

Forman, North Dakota
May 7, 2002

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: W.E. Smith, Karen Anderson, Steve Wyum, Ray Brockman and Donald Wehlander. Absent none.

The Board discussed some pending issues including the revisions to the personnel policy and the annexation of the landfill into Gwinner City.

Sparky Engquist reported on the tabulation of motor grader bids received at the last meeting. The bids received did not meet specifications. Reject all bids. (Wehlander/Anderson, unanimous) New specifications are being drawn up for the Board to consider. Following review of the specification motion to call for bids for one new motor grader to be opened on June 4, 2002 at 9:15 a.m. (Wehlander/Smith, unanimous)

Joe Martinetti and Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering and Sandy Hanson arrived at the meeting. Interstate Engineering presented an update of the base map they have prepared for GIS. There are numerous options available. Motion to proceed with the road network and bridges in the county for an estimated cost of \$10,000. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp met with the Board to explain the meeting held last night regarding the landfill and City of Gwinner. The city has passed their zoning ordinance and the annexation process will be voted on tonight. The Board of Commissioners is concerned with the Gwinner City proposal. The commissioners are also concerned for the health and safety of the citizens of Sargent County today and in the future. If the landfill property owner does not pay their annual real estate taxes, after five years the county is not obligated to take this land for taxes. The commission feels that the zoning ordinances currently in place with the City of Gwinner are insufficient to address the potential health hazard issues of the people of Sargent County. The commission instructed the States Attorney to explore the legality of strip annexation by any entity.

Norm Preble discussed the inundated farmland and as far as checking the payments on any of the land at the FSA Office. He could find out which farmers received payments but it does not break it down by description of land unless further research is done. The local office informed him that they do not have the time to do this research. The Board instructed Norm to contact the Fargo State Office and request information on how to obtain these payment records.

Vivian Township approved an application for abatement and settlement of taxes from David Totenhagen on a 5.4-acre tract (16.7 x 4.95 rods in SE corner of SW1/4-12-132-57). The tract is valued as residential property and is farmland and should be valued as farmland. Concur with township board. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve Site Authorization to the El Zagal Viking Patrol, Inc. at the location known as the Stir'Um Up Bar & Grill, Stirum for a period beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003. (Wehlander/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve request from Milnor City to approve a Quit Claim Deed for that part of the vacated streets and alleys abutting Lots 9,10,11,12,13,14,15 and 16, Block 2; the NE 40 feet of Lots 12,13,14 and the NE 60 feet of Lots 15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24, Block 11; and the SE 40 feet of Lots 1,2,3,4,5,7 and 8, Block 11, Milnor City, reserving and excepting therefrom the right and authority to locate, construct, maintain and improve County Drain # 7 as the same is now located thereon and the right of access thereto to the City of Milnor. Approve deed. (Wehlander/Smith, unanimous)

Karen reported on electricity available in the courthouse. The electricity is adequate on the main floor but we need some revisions. Some additional computer hookups are needed in the treasurer's office and one in the conference room. Extension service will pay for the hookup in the conference room. The roof in the Main Street building needs immediate repairs due to water damage. Some estimates were received last year. Approve \$1350 bid from DOCS to fix the roof with a 30-day completion date and advertise for sale the Main Street building to receive sealed bids that will be opened on July 2, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

The Board proceeded to open bids for the courthouse exterior restoration project. Mark Gradin, Michael J. Burns, Architects was present at the bid opening. Bids were received from A.J. Spanjers Co., Inc., Brooklyn Park, MN; Building Restoration Corp., St. Paul, MN and Comstock Construction, Wahpeton, ND. Following a tabulation of the bids and notice of inconsistencies, it was noted that there was an error. Due to an apparent error in the bid specifications, reject all bids and call for new bids to be opened on June 4, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. (Anderson/Smith, unanimous)

Teresa Brummond, SC representative on the SE Regional Human Service Council met with the Board to discuss outreach service counseling. She talked to the regional director and they would like to visit in the county to discuss the regional

center. Services were discontinued a few years back in Sargent County. The federal and state departments provide funding. The county commissioners agreed to invite a speaker to Sargent County to receive more information on this service.

Approve appointment of the following as election inspectors for the upcoming Primary and General Elections: Shirley Mund, Milnor; John Richards, Cayuga; Leona Adermann, Gwinner; Vivian Kosmatka, Forman; Pat Enderson, Havana and Denise Dockter, Cogswell. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Karen Anderson asked about publishing a notice on farming road ditches. An ad will be placed in the paper discouraging the farmer from farming up to the roadside that creates visibility hazards.

Chuck Gates met with the Board and discussed the 2 days leave without pay for Deputy Carney for failing to report an injury accident and violating the Sheriff's Dept. alcohol policy. He reported the new evidence lockers have been in use since May 1 and there are keys for each locker and only those responsible for the keys have copies of the keys. The arresting officer is responsible for returning any evidence from an arrest. He questioned the 35-hour week versus 40 hours that is being computed on his salary. The pay plan administrator stated that the Sheriff was listed as a courthouse employee and used the 35-hour workweek. The 2002 budget was not calculated to include a 40-hour workweek. Change hours for County Sheriff to 40 hours per week and take the difference out of equipment budget retroactive April 1, 2002. (Wehlander/Wyum. Roll call vote. Voting Yes. All. Voting No. None. Motion carried)

The Board received a letter from the North Sargent Extended Day Advisory Board requesting \$60,000 from Sargent County to start an Extended Day Enrichment Program at North Sargent School. Deny request due to no budget and no funding (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Commissioner Smith and Sparky Engquist reviewed the road applications and interviewed some applicants. Approve hiring John Schreiner, Cogswell, ND on a Grade 6-Step 1 effective May 6, 2002 on a probationary period. (Wehlander/Smith, unanimous)

Approve April 16, 2002 minutes as corrected and financial statement. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Motion to adjourn. (Smith/died for lack of second)

Karen Anderson reported on the upcoming Sargent County Fair. She also reported on the Housing Authority Board that she serves on and explained the various activities. Fargo Park Board will assume the SC Transportation program. The number will remain the same and stay in the courthouse. A bus is still available for transporting voters on Election Day. The county must provide the driver, gas and oil.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

RAY BROCKMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR