

Forman, North Dakota
May 5, 2009

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. Holly Jessen, The Sargent County Teller, was also present.

The Board proceeded to obtain credentials for CPR and AED. Marwood Klein, Ambulance Coordinator was the instructor.

Brian Tayer and Marwood Klein, ambulance coordinators, reported on the ambulance service and upcoming training sessions, total runs to date, donations received, patient revenue, ambulance maintenance, CPR classes for county employees and also setting up AED training in other communities.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff, met briefly with the Board regarding haul roads in the western townships. Trucks are using unapproved roadways and Sheriff Paeper was advised to inform the townships to shut down the trucks that are not hauling on designated haul roads. Steve Wyum researched the Haul Road Agreement with (TCKP) and says that "while the hauling is in progress, if an engineer for Sargent County or the Highway Superintendent for Sargent County believes that there is substantial evidence of present damage to the road occurring, that the hauling shall cease in order to provide immediate and appropriate repairs." TCKP contractors' intent was to repair this spring's damage to county haul roads expeditiously with their own equipment and manpower. However, the commission and Sparky informed TCKP that Sargent County will immediately proceed to repair them with county forces and local contractors. The Board asked that Sparky obtain in writing something from the (TCKP) that states that the county do the work and the company will reimburse the county. Lyle Bopp was asked to prepare a memo to the company with this request. Sparky and Lyle will work on the memo and total expenditures to date on road repairs.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch and reconvened at 2:30 following the Park Board meeting.

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Tom Hillestad, Planning Commission Member, met with the county commissioners to present a proposed Wind Energy Facility Ordinance for their consideration and First Reading. Move that the county commission receive the proposed Wind Energy Facility Ordinance as prepared by the Planning Commission and move for its adoption. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous) The second reading is scheduled for May 19, 2009 at 11:30 a.m.

Colleen Sundquist, President, Personnel Board, presented the Sargent County Personnel Board Standing Rules with changes that were proposed and approved by the employees. She explained the various changes. Motion to adopt the revised Standing Rules of the Sargent County Personnel Board. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Motion to approve the April 21, 2009 minutes as corrected. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous)

Bill Anderson mentioned that the Transportation Funding bill that did finally pass out of the Legislature did improve and resulted in substantial funding for townships, counties and cities for repair and maintenance of streets and roads.

For clarification purposes on a policy that was adopted by the Sargent County Commission on December 20, 1988, a motion was made to approve insurance coverage for retiring employees who have been employed with the county for ten years or longer to include two additional months plus the month required by ND PERS for a total of three months. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous) The States Attorney was instructed to prepare this policy for the Sargent County Personnel Policy.

Approve contract between Sargent County and the Gwinner Municipal Airport Authority for a period of three years, including the City and Authority agreeing to maintain adequate liability insurance to cover any such loss, injury or claim for damages or expenses in the sum of One Million Dollars with a copy of the liability insurance to be filed with the County Auditor. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous). Authorize the Chairman and County Auditor to sign said Contract. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Commissioner Waswick introduced the following resolution and moved for adoption:

WHEREAS, the Sargent County Commissioners are seeking to streamline County Government without reducing responsiveness to the electorate of Sargent County, and

WHEREAS, the Sargent County Commission has for several months discussed and analyzed a proposed plan for combining elective county offices, taking into consideration the proposed change on each affected office as required for 11-10.2.03 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) which includes an analysis of:

- a. The existing offices organization, functions, and procedures establish for providing governmental services;
- b. The proposed office organization, function and procedures; and
- c. How the proposal may improve the effectiveness and efficiency of County government and its responsiveness and accountability to local citizens and

WHEREAS, the proposed plan does not propose to diminish the term of office of any elected or appointed office without the consent of such office holder and

WHEREAS, the plan does not diminish the general responsibility of County government to perform any function or provide any service that is required by law to be performed or provided by County government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sargent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a plan to combine and offices of Sargent County Treasurer and Sargent County Recorder into an elected office to perform the essential functions of County Treasurer, County Recorder and Clerk of Court in accordance with Chapter 11-10.2 of the NDCC, and that a public hearing be held in the Commissioner's room at the Sargent County Courthouse on the 2nd day of June, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Anderson seconded the resolution. Roll call vote: Aye: Walstead, Anderson, Orn, Waswick and Wyum. Nay: None. The resolution was duly declared carried and adopted.

States Attorney Bopp presented a written opinion on storm day closure for the courthouse. This will be included in the Sargent County Personnel Policy.

The muskrat permit was approved by ND Game and Fish and extended until December 31, 2009.

Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. (DRC) requested a Sargent County Road Permit for the 2009 fiber optic project in the Crete area including seven sites parallel to county roads and twelve crossings on county roads. Motion to approve said permit with the stipulation that before commencing any work DRC shall locate and mark all culverts and stay at least five feet away from the end of all culverts which are located in the permit application and be responsible for repair and replacement of any damaged culverts. (Orn/Waswick, unanimous)

Approve Gaming Site Authorizations to Bison Booster Club, Milnor, ND for North 40, Inc., DeLamere, ND beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

STEVEN R WYUM

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR