

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

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting.

The Board reconvened as Board of Review and Equalization with Norm Preble, Tax Director present. He explained additional information on inundated land and reviewed the values. The Board received a letter from W.E. Smith on his inundated land application. The Board concurred with Mr. Preble's recommendation and instructed him to send a letter on behalf of the Board to Mr. Smith. All valuations for agricultural, residential and commercial property is within the percentage tolerance allowed by the state. 2004 local changes were discussed as presented on June 1. The total county taxable increase is \$36,005. Approve and accept all local changes. (Walstead/Wehlander, unanimous) Adjourn "SINE DIE" as Board of Review and Equalization.

Members of the Forman Ambulance Squad and Sandy Hanson met with the Board to review assistant ambulance coordinator applications. Eight requests were made for applications and two were returned but both have withdrawn. One of the two applicants would possibly be available in ten months following paramedic school. The Forman Squad is operating on a week by week basis but they need a daytime EMT. Advertisements were placed in the Teller, Job Service, Oakes Times, Britton Journal, Wahpeton Daily News, Ransom County Gazette and Hankinson. It was suggested that another ad be placed in The Forum, Bismarck Tribune, Aberdeen News, Grand Forks Herald newspapers and ND Job Service with a July 13 deadline for applications.

Approve June 1, 2004 minutes. (Brockman/Anderson, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, EMS met to discuss funding on Homeland Security monies and requests are being sent in for reimbursement. Pagers, radios, defibrillators, first responder kits and protective gear are some of the items being purchased with these funds. The ND Division of Emergency Management sent a letter to Chairman Wyum stating the Sargent County Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 Plan was returned because "it does not meet the requirements." Sandy contacted the state director and discussed the plan to make sure Sargent County's future needs will be met. She plans to meet with Director Friez. The commission asked Sandy to convey the commission displeasure with his letter. The changes were very minor and a courtesy phone call from Mr. Friez to Sandy should have been all that was necessary.

The Board discussed a request from ND Job Service for Cindy Leinen's claim. She stated that employment ended because of lack of work. The Board received a written letter of resignation from Cindy ending her employment as of May 27, 2004. Motion to send response to Job Service that this Board disagrees with Cindy's stated reason for employment ending; however, we are not contesting her right to obtain employment benefits. (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp presented a revised vacation benefit proposal. Approve proposed change. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous) He is coordinating the Sargent County Personnel Policy and will present a copy upon its completion.

Approve Sunday Alcoholic Beverage Permit to Stir 'Um Up Bar and Grill, Stirum, ND for twelve (12) months. (Anderson/Brockman, unanimous)

The Board reviewed results of the Official Canvass of the June 8, 2004 Primary Election. Approve certification as follows on county offices and measures: County Commissioner Combined District No. 1 – Bill Anderson-547, Mary Engst-139, Wayne Sebens-39; County Commissioner Combined District No. 2 – Karen Anderson-257, Jerry M Waswick-275, Kim Rasmussen-277; Director, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District – Maurice Orn-737. Various write-ins were recorded in above offices. County Measure No. 1 (911) Yes-661, No-142; County Measure No. 2 (Advisory Study Committee) Yes-411, No-351. (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bills and June payroll in the sum of \$89,214.03. (Anderson/Wehlander, unanimous)

Weed Board Expenditures		9494.21
Social Service Expenditures		5136.10
Election Board/County Canvass Board Training, schools and Election Day		3309.32
49496 Roslyn Amerman	Travel	15.50
49497 Karen Anderson	Travel	244.90
49498 BP Amoco	Travel-Sheriff	117.31

49499	Britton Journal	Ambulance ad	13.40
49500	Buhl's	Cleaning service	172.20
49501	Cass County Treasurer	Juvenile Detention	480.00
49502	Cellular One	Phone service	172.73
49503	Chunky's Standard Service	Sheriff's car service	92.10
49504	Comfort Suites	Sheriff Lodging	45.00
49505	DOCS	Mowing and spraying fairgrounds	220.00
49506	Dyste's	Supplies	79.87
49507	Economy Oil Inc.	Sheriff travel and road fuel	3159.66
49508	ES & S	Election expense	3257.57
49509	Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas and repairs	88.81
49510	Forman Repair	Repairs	14.91
49511	Gall's Inc.	Sheriff equipment & uniforms	2539.35
49512	Geffre's Greenhouse	Flowers	97.67
49513	Gwinner One-Stop	Travel-Sheriff	234.01
49514	Hardware Hank	Flowers and supplies	246.72
49515	Martinsen's	Repairs	71.19
49516	Maximus	Job Market Survey	2000.00
49517	McLeod USA	Long distance phone calls	238.76
49518	NDFOP	Dues	24.00
49519	ND Newspaper Ass'n.	Analysis publication	74.34
49520	NDACo Resource Group	Printer	166.00
49521	Nick of Time	HLS Contract	450.00
49522	Oakes Community Hospital	Blood Alcohol	45.00
49523	Oakes Times	Ambulance ad	30.00
49524	Officeland	Supplies	17.68
49525	Quill	Printer and supplies	580.47
49526	Ransom County Gazette	Ambulance ad	23.40
49527	Reardon Office Equipment	Supplies	32.99
49528	Roger's Plumbing & Heating	Labor-fairgrounds and shop	480.10
49529	Stein's Inc.	Supplies	183.47
49530	Streicher's	Uniforms	75.50
49531	The Forum	Classified-trucks	27.09
49532	The Teller	Publishing fees	1353.56
49533	Wahpeton Daily News	Ambulance ad	90.49
49534	White Banner	Uniforms	501.75
49535	AW Diesel Service	Repairs	9.00
49536	American Traffic Marking	Mailbox supports	1200.00
49537	Bernard Mahrer Construction	Gravel and oil	1207.43
49538	Butler Machinery Co.	Repairs	73.83
49539	Merrill Engquist	Vehicle title changes	21.00
49540	Gwinner Farmers Elevator	Lawn seed	75.00
49541	Johnston Fargo Culvert	Culverts	5494.36
49542	KW Service	Repairs	91.06
49543	Midwest Management	Phone rental	150.00
49544	SE Medical Center	Drug testing	375.00
49545	CPU	Data processing charges	563.39
49546	Dakota Improvement	Co. Road 2 Safety project	42082.77
49547	DRTC	911 contracts	259.00
49548	ITD	WAN access and anti-virus	393.00
49549	Interstate Engineering Inc.	GIS, Safety Project and Bridge 105-01	5515.17
49550	Lisa Knox	HE Travel	54.25
49551	Michael J. Burns Architects, Ltd.	Courthouse window project	519.70
49552	Milnor Rural Fire District	Training	77.42
49553	NDACo	Wireless 911 and tech. Service	1546.50
49554	NDSU Extension – CDFS	Books	10.35
49555	Qwest	911 contracts	287.82
49557	A.J. Spanjers	Courthouse tuck pointing project	36545.00
49558	My Local Gov.	Website	165.00
49559	SC Senior Services	Travel to Veterans Hospital	17.00

Approve re-appointments to Sargent County School Reorganization Board for a three-year term: Homer Martinsen, Milnor and Stanley Melroe, Gwinner. (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve re-appointment of Janet Kiefer, Cayuga to the Sargent County Social Service Board for a three-year term. ((Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Lynette L. de Silva, EERC, Mark Breker, Dan Jacobson, Roger White and Richard Engst, SC Water Board met with the commission. Ms. De Silva, representing Energy and Environmental Research Center, Grand Forks explained a voluntary feasibility study (a.k.a. the Waffle Project) that is being proposed to investigate temporary storage of springtime runoff to augment existing flood control structures and help mitigate flooding throughout the Red River Basin.

The Water Board members discussed bridge No. 135-05.1 (located between Section 25/26-132/53) which was replaced in 1988. The county has been maintaining this site and currently has major siltation and needs to be cleaned. The commissioners will instruct the road department to clean again this fall.

Wendy Jacobson, Social Service Director, requested an increase in mileage to the IRS mileage reimbursement rate of 37.5 cents. A survey provided by Wendy from other counties shows \$.31 to \$.37.5 per mile. Richland and Ransom county has approved \$.34. Approve temporary adjustment effective July 1, 2004 to \$.34/mile until state meets and discusses any increases. (Brockman/Walstead/unanimous)

Quentin Hoistad asked if the county would mow two areas at Sprague Lake. Tewaukon National Refuge has made the request for an agreement to get assistance from the Park Board to mow these areas. A tractor mower takes about 40 minutes of mowing. The commission agreed to discuss this at the July 6 meeting of the Park Board.

Harris L. and Wade Anderson, Havana and Sparky Engquist arrived at the meeting. Harris is concerned about the culvert located near his farm and what the road department plans to do to correct the problem. The ditch is very steep and cannot be mowed. Sparky plans to use excess dirt to streamline and after the crop is harvested he will do additional work. Sparky explained his reason for the work and Harris said the culvert hasn't worked since it was installed. The Anderson's asked that no additional work be undertaken unless they are notified and the planned work is in writing.

Sparky Engquist presented a list of 2004 projects and cost estimates including gravel, asphalt, oil, road building and culverts. Discussed the dust control program and a complaint received. Other counties were contacted and Steve reported that all counties had positive feedback on dust control projects. An advertisement for part-time help has been published with a June 21 deadline. Sparky indicated that gravel in the stockpile for the next three years cost \$40,000. Karen talked to Sparky about an earlier conversation about road department issues.

Tammy Schillinger, ND Parole and Probation met to review the 2003 program. The numbers are down from prior years. Approve Joint Powers Agreement between the state of North Dakota by and through the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Sargent County effective July 1, 2004 and shall expire June 30, 2005. Sargent County shall pay \$300 on a quarterly basis. (Wehlander/Anderson, unanimous)

Trent Nelson, TON Construction, Doc Nelson and Greg with A.J. Spanjers met to discuss the ongoing project with replacing the front steps of the courthouse. A proposal from TON Construction will be presented to A. J. Spanjers. The Board selected two colors that will be used on the dome and trim exterior of the courthouse.

A request was made by Sargent County 4-H to shoot fireworks at Silver Lake on July 8 to honor the New York 4-H'ers who will be visiting the county through the exchange program. The 4-H supervisor will be contacted to confirm that adults will be present during the fireworks.

Approve Barnes County Contract for Prisoner Boarding at \$50 per day, per inmate. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Approve Road Permit to City of Rutland to place a sewer line on County No. 10 under the railroad lines within the City of Rutland as per terms and conditions. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Travis Paeper, Sheriff, reported that the 2001 Ford needs a transmission replacement and brake work. He has contacted someone to do the work. Authorize the Sheriff to take the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria to the auction. (Wehlander/Walstead, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

STEVEN R. WYUM – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR