali Lake. He also reviewed other grade raises and culverts that have been installed.

Sparky Engquist inquired about the current pay plan and requested an assistant supervisor for the road department. He is recommending Jamey Lien be promoted to assistant road supervisor from Grade 6 to a Grade 8. Motion to promote Jamey Lien from a Grade 6/Step 2 Grade 8/Step 4 effective June 1, 2010. (Wyum/Anderson. Roll call vote. Aye: Wyum, Anderson, Orn, Walstead. Nay: Waswick. Motion carried)

Motion to approve step increase to all employees Step 8 and below effective June 1, 2010. (Anderson/Wyum Aye. Wyum, Anderson, Orn, Walstead. Nay: Waswick. Motion carried)

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR