

Forman, North Dakota
June 1, 2004

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Karen Anderson, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum and Ray Brockman. Absent Don Wehlander.

Approve May 18, 2004 minutes as corrected. (Brockman/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve County Deed to Thomas P. Orth for All of Outlot B, Auditor's Plat, Cogswell City (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve Dance Permit for Geneseo Bar for twelve months for live music and wedding dances. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Sherry Hosford, County Auditor, presented a demonstration on the new election equipment that all five precincts will use at the June 8, 2004 Primary Election.

The Board discussed the Emergency Medical Advisory Board member. Karen Anderson agreed to represent the county commission on the advisory board. This position will be addressed at reorganization time in December. (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous)

Karen Anderson reported that she checked the electricity usage at the fairgrounds. There are nine outside lights that the county is paying for each month. Ottertail Power Co. has quoted prices for use to include un-metered and seasonal rates. The Board called Lyle Bopp for more information.

Patricia Carlen, Recorder, met with the Board at their request to discuss the Court Facilities Improvement and Maintenance questionnaire. Patty, Mike Walstead, Judge Ron Goodman and States Attorney Lyle Bopp made a recommendation for the following: 1) air conditioner for courtroom to eliminate the excessive noise, 2) new tables and chairs for counsel, 3) replacement windows in the courtroom, conference room and judge's office, 4) new chair for the witness stand and 5) new chair for the clerk of court. Accept the recommendation for the court facilities projects and submit to the North Dakota Supreme Court Advisory Committee. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

The Board of Review and Equalization proceeded to organize for 2004. Norm Preble, Tax Director, presented proposal changes for 2004. Several rural residential changes are proposed on the average of \$3,000 per property. Most will be okay with this increase but based on sales others may need an additional increase next year. Norm reported on inundated land acres. He received seven applications with a total of 736 acres and only one qualifies which is located near Buffalo Lake where land was flooded. The other acreage includes areas that he questioned were ever farmable land. Valuation of individual parcels of inundated agricultural land may recognize the probability that the property will be suitable for Ag production as cropland or for grazing farm animals in the future. He recommends accepting the NE1/4 and SE1/4-31-131-54 and rejecting six based on the above criteria. Accept recommendation. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous) The Board of Equalization will recess until June 15 at 9:45 a.m.

The commission discussed the interview process for the assistant ambulance coordinator. The following will be invited to participate in the interviews on June 15 at 10:00 a.m.: Forman Ambulance Board members, Milnor Ambulance squad leaders, Milnor coordinator a Gwinner First Responder, emergency manager, sheriff, and the county commission.

Approve County Township Road Mileage Certification to the State Treasurer certifying 820 miles. (Anderson/Brockman, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp met with the commission to discuss Sargent County Fairboard by-laws and the composition of the Fairboard. Lyle is looking for a copy of the by-laws. Karen Anderson agreed to assist Lyle.

Larry Christensen moved a house into Rutland City and is located on the East Side of town. He would like an approach to his home off County Road No. 3 that passes by the house. The Board has right-of-way and comes under the domain of this Board as the county maintains the road. Mr. Bopp explained that the county should have no liability or cost on this project as the city approved the placement of the home. It has been county policy that the county pays for the culvert in placement of an approach on rural land and the landowner pays for installation and dirt work. Mr. Christensen should get dual approval from both the city and the county and comply with their specifications. There is also the safety factor that approaches can be placed too close and this should also be a consideration.

Sparky Engquist and Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting. The Board proceeded to open bids for surplus property. Accept high bids from the following: 1972 2 ton dump truck with 6 yard box to Harley Fink, Forman for \$1107, 1964 IHC Army tandem 3.5 ton dump truck with 8 yard box to Todd Ekstrom, Forman for \$510 and 1982 GMC ½ ton pickup to Melvin Ridder, Cogswell for \$226. (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous)

The Board further discussed the driveway/approach for Larry Christensen. Approve policy as follows: As provided in NDCC 24-07-06, Sargent County commission agrees and authorizes the Sargent County Road Supervisor to provide a culvert in the event the commission determines that reasonable and necessary access to a landowner's property is insufficient. Any such access shall be performed in accordance with county specifications. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

The Board placed a call to Interstate Engineering, Inc. to proceed with Bridge No. 118-20. Four alternatives were reviewed with Alternate No. 4 including three lines of 12 foot by 7-foot reinforced concrete box culvert. It provides greater waterway area than other alternatives and the least often overtopping of the box culverts at just under a 100-year event. The outlet velocities are also less than alternative No. 1 & 2, which could reduce downstream erosions. The preliminary estimate is \$270,000 plus engineering. Approve Alternative No. 4. (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

STEVEN R. WYUM – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR