

Forman, North Dakota
June 1, 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.

Approve May 18, 2010 minutes as presented. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Richard Ruch stopped by the meeting and discussed road issues, fence damages and wet cropland.

Discussion followed on the proposed new heating system for the courthouse. Mike Walstead will call Dave Obermiller, P.E. One Building Systems Consultants for an update. Other discussion followed on Gwinner City research on obtaining natural gas service and possible extension of the service to Forman for a natural gas backup system for the courthouse.

Plans for the celebration of the 100th year of the courthouse were discussed and several ideas are being considered including: research on the history of the courthouse by Richard Bradbury; possibility of a presentation by Mr. Clay Jenkinson, an impersonator of Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt; obtaining some items of commemorative memorabilia to be made available for sale to the public; and, a display booth at the Sargent County Fair July 22-25.

Several vintage file cabinets have been removed from the Office formerly occupied by the County Treasurer. The Board agreed to check with Historical Society/Museum to see if they want any of these items for the Museum. If they are not interested in acquiring any of these items, these cabinets as well as any other surplus items from county offices will be advertised for sale by silent auction. Jerry Waswick asked for permission to use the three extra window air conditioners during the fair for the auditorium, food stand and office. Permission granted and the air conditioners are to be transferred to the Fair Board's inventory of equipment.

Sandy Hanson, Tax Director arrived at the meeting. The Board of Review and Equalization proceeded to organize for 2010. Sandy informed the Board that there are some properties that have not been assessed at this time and some township books that were not returned until today so she is requesting that the Board of Review and Equalization recess until June 15th. Sandy presented 2010 proposed changes on the local level and proposals for the county level. Steve Wyum questioned local changes including reducing agricultural land on one parcel in Willey Township and one parcel in Milnor Township. Further discussion followed on whether these land values should be changed. Sandy Hanson had information on agricultural value per acre for the 2010 assessment. She will acquire more detailed information for the June 15th meeting. Other comments were made on the upcoming soils study for all agricultural land in the county and possible change in valuations. Motion for the Board of Review and Equalization to recess until June 15, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, arrived at the meeting.

Sandy Hanson informed the Board that she is waiting for more information on the availability of State or County cost-sharing funds for the recently installed new Milnor City stop signs on County #10, which is also Milnor's Main Street. The Board cannot determine eligibility for cost-sharing or allocate funds for these signs until Milnor City provides more information including a breakdown of cost for the purchase and installation of signs.

Sandy Hanson updated the Board on FEMA activity. The FEMA workers have been out inspecting and preparing Project Worksheets.

Lyle Bopp presented an opinion letter regarding the vacated Gardner's Addition to Forman City. Motion that a copy of the opinion letter be sent to Gwinner Farmers Elevator and to Bowen Township, and to instruct Sargent County officials to consider any property within the boundaries of the vacated Gardner's Addition to be under the jurisdiction of Forman City effective with 2011 tax year. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve Gaming Site Authorization to Lidgerwood Knights of Columbus Hall Association, Inc. at Geneseo Bar and Café beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve Construction and Maintenance Agreement, right of way certification letter and utility certification letter for project CER-4125(061)/CMC 4125 – 2 miles south of Rutland – Double 12'x10' precast RCBC, culvert removal and 950' of road reconstruction - 0.178 miles (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

The Board reviewed letters from Public Employment HR Consulting regarding pay grades for Treasurer/Recorder/Clerk of Court and Chief Deputy Treasurer/Risk Manager/Recorder/Clerk of Court. Tabled until receipt of the recommendation for the Deputy Treasurer/Risk Manager/Recorder/Clerk of Court.

Jerry Waswick commented on pay grades and steps and his intention to present three motions at the June 15th meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR