

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, Jerry Waswick and Maurice Orn. Absent: none. Also present: David L. Jacobson.

Approve minutes of June 1, 2010 meeting as corrected. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous) Board members also received a copy of the May 2010 financial statement.

Approve June payroll in the sum of \$139,774.58 (nos. 4575-4642 and 62643-62655) and the following bills. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

62485	Lisa Dawson	Meal	12.50	
62486	Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity	869.55	
62487	Ransom County	VSO expenditures	807.86	
62488-62503		Health Unit Expenses	931.17	
62512	Forman, City of	Water/Sewer/Garbage	165.30	
62517-62527		Health Unit Expenses	1616.31	
62542-62560		Human Service Expenses	14795.40	
62561	American Express	Credit Card Purchases	1512.54	
62562	Asche, Marge	Primary Election Board	330.62	
62563	Bopp Law Office	St Atty. Phone and Rent	411.98	
62564	Bopp, Cody	Building Maintenance	107.50	
62565	Buhl's Inc.	Cleaning Services	154.38	
62566	Chunky's Standard Service	Tire Repair	16.00	
62567	Crandall, Lois	Primary Election Board	341.62	
62568	Dacotah Paper Co.	Copy Paper	181.35	
62569	Dakota Mailing & Shipping Equip.	Postage Meter Ribbon Cart.	92.67	
62570	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	856.60	
62571	Dyste's Food Pride	Supplies	115.66	
62572	Ed's Place	Gasoline	107.87	
62573	Election Systems Software Inc.	Election Ballots	1147.38	
62574	Farmer's Union Coop.	Sheriff Travel	487.48	
62575	Fiala, Anthony	Tree removal		25.00
62576	Forman City Hall	Hall Rental	30.00	
62577	Forman Drug	Photo Processing	19.52	
62578	FP Mailing Solutions	Postage	299.70	
62579	Gainor, Mark	Co. Flood Inspections	140.00	
62580	Gehring, Orville	Co. Canvass Board	34.68	
62581	Hanson, Casey/Elida	Mowing Services	187.50	
62582	Hardware Hank	Supplies	109.03	
62583	Information Technology Dept.	LERMS User Fee	50.00	
62584	Kozok, David	Travel	65.00	
62585	Lee, Joan	Primary Election Board	340.12	
62586	Martinsen, Deanna	Co. Canvass Board	27.18	
62587	McLaen's Service, Inc.	Vehicle Service	220.56	
62588	Midstates Wireless	Modem Installation	135.00	
62589	Mlnarik, Corrine	Primary Election Board	318.12	
62590	Office of the State Auditor	Report Review Fees	165.00	
62591	Orn, Maurice	Co. Canvass Board	17.00	
62592	Peterson, Brenda	Travel	122.50	
62593	Preble, Norm	Consultant Services	150.00	
62594	Quill Corp.	Office Supplies	279.77	
62595	Rath & Mehrer, PC	Audit Fee (2008-2009)	7550.00	
62596	Rutland General Store	Supplies	40.00	
62597	The Sargent County Teller	Printing/Publishing	371.20	
62598	Sargent Co. Treasurer	Reimbursement for postage, etc.	6311.47	
62599	Stein's, Inc.	Supplies	288.13	
62600	Streicher's	Sheriff Uniform	19.99	
62601	Suntek Concrete Engraving	Resurface Courthouse Steps	1442.00	
62602	Supply Distribution Center	Toner	459.80	
62603	US Post Office, Forman	St. Atty. Box Fee	100.00	
62604	Universal Services	Toner	40.00	
62605	Walstead, Mike	Travel	223.50	
62606	Bear Creek Gravel, Inc.	Gravel	9078.00	
62607	Bernard Mahrer Const. Inc.	Gravel, Road Blading	40602.63	

62608	Crandall Construction Inc.	Gravel	62819.98
62609	Diesel Machinery Inc.	Equipment Repairs	16.00
62610	Jacobson Implement	S-185 Bobcat	24366.17
62611	Johnston Fargo Culvert, Inc.	Culverts	3792.00
62612	Midwest Management, Inc.	Semi-annual Rent/phone	150.00
62613	Rutland Oil Co.	Fuel	6078.00
62614	Sheehan Mack Sales	Parts	77.74
62615	ZEP Sales & Service	Parts/Supplies	540.50
62616	Adamson Industries, Corp.	Partition	584.90
62617	Barnes County Corrections	Prisoner Board	3315.00
62618	Computer Professionals Unlimited	Staff Support	946.12
62619	Dickey Rural Networks	911 Updates	251.00
62620	Gwinner One-Stop, Inc.	Sheriff travel	985.26
62621	Hewlett-Packard Co.	Equipment	640.00
62622	Information Technology Dept.	WAN	469.80
62623	Kozok, David	DUI O.T.	200.00
62624	Lake Agassiz Regional Council	Economic Development	141,381.64
62625	Lisbon Area Health Services	Blood Alcohols	102.50
62626	NDACO	Wireless 911 Costs	514.00
62627	NDACO	Computer Shipping	29.14
62628	NDSU Ag. Comm. Dept.	Computer Equipment	441.08
62629	Official Payments Corp.	County website	165.00
62630	Qwest	911 Contracts	191.88
62631	Sargent County Insurance	Premiums	31.00
62632	Sargent Township	FEMA	5261.65
62633	Stop Tech	SUV Kits	780.00

The Board of Review and Equalization reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with Sandy Hanson, Tax Director and Shannon Jablonsky, Assistant present. Sandy presented the proposed changes for cities and townships from the local and county levels and the agricultural increase. Motion to approve the changes as presented with the exception of Parcel 12-4061000 (Wallace Johnson) in which Milnor Township Board of Equalization recommends a reduction in the property value from \$55,483 to \$51,292. Steve Wyum commented that there is an inundated land provision for water on land otherwise there are other water issues in the county. Bill Anderson commented that it appears that this property is already valued substantially lower than the surrounding properties and it appears that any loss in value due to wet conditions has already been taken into consideration. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous). Sandy also provided the Board information on a proposed increase in agricultural land valuations for the 2010 tax year. In order to stay in compliance with the requirements of the State, she recommends an increase to 96.5% of full valuation, which is a 6.35% increase across the board on all agricultural land. Motion to approve. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous) Norm Preble, former Tax Director, arrived at the meeting. Discussed residential and commercial values for the 2010 tax year, and the fact that no information was available from the State Tax Commissioner's Office at this time. Recess as a Board of Review and Equalization subject to call by the Chairman pending additional information from the ND State Tax Department. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Randy Pearson, Milnor and Bruce Speich, Milnor along with Sparky Engquist, road supervisor and Sandy Hanson met with the Board. Randy Pearson questioned the tile projects contributing to the water in Buffalo Lake and how long these tiles will allow water in the lake. Sparky stated that the road was built without a culvert and he believes that the installation of the culverts under County 10 will allow natural flow. Bruce Speich is very concerned about the apparent increase in water in the eastern part of the county, particularly in the Wild Rice River, and his perception that nothing is being done to protect property in that area. Mr. Speich would like to know what can be done to alleviate these water issues. He had several photos and aerial maps of the problem area, which includes a dike that he and a neighbor, James Berndt, had built a number of years ago. Among possible solutions discussed was the possibility of forming a legal drain and/or a drainage assessment area in the location of the affected property, in order to obtain adequate funding to contend with the water issues. Mr. Speich also presented a letter addressing his concerns about the road department supervisor and employees and perceived deficiencies in their job performance. The letter will be kept on file in the office of the County Auditor.

County Road Supervisor Sparky Engquist proceeded to discuss road repair, blading, culverts, graveling and pavement in the county.

Janeen Stenso, Red River Basin Commission, met with the Board to provide an update on activities including information on the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program, the Natural Resources Framework Plan, the Basin Wide Flood Flow Reduction Strategy and the 2011 annual conference in Fargo.

Sparky Engquist continued his report on road issues including updates on: the situations at Buffalo Lake, Kraft Lake and Alkali Lake; emergency repair projects; FEMA projects; and; dust control. The Board placed a conference call to inquire about a road surfacing product made from soybean, canola and corn oil. The Board may consider using this product on a demonstration project.

Mike Walstead informed the Board that Dwain Elenberger, Milnor City maintenance, notified him that the City of Milnor would be receiving grant monies for the two solar-powered stop signs located on Milnor City Main Street (County Road # 10). The City will not need cost-sharing from the Sargent County Road Department budget for this project.

Authorize Chairman and County Auditor to execute the revised Maintenance Agreement for County/Township Roadways within NDDOT Right of Way, upon receipt of the revised contract from NDDOT, and upon review by the Sargent County States Attorney. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Motion to appoint Terry Euscher, North Sargent School District (SC Combined District # 2) and reappoint Nancy Glarum, Sargent Central School District (SC Combined District #1) to the Sargent County School Reorganization Board for a three year term. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Motion to reappoint Janet Kiefer, Cayuga, to the Sargent County Social Service Board for a three (3) year term starting July 1, 2010. (Orn/Wyum, unanimous).

The Board reviewed the results of the Official Canvass of the June 8, 2010 Primary Election. Approve certification as follows on county offices: County Commissioner Combined District No. 1 – Steven Wyum-681; County Commissioner Combined District No. 2 – Richard Ruch-251; David L Jacobson-531; Jerry Dill-160; Mike Walstead-681; County Auditor – Sherry Hosford-828; County State’s Attorney – Trent W Mahler-388; Lyle R Bopp – 514; County Treasurer/Recorder/Clerk of Court – Gina Hillestad – 815; County Sheriff – Travis A Paeper – 824; Official Newspaper – The Sargent County Teller - 827 (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve professional service agreement with Computer Professionals Unlimited, Inc., Morris, MN for a four (4) year term. (Orn/Waswick, unanimous)

Discussed the agreement between ArcaSearch (project for digitizing and processing of commission minutes) and Sargent County. Upon recommendation of the County Auditor motion to not renew said agreement (\$1236/year) for maintenance, updates and support, storage and delivery. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous) Sargent County has received the DVD’s with all the minutes from 1883-1940 that have been digitized and are located on the county website.

Approve County Township Road Mileage Certification to the State Treasurer certifying 800 miles. (Wyum/Orn unanimous)

Authorize Wendy Jacobson, Social Service Director, to hire a Social Worker 3 and In-Home Care Specialist 3 at Grade 13/3 and Grade 5/3 respectively. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 3:50.

MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD – COUNTY AUDITOR