

Forman, North Dakota  
June 15, 1999

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.

Since the Family Focused position had to be re-advertised, reconfirm previous motion on May 18, 1999 to authorize the Social Service Director the authority to offer the salary at Step 7 in the Administrative Pay Plan, if necessary, to fill that position. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Discussed the drug and alcohol-testing program. Ray Brockman is willing to take the training to be a contact person for Sargent County. Bill Smith and Merrill Engquist are other contacts.

Steve Wyum reported on a road issue north of Rutland. The Park Board would like to install a sewer line to restrooms and a concessions stand at the ballpark. They would like to cut through half of the road up to the manhole. Allow connection to city sewer line at no cost to the county. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous) Road repaired as per county road superintendent specifications.

Sandra Siekaniec, Tewaukon Refuge, met with the Board at 9:30. She discussed funding for Co. # 12 through the refuge. Monies are available through the Public Lands Highways Discretionary Program (\$83.64 million) and it is a 100% federal pay. The engineers for SC are working on a proposal to submit to NDDOT. She encouraged the Board to support the proposal. She also mentioned that the Kraft Slough complex would be eligible for these monies.

Ms. Siekaniec also reported on some road projects and replacement of Bridge No. 132-18 on the south side of Section 32-129-54 LTL with box culverts. Riprap will be installed on the road by Sprague Lake to shore up the roadway. They also will repair an area on SC Channel Imp. # 1 after meeting with the Water Board. She also presented the Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge Complex's annual report.

Norm Preble and Lyle Bopp met with the Board. The Board of Equalization proceeded to reconvene and Norm reported that he received a revised estimate of agricultural value per acre. The revised amounts are as follows: All Ag Land - \$355.84, Cropland - \$417.57 and Non-cropland - \$108.89. There are over 45,000 acres reported for inundated lands. The Board reminded Norm that any requests that were received after the June 1 deadline should not be considered. He is compiling the total acres by township. Norm explained the process in valuing the Farmers Grain & Trading, Milnor. After further discussion of the spur line possessory interest, approve reinstating value of \$27,540 at Tax Director's reduced valuation. (Wehlander/Brockman. Roll call vote. Unanimous) Remove value of a building located on a 5-acre tract in the NE 1/4-9-132-53 because it was destroyed by fire. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous) Discussed assessments for 1999. The residential value is at 98% and the commercial values at 97.5%, both within the state guidelines. Approve the values as stated. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous) Adjourn as a Board of Equalization "SINE DIE". (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous) Norm recommended that the Board consider a 50% reduction of inundated acres reported. The Board asked for a full report for their consideration at their next meeting.

Gina Hillestad, Risk Manager, arrived at the meeting and the Board proceeded to make a conference call to Rhodes and Shanley to discuss the Public Health pay schedule. Mr. Rhodes clarified the statistics used for preparing the schedule. Statewide data was used to compare as well as the county's budget. He feels the data provided was rich given the fact that this plan was just implemented. Mr. Rhodes stated that if the county has problems with recruitment and retention, they could make exceptions. Mr. Rhodes will follow up with a letter on his recommendation.

Gina presented the NDIRF on-site survey report. Several recommendations were noted for various areas in the county. The Board reviewed and will work on areas that need corrections.

Dave Eklund, Roger Zetocha, Sandy Hanson, members of the Sargent County Fairboard and Julie Hassebroek, Extension Agent met regarding the 1999 fair. They would like to add on to the poultry barn and need more room and ventilation. They need a showroom for the rabbits and poultry and feel an open-air barn would meet these needs. The Board received an on-site survey report from NDIRF that addressed some problem areas at the fairgrounds with the bleachers and guardrail. The Fairboard will look into these problems. They would like to check into some additional water sources for the grandstand and auditorium. The horse barn has been repaired and tables are being built. Discussed the outdoor toilets and how to clean/treat. Will talk to the Forman city council. Having some problems with vehicles stored

in the county buildings and policy for removal and liability. The Johnny Holm concert is scheduled at the fairgrounds July 7, 1999.

Joan Lee, Deputy Register of Deeds, received information on a FEMA grant to disaster proof the records. There is a total of \$1.3 available at 85%/15% local match. Sargent County microfilmed the records in May 1991 and has about 11,000 documents that have not been microfilmed. Our other records are in storage in Birmingham, AL. Authorize disaster-proofing records. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist met with the Board to discuss road projects. They are patching roads and making repairs to the road as time allows. Discussed secretaries position and need for organizing records and computer work. The Board received a letter from the National Guard regarding Co. # 2. Unfortunately, because of the large number of soldiers participating in rotational deployments, and scheduled community projects for Training Year 1999, they must decline Sargent County's request.

Red River Telecom contacted the Board that the estimate to lower the existing cable, to prepare for bridge replacement on No. 132-10 is \$706. They will complete the work and bill the county.

Re-appoint George Bishoff to the SC School Reorganization Board. (Coleman/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve June 1, 1999 minutes. (Wyum/Wehlander/unanimous)

Sonia Meehl, Crete Grain Co., met with the Board to advise of a major expansion of their facility. She reviewed several reasons they are planning to expand to continue to participate in the market. The majority of the truck traffic to their elevator travels on Co. # 2 and they would like to inform the Board up front. They also plan to apply for a property tax exemption on the new facility. The new structure would be located on the railroad right-of-way, which they own. Accept Crete Grain application for property tax exemption for five years and schedule a hearing on July 20, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sargent County Courthouse. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bills and June payroll in the sum of \$67,670.99. (Coleman/Wehlander, unanimous)

36844 Forman City	Water, sewer & garbage	98.15
Social Service expenditures		2208.56
36866 Tiffany Ainsworth	Witness fee	43.75
36867 Airtouch Cellular	Phone	26.89
36868 Amoco	Gas	43.67
36869 Ray Brockman	Travel	71.50
36870 Buhl's	Cleaning service	147.78
36871 Burnie's	Binder	316.40
36872 Capital Trophy	Notary certificates	33.00
36873 Case & Bopp Law Office	Rent & phone	205.99
36874 Chunky's Standard	Car service	28.00
36875 Dacotah Paper	Paper	33.33
36876 Steve Dennis	Witness fee	50.50
36877 Dianne's Country Greenhouse	Flowers	105.12
36878 Dyste's	Supplies	18.94
36879 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas, fuel & repairs	1428.99
36880 Gall's Inc.	Car repairs	139.98
36881 Global Computer Supplies	Equipment	563.99
36882 Hansen Lumber	2 air conditioners	1044.00
36883 Haroldson Office Supply	Equipment & supplies	114.94
36884 Hardware Hank	Supplies	74.47
36885 ISD	56K connection	131.13
36886 Joan Lee	Travel	33.50
36887 Lexis Law Publishing	NDCC updates	124.85
36888 Lisbon Medical Center	Blood Alcohol	29.00
36889 Martinsen's	Welder & repairs	204.09
36890 McKeever's	HBA	7.78
36891 Meritcare Medical Group	Witness Fee	1470.00
36892 Minn-kota Communications	Radio repairs and LTR rental	807.25
36893 Larry Nelson	Labor	300.00
36894 NDACo	Registration fees	118.00
36895 Officeland	Supplies	66.44
36896 Norman Preble	Travel	12.49
36897 Quill Corp.	Supplies	16.48
36898 Rhodes, Shanley & Assoc.	Public Health review	314.00
36899 Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner's Board	1615.00
36900 SC Treas.	Reimbursement for postage, etc.	5026.06
36901 Stein's Inc.	Paper supplies	145.60
36902 The Teller	Publishing fees	257.38
36905 AW Diesel Service	Repairs	284.67
36906 B & M Tire & Repair	Tires	262.00
36907 Bear Creek Gravel	Gravel	6461.00

36908 Economy Oil Inc.	Fuel	1201.06
36909 Ekstrom Repair Shop	Repairs	911.14
36910 Forman Auto Parts	Repairs	88.50
36911 Johnston Culvert Co.	Culverts	2984.40
36912 Keller Machine Shop	Repairs	45.00
36913 Kustom Machine Inc.	Repairs	120.00
36914 Nelson Implement	Repairs	697.44
36915 NDDOT	Bridge Inspection	600.00
36916 Oahe Windshield	Glass replacement	1081.42
36917 RDO Equipment	Repairs	139.74
36918 Rhomar Industries Inc.	Repairs	364.55
36930 Advance Elevator Co.	Elevator addition	4140.00
36931 Les Bjore	Architect	1703.63
36932 Dickey Rural Telephone	911	370.50
36933 First National Ins.	Premium	237.08
36934 Forman Drug	Supplies	15.63
36935 Connie Gulleeson	Supplies	6.16
36936 Julie Hassebroek	Travel	54.75
36938 NDDHS	FC, Medicaid waiver	1060.40
36939 NDSU	Supplies	30.95
36940 Richland Group	Elevator addition	13230.00
36941 Office Max	Supplies	90.94
36942 Richland Electric	Elevator addition	1950.00
36943 Tee's Plus	DARE	423.93
36944 Treadway Graphics	DARE	28.50
36945 US West	911	295.14

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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W.E. SMITH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD, COUNTY AUDITOR