

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Maurice Orn, Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum and Jerry Waswick. Absent: none. Others present: Holly Jessen, the Sargent County Teller and Lyle Bopp, States Attorney

Approve May 20, 2008 minutes as corrected. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous)

The Board proceeded to discuss administrative options for Sargent County. Bill Anderson reported that all members appointed to the Home Rule Charter Committee have accepted their position. He indicated that the first meeting may take place in July. The Board further discussed combining the offices of Recorder and Treasurer. Office options and available space were concerns for consolidation. Gina Hillestad, Treasurer and Joan Lee, Recorder joined the meeting and presented combination proposals. Steve Wyum suggested that Gina and Joan work on a joint proposal and job descriptions for each position. Other Board members thought that the Court Administrator and the District Court Judges serving Sargent County should be included in these discussions. Commissioner Wyum supports this combination due to budget constraints. Commissioner Walstead requested information concerning the impact the combination would have on County payroll. Department heads present at the meeting were asked to provide additional information concerning the various proposals for the Board to review and consider at the June 17th and July 1st meetings.

Norm Preble, Tax Director arrived at the meeting. The Board of Review and Equalization proceeded to organize for 2008. Mr. Preble presented the changes proposed by the townships and cities for 2008 and also the changes proposed at the county level. The Board reviewed the changes and discussed recommendations. Norm Preble also reported that, in his opinion, no change in the valuation of agricultural land or commercial property is required to be within the State's valuation guidelines. A 2% increase appears to be in order for residential property, however. Commissioner Wyum requested some information on what impact a 1% increase to each classification would have on generating tax dollars. Motion for the Board of Review and Equalization to recess until June 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

An Application for Abatement of Taxes was reviewed from Dan and Penny Mogren for a part of Sublot 1 in the N1/2 of NE1/4-12-129-53 LTL. An error in the property description was discovered. Marboe Township Board of Supervisors approved the abatement. Concur with Marboe Township. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, Emergency Management Services, reported she had not yet met with the Technology Committee to discuss types of GPS work that could be completed this summer. Sandy also shared a brochure "Are You Prepared" that she is working on with health, fire and emergency departments.

A motion to approve a 12 month Dance Permit to Geneseo Bar and Café. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. and Sparky Engquist, road supervisor, met with the Board to review new updates to the Sargent County Highway Improvement Program for 2008-2012. Due to the rising price of petroleum products, costs have increased astronomically. Damon reviewed the proposed projects as revised on June 2, 2008. Mr. DeVillers also presented the Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Project No. SC4111(065) – maintenance and bituminous overlay on County Road 4 from 3 miles south of ND 13, north to ND 13. Approve said agreement. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Approve appointment of Marlene Hogness, DeLamere and Pam Maloney, Rutland as poll clerks for the June 10 Primary Election. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve Gaming Site Authorization to Lidgerwood Columbus Hall Association, Inc. at Geneseo Bar and Café beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009. A copy of the Rental Agreement with JMDK LLC accompanied the Site Authorization request. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. (Anderson/Wyum)

MAURICE ORN – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
