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

Doc Nelson met with the Board regarding clean up by Service Master and preparation for their arrival on June  $5^{th}$ .

Chairman Smith commended the Register of Deeds and her staff for completion of the Child Support conversion on a timely basis.

The Board of Equalization proceeded to organize for 1999. H. Lawrence Strouse met with the Board to discuss a reduction in the SW1/4-36-131-57. The Board explained SB 2052 will reduce the value of any land that was inundated in 1998. Norm Preble, Tax Director, explained the process for valuing lands in 1998 and reviewed the changes made on the local level by the townships and cities. Total taxable value increase for cities is \$127,722.

Randy Pope, Interstate Engineering, presented Construction Engineering Services Agreements for CER 4111(59), CER 4110 (56) and CER 4111(60).

The Board discussed a landowners concern about a culvert located in Section 13-129-55. This road will be resurfaced this summer and they would like a culvert moved to alleviate the water flow from making a 90-degree turn. The Board will talk to the road supt. and engineers on the November, 1997 Water Board determination.

Approve 5-18-99 minutes. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Reappoint Earl W. Anderson, # 1, Harrison McCleery # 2 and Diane McDaniel # 5 to the SC Planning Commission for a 4-year term. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

Approve Dance permit to Geneseo Bar for a twelve-month period. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Approve Site Authorization to Bison Booster Club at the North Forty Bar, DeLamere, ND for the period beginning 7-1-99 through 6-30-00. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Ross Eberle, Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, met with the Board and informed them the bridge bid letting is June 18, 1999 in Bismarck. Red River Telecom, Abercrombie has a line in this area and we should have a utility agreement that states the conditions of the work. Ross will contact them for the agreement.

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting.

Approve Construction Agreement for Aggregate, Bituminous Surfacing, Overlay & Incidental items for Projects 4125(98A) and 4125(98B). (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve Contract and Contract Bond for Bituminous Overlay & Incidentals for SC 4100(099), CER 4110(056), CER 4111(059) and CER 4111(060). (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Julie Hassebroek introduced Connie Gulleson to the Board. Ms. Gulleson was hired to fill the Family Nutrition Program and Extension Service position. She will also be the nutritionist for the Sargent County WIC Program.

Gina Hillestad explained the public health salary schedule to the Board. Dale Fuhrman, President, SC District Board of Health and Colleen Sundquist met with the Board to discuss the salary schedule prepared for the health department. They have compared the schedule to other nurse salaries in the area and the schedule is lower. They recommend the current salaries set to equal or better than outside employers and asked that the mid-range #7 be raised to # 11. The Board will send a letter to the salary consultant and ask for additional information on the salary schedule.

Approve Contract for Deed to Scott A. Anderson and Rick Barth, 406 N  $15^{\rm th}$  St., Breckenridge, MN for the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W1/2ofSE1/4)-13-131-57. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Norm Preble met and continued with the Board of Equalization and inundated lands. The Board advised he should accept forms postmarked June 1<sup>st</sup> and compute acres as submitted. Some spot checks will be conducted throughout the county. The reassessment of Gwinner City will be put on hold until the inundated land information is complied. Pam Maloney will assist Norm with the forms for inundated lands.

The Board of Equalization will recess until June 15, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

W.E. SMITH - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR