

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Ray Brockman, Karen Anderson, Donald Wehlander and Mike Walstead. Absent Steve Wyum. Also present Lyle Bopp.

Road department employees met with the Board to discuss issues of concern on road policies and procedures.

Norm Preble, Tax Director and Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Neiber met with the Board to discuss an application for abatement of taxes filed by the Neiber's on the S1/2 of SE1/4-10-130-53. The Application for Property Tax Exemption of a Farm Residence was not completed correctly. The Board asked for financial documentation verifying that income from farming is more than off-farm income. The majority of the combined income must come from farming in order to qualify for the farm residential exemption. The Board approved that the residential structure be exempt and removed from the tax rolls. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

The Board of Review and Equalization proceeded to organize for 2003. Tom Rossow met to discuss the value of a storage building valued at \$10,250. Another building is not being used at this time for rental property. Any additional value changes would be made when and if a use change is made on the other building. Norm explained the changes in the townships and cities agricultural, residential and commercial values. The total county taxable increase is \$65,787. Accept the local changes as presented by the Tax Director. (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous). Norm presented inundated land acres and the Board reviewed and recommended that they be approved for 2003. Total acres are 1,638. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous) Further discussed the values of agricultural, residential and commercial property for 2003. No changes proposed. Adjourn "SINE DIE" as Board of Review Equalization.

Lyle Bopp discussed with the Board a 1-acre tract of land in the NW1/4 of NE1/4-25-132-53. Records show that the county took the land for taxes in 1939 and a deed was not issued. Kenneth A. and Carmen Erickson have been paying taxes on this land for many years and Lyle is requesting the county approve a deed to Carmen Erickson. Approve. (Wehlander/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve re-appointments of the following to the Sargent County Planning Commission for a 4-year term: Earl W. Anderson, Rutland, Bud Heinert, Milnor and Diane McDaniel, Gwinner. (Wehlander/Walstead, unanimous)

Discussed first meeting in July and approved changing the date to July 10, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

A pre-construction meeting was held on May 28, 2003 for the exterior repairs to the courthouse. Work is scheduled to begin on June 3 and continue for 8-10 weeks. There will be weekly and monthly meetings with the Owner, Contractor and Architect. There is concern about the dust generated by the work and the Contractor will work closely with the county to take any reasonable actions necessary to prevent dust infiltration. The west parking lot will be used to store equipment and materials. Other items of discussion are recorded in the meeting minutes.

Approve Addendum for Funding Agreement for Clerk of District Court Services beginning July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005. Changes include funding reduction by the 2003 Legislature from \$3356/mo. to \$3118/mo. and staffing level from 1.12 FTE to 1.00 FTE. (Wehlander/Brockman, unanimous)

Ray Brockman discussed possibly trading in the Bobcat. He will check on costs and report back to the Board.

Approve Road Permit to Dickey Rural Communications Inc. to proceed with cable replacement by boring under Co. # 12, 200 feet north of 84th St., between Section 31-132-53 and 36-132-54 and grant a permit to occupy and cross Sargent County right-of-way subject to terms of the permit. (Brockman/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve Construction and Maintenance Agreement and right of way certification letter for project BRO-0041(007), which is replacement of the bridge location 5 miles west and 4 miles north of Stirum. (Wehlander/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve May 20, 2003 minutes. (Walstead/Wehlander, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist representing the Personnel Board and several employees spoke to the Board about concerns on the renovation project of the courthouse.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

KAREN ANDERSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR