

Forman, North Dakota
June 30, 1998

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS
COGSWELL & FORMAN WATER
PROBLEMS A special meeting was called at 8:00 a.m. to discuss the water problems in Sargent County, specifically the cities of Forman and Cogswell. Those present: Betty Hewitt, Donald Wehlender, Lysle Coleman, Steve Wyum, and Bill Smith, Sargent County Commissioners; Dan Jacobson, Mike Paczkowski, and Richard Engst, Sargent County Water Board; Tom Hillestad and Bruce Nord, NDDOT; Sandy Hanson, EMS.

UPDATE ON FORMAN Dan Jacobson provided an update of the situation. Forman City is inundated with water and causing serious problems to the lift stations and many homes. There was a plan to cut a ditch south of Forman to remove water from the south side of town and install pumps north of Forman to pump water to the east. Several landowners in both areas threatened to get an injunction to stop this project. The National Guard provided a helicopter and looked at the area from the air. Members from the commission, water board, Forman City, State Water Commission and Emergency Management took the aerial tour.

BUFFALO LAKE WATER Steve Wyum reported that water has raised about 12-18 inches since yesterday by the Buffalo Lake area. Bill Smith noted that there are 2 outlets within the city of Forman. The south ditch would save the lift station and remove about 3 feet of water.

OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE
OFFERED The Governor's Office, State Water Commission, and Scott Stofferahn have been in contact with various officials offering their support and assistance.

COGSWELL CITY - OPEN
DITCH Cogswell City would like to cut an open ditch and drain the water south of town approximately 4 miles to the legal drain. Their engineer is reviewing easements for the land involved in this project. NDDOT would propose to install pumps across the highway versus bore under the road for better control of the water.

RAILROAD TRACK UNDER WATER The railroad track is under water in both Cogswell and Forman and a great concern to the railroad. They may try to back cars into Forman from the east.

NDDOT NOT IN FAVOR OF
CUTTING ROAD Bruce Nord, NDDOT, said an open roadway will erode the entire road until you can complete the project. This is not a viable option but prefers to pump across the road.

ROBERT COOKSON, FORMAN
MAYOR Robert Cookson, Forman City Mayor, arrived at the meeting at 8:30 am. He reported that Forman is holding their own on the Lake Lithia area and the water is dropping at the lift station. He will meet with FEMA and Emergency Management representatives today.

DONALD ZIRNHELT AND
LYLE BOPP Donald Zirnhelt and Lyle Bopp arrived at 8:40 a.m. and Mr. Zirnhelt suggested diverting the water by making a dam in Section 25 of Bowen Township. The water is already there so it would be difficult to build a dam at this time.

Mr. Cookson would like to release some water to enable them to remove the water around the south lift station and get that up and running again.

CHIEF OF STAFF FROM
GOVERNOR SCHAEFER'S
OFFICE Bill Goetz, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office, called at 8:45 am to get an update of the situation in Sargent County. He talked to both mayors yesterday and will meet with Governor Schafer after this call. The most serious problem are the residents of the two cities and how to facilitate the water coming in and leaving to cause the least problems for downstream landowners. Forman City has no reserve capacity. Cogswell City has no water and the lift station is inundated.

ANY FEMA FUNDS FOR
DOWNSTREAM LANDOWNERS Lyle Bopp asked Mr. Goetz if there is any FEMA funds to compensate the downstream landowners for additional water being put on them. Mr. Goetz will talk to FEMA.

GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY Dan Jacobson asked if the Governor has the authority to get the water out. Mr. Goetz will ask for legal advice.

LEEANN EVEN, MAYOR,
COGSWELL CITY LeeAnn Even, Cogswell City Mayor, arrived at 9:00 am and indicated she has had many calls offering support and the Red Cross has arrived in Cogswell.

Mr. Goetz will keep in contact and report on any assistance they are able to provide. His phone number is (701) 328-2200.

Lysle Coleman asked about cutting a ditch in the road ditch on the east side of County #4 to the south that would drain into Drain #11. The ditch would not facilitate all the water and would need a control structure to control the water. Cogswell City is exploring the possibility of using the right-of-

way on the tile drain to cut an open ditch. The project should start at the bottom and work north.

COGSWELL CITY LeeAnn Even said only the west road is open to get into Cogswell. Main Street is under and several families have been evacuated. Their engineer is talking to contractors about the project. They will be in Cogswell today.

PUMPING OPTIONS THAT ARE
AVAILABLE Various pumping options were discussed on a trial basis to see what happens to the water level. Some pumps will be requested from the Governors office.

The public will be kept informed through KQLX radio station by providing frequent updates on the status of the projects. Sandy Hanson will be the contact person.

KQLX FOR UPDATES

A meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. today with state and federal officials to discuss the disaster declaration. Several plan to attend.

Recess until 7:00 p.m.


BETTY HEWITT - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


SHERRY HOSFORD, AUDITOR

Forman, North Dakota
June 30, 1998

A special meeting recessed at 7:00 p.m. to continue discussing the water problems in Forman and Cogswell. A list is attached of all who attended the meeting.

Sandy Hanson, EMS, reported that Lake Lithia is down 4 inches in Forman City from pumping. SANDY HANSON

Roger Bopp, Stirum, said in two days the water will go over ND Highway 13. ROGER BOPP

Dennis Dockter, Cogswell City Council, reported the water is draining out but more is coming down. DENNIS DOCKTER

Sandy just finished with a Cogswell City meeting and half the city is without telephone. There is concern about emergencies. Dickey Rural Telephone says they can't get to the proper place to hook up because of water. The water is turned on in Cogswell twice a day and the lift station is OK for now. Emotions are high. COGSWELL CITY MEETING

Roger White, Vivian Township, says there is water by John Greenmyers eight foot high and 14-18 feet wide. The water is going over the bridge. ROGER WHITE

Bill Smith, County Commissioner, says they should start pumping water in Section 11 of Taylor Township. Some of the landowners do not think this will help. BILL SMITH

Bruce Nord, NDDOT, says they have 2 pumps and would cut traffic to one lane on ND Highway 11 on the south edge of Cogswell and start pumping tonight. They will furnish a tractor for now and get the National Guard for traffic control. BRUCE NORD, NDDOT

John Hayen, Sargent Township, talked to Paul Mathews, landowner south of Cogswell, and he said they can drain onto his land but are afraid they may lose some township roads. He also talked to Bill Hayen and Kent Lamb and they gave their approval to pump on their land. No one has talked to Harlan Klefstad. JOHN HAYEN

Cary Backstrand, State Water Commission, says they may need a permit to drain. The cities could apply for a temporary emergency permit and fax to the State Water Commission for approval by State Engineer, Dave Sprynczynatyk. STATE WATER COMMISSION

Dan Jacobson, Water Board, said the Forman situation hasn't changed. They want to remove an impediment so the water can go its natural course. State law requires a permit under certain conditions. DAN JACOBSON

Cary Backstrand, said anyone can take you to civil court if they can prove it is causing damages. "Reasonable use" may drain water on another even if it has never gone that way before--damages upstream far outweigh the downstream damage. Must be reasonable and document everything when you are trying to determine the damage. SWC

Suggested that both Forman City and Cogswell City apply for Applications to Drain and send to the State Water Commission for approval. APPLICATION TO DRAIN

Mark Bopp, Forman City, says the drain is open south of Ray Mac, they have stopped the back feed to Lake Lithia, they blocked the cattle pass as much as they can and using the golf course to store water. There is no water or sewer in the south end of Forman. There is still a lot of water on the south side of ND Highway 11. MARK BOPP

Steve Wyum says the water at County # 10 is rising and they will continue to monitor. STEVE WYUM

Sandy Hanson will handle pumping at two locations. SANDY HANSON

Jim Marquette, Rutland Township, concerned about the railroad tracks and wherever Crooked Creek crosses the tracks. Culverts are inadequate. Several other sites in that township are washed out. The one road that is open is getting a lot of traffic. Funding will be available for repairs. JIM MARQUETTE

Dennis Brezicka, Dunbar Township, is concerned about the capacity of Crooked Creek and asked who is paying for the ditch that was dug south of Rick Holstad's. The City of Forman is responsible for costs. The Water Board and County Commissioners urge the City of Forman to use due restraint pursuing any further drain beyond the temporary tile/open ditch south of Forman. DENNIS BREZICKA

WATER TO DR # 4
AND CROOKED CREEK

water will flow easterly into Drain No. 4 and ultimately ends up in Crooked Creek. This is only a temporary tile and will be removed after the water crisis is solved.

STEVE WYUM

Steve Wyum, County Commissioner, said there is misconception that the golf course will be pumped and the downstream landowners will suffer. The tile/ditch is to release the water that is flooding Forman City.

DON ZIRNHELT

Don Zirnhelt said all their holes are filled with water.

JIM MARQUETTE

Jim Marquette asked about cleaning Crooked Creek. Shuman Township did and it is working well. Sandy Hanson said to make a proposal and be prepared to pay for it out of your own pocket if FEMA won't pay.

The problems must be addressed in both cities and by applying for an application to drain will get things going. The State assured they will act immediately on the applications.

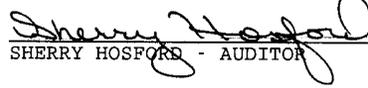
COGSWELL CITY PUMP
WATER OVER HWY 11

Cogswell City water will drain into Drain No. 11 and into the Wild Rice River. Two pumps will be activated as soon as possible. ND Highway 11 is acting as a dam and impedes the natural flow of the water. Due to the surrounding circumstances, NDDOT is given permission to pump water across the highway to the south.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


BETTY HEWITT - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR

Forman, North Dakota
July 2, 1998

SPECIAL MEETING

The Sargent County Commissioners called a special meeting via phone to discuss some emergency items. Those present Betty Hewitt, Bill Smith, Steve Wyum, Lysle Coleman, and Donald Wehlender. Absent none.

ER FUNDS TO DO A GRADE
RAISE ON CO # 4 NORTH
OF COGSWELL - HIRE
INTERSTATE ENGINEERING

Dave Leftwich, NDDOT contacted the Board that the Federal Highway Administration inspected two sites on Co. #4 north of Cogswell and submitted paper work to Washington, DC for approval. The two sites are estimated at \$1,000,000 and would be 100% federally funded if the work were completed by September 2, 1998. Mr. Leftwich is working on an extension for this completion date. If the county is interested they should contact an engineer and start with paper work. This project must be bid. Due to emergency situation, authorize Interstate Engineering, Inc. to begin work on the project north of Cogswell. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

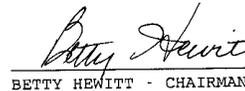
CULVERT IN SHUMAN TOWNSHIP
8/17 - 30" (E ERICKSON)

The Water Board approved the request from the county to install a temporary 30-inch culvert between Section 8 & 17-131-54 (Edwin Erickson's) below the existing water level. Sparky will install today or tomorrow.

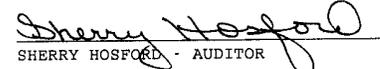
SELL 1994 CROWN VICTORIA
COUNTY CAR TO FORMAN
CITY
AMEND 1998 SHERIFF'S
BUDGET - \$5,000

Mayor Bob Cookson expressed an interest in purchasing the 94 Crown Victoria that was previously advertised. The Forman City police car has transmission problems and need it immediately. Based on state of emergency for Forman City, sell car for the offered \$5000, transfer the funds to the sheriff's budget and negotiate the price of a used light bar if the city's current one will not work on the 94 Crown Victoria. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned.


BETTY HEWITT - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR

Forman, North Dakota
July 7, 1998

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Betty Hewitt, Donald Wehlender, Lysle Coleman, Steve Wyum, and Bill Smith. Absent none.

NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE
DUANE HAUCK

Duane Hauck, Central District Director, NDSU Extension Service, met with the commission to discuss the budget process for the county agent staff. The county is a strong financial partner in that program and normally the county pays 50% of the salary and Extension Service pays 50% plus benefits. The July 1, 1998 salary adjustment for Julie Hassebroek and Julie Qual included a 2% increase plus \$1,000 and \$500 respectively based on a performance evaluation. Sargent County will be short about \$1600 going into the 98-99 year and he wanted to inform the Board of this deficit. A group of 12 county commissioners statewide met to review the extension program and recommend that the county continue to pay 50%. Discussed evaluation process, other extension programs, and how to cut costs.

1999 SALARY PROPOSALS FOR
JULIE & JULIE

Lyle Bopp arrived at 9:40 a.m.

Bill Hayen met with the Board and says he has CRP in the S1/2-11-Sargent Twp. He met with the NRCS and they said that if the grass is killed due to excessive water he is responsible for reseeding. The water is being pumped onto his land from Cogswell City. He was advised to contact the Cogswell City Council.

BILL HAYEN - CRP
FLOODED FROM COGSWELL
WATER

Approve following bill: (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)
34555 Bernard Mahrer Const. Co. #4 and #3 emergency work \$32,491.79

BM BILL FOR # 3 & 4
FAIRBOARD UPDATE

Bonnie Anderson and David Eklund, Fairboard members, met with the Board to discuss fair issues. The Johnny Holm band is scheduled for July 8th. Three community groups will provide food and one beer wagon. The 75th annual Sargent County Fair will be held Labor Day weekend. Several musical acts are scheduled and a parade on Monday morning. A history book will be available and souvenir cups. Other repairs to the fairground proper were discussed and plans are underway.

AMBULANCE EMT REPORT

Carol Stockstad and Dan Fawcett, Ambulance Squad leaders, reported on the EMT employees. Forman received a \$1700 grant for education and Michael is working on others. Michael Carter is an EMT-I and is attending paramedic school. He makes up those days that he misses by taking other shifts. Overall performance is good and he communicates with squad leader. Some inner problems but they can be worked out. Discussed intercepts with Oakes Ambulance, which is the call of the attendants on that run. Carol reported that Milnor is doing fine and Brian Tayer completed his EMT test on May 15th. Milnor ordered a new cot from donations. Carol expressed her appreciation to Travis Paeper, Deputy Sheriff, for his assistance to the ambulance service.

Dan Jacobson and Mike Paczkowski, Water Board members, Ray and Clayton Wohlwend, George Lee, Jim and Bill Gaukler met with the Board to visit about a culvert 4 miles south of Geneseo between Section 1 & 2, which is under county road # 14 and drains into Drain #3. There is presently a 24-inch culvert and would like to increase to a 30-inch. Water is coming in from Park Lake, Richland County and this is excessive for the 24-inch. There always has been a cap to keep the water from running back in and whoever benefits from the cap pays for the cap. The county would have to cut the paved road to install the new culvert. Approve replacement of culvert based on Water Board approval. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

WATER BOARD REQUEST
FROM LANDOWNERS TO
INSTALL A CULVERT
SOUTH OF GENESEO ON
CO # 14 ACROSS
DRAIN # 3

Bob Cookson, Forman City Mayor, arrived at 11:45 to express his concern about the water problem in Forman. The city plans to build a dam on the northwest edge of town by the lime pit to hold some water. They are gaining some on the water problem and if it doesn't rain things are looking good. The city has 3 24-inch pipes going east out of town and an 8-inch pump. All lift stations are working. Two houses are in jeopardy by the trailer court. Would like to get permission to bore a culvert north of Forman or cut the highway. NDDOT is not in favor of cutting the road. Sparky Engquist reported a 2-inch rise on Buffalo Lake as of this morning. Water is 8'4 inches at Edwin Erickson's and about 9'5 or 10' would jeopardize that farmstead.

FORMAN CITY WATER
PROBLEMS

Sandy Hanson reported she had a conversation with the State Water Commission regarding the permit that Forman City is requesting to drain east of Forman. They are working on approval of the permit and re-writing some of the conditions. FEMA policy is to approve replacement of culverts of the same size. Reservoirs are at maximum capacity and the county needs assistance to upgrade the infrastructure to handle these problems that will occur in the future. Hazard mitigation money is available but must be applied for and will be distributed as funds are approved. They are encouraging the rural areas to prioritize roadways.

EMS REPORT ON FORMAN
CITY PERMIT TO SWC

The Board recessed for lunch.

Les Bjore, Architect, met with the Board to review plans for the accessible entrance to the courthouse. His schedule would take about 6 weeks for drawings and specifications to be prepared for the entire project. It would take about 3 weeks to bid the job and two months to fully enclose the addition. He will have estimates available at the end of this week, check out grant monies, and meet with the Board at their next meeting.

ELEVATOR FOR COURTHOUSE

Read a letter from Kadmas, Lee and Jackson, engineers, regarding a flood control project for Cogswell City. No comment.

COGSWELL CITY WATER
PROBLEMS

Randy Pope and Damon DeVillers, Interstate Eng. discussed two locations that are being reviewed by FHA for grade raises. The plan anticipates a 4-foot grade raise on the north portion of Co. # 4 and a 2-foot rise on the south portion. A preliminary survey is complete and they are drawing up plans. Interstate Eng. sent a letter soliciting comments from government agencies. This project must be completed by September 2, 1998 to be 100% funded. Right-of-way plats appear to be adequate except from railroad tracks to ND # 11. Discussed time schedule, replacing all culverts with concrete culverts the same size, and haul roads. Bids could be let in early August. Approve Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Interstate Engineering for Project CER 4111(57) and CER 4111 (58). (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

ENGINEERING UPDATE
ON CO # 4 NORTH OF
COGSWELL

Colleen Sundquist, Health District, met with the Board to discuss the conditions in that office with water problems. Board suggested cleaning the carpet to see if the odor is eliminated and purchase a dehumidifier.

HEALTH DEPT. WATER
PROBLEMS

Bill Smith received a phone call that the contractor is pulling off Co. # 3 to assist NDDOT with a grade raise on ND # 32.

CO # 3

Lyle Bopp reported on Lake Agassiz meeting and a report should be available by July 27, 1998 from LARDC. The group of States Attorney's will meet on August 4th to review the report.

LARDC UPDATE BY LYLE
BOPP

Approve Pledge of Assets as adequate according to law. Sargent County Bank has \$5,100,000 and First National Bank has \$1,525,000.

PLEDGE OF ASSET
APPROVAL

GIBBON C-STORE PHASE 2
ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS
TO LARDC

Approve Agreement for Administration of Community Development Loan Funds for Phase 2 of Milnor C-Store Project. (Wyum/Wehlander. Voting Aye: Wyum, Wehlander, Coleman, Smith and Hewitt. Voting Nay: none. Motion carried.)

PERSONNEL BOARD

Gina Hillestad reported she met with Stutsman County Personnel Board. Commission will call an employee meeting to discuss the personnel board and inform them of the future of the job classification. Contact Mr. Rhodes to present a step system to be reviewed by this board at the next meeting including all employee classifications. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous) Appoint personnel ad-hoc committee to meet with the States Attorney to review by-laws and set up a plan to present to the commission.

JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

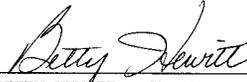
Approve June 16, 1998 minutes. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve June 30, 1998 morning and evening minutes. (Coleman/Smith, unanimous)

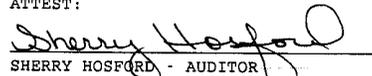
HEARING SCHEDULED FOR
FORMAN CITY PERMIT FILED WITH
SWC

Sandy Hanson and Dan Jacobson informed the Board at 5:00 p.m. that the State Water Commission has scheduled a hearing for 10:00 a.m. on July 8th, 1998 in the commissioner's room. The purpose is to hear comments on the application to drain water submitted by Forman City on a location north of Forman on ND Highway # 32. Make a recommendation to the Water Board to exercise due caution in immediate permit approval in light of potential damages that may occur to the county road system and downstream landowners. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


BETTY HEWITT - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR

Forman, North Dakota
July 21, 1998

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Betty Hewitt, Donald Wehlander, Bill Smith, Steve Wyum and Lysle Coleman. Absent none.

ELEVATOR PLANS

Les Bjore presented revised architectural plans and estimates on an accessible entrance to the courthouse. Grant money probability is minimal.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

TAX DIRECTOR
CERTIFICATION

Norm Preble, Tax Director, discussed options available to complete a class necessary for his certification. Approved Norm's attendance on October 22-23 of the Prosource class in Minneapolis. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

PERSONNEL BOARD

Gina Hillestad discussed the organizational Personnel Board meeting held on 7-16-98. Lyle Bopp will draft the proposed rules for approval.

Lyle left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

ROAD DEPT.

Sparky Engquist, Road Dept., discussed priority roads to repair, other road problem areas. And progress on projects.

The Commission recessed for lunch.

MAHRER CONST EQUIP.

Sandy Hanson, EMS, and Mitch Mahrer joined the meeting as well as Sparky. Bernard Mahrer Construction could not assure the Board that his equipment would be available for more work due to emergencies in other areas. Sandy reported on FEMA funding and regulations.

Approve payment of the following bills and payroll in the sum of \$65,626.35. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

34533 Forman City	Water, sewer & garbage	140.90
Weed Board expenditures		14,513.72
34587 Comfort Inn	Lodging	34.00
34588 Dickey Rural Telephone	911	386.50
34589 First National Ins.	82 truck	15.00
34590 Forman Ins. & Real Est.	Boiler coverage increase	96.00
34591 Julie Hassebroek	Travel	164.83
34592 ND Dept. of HS	MA & FC	1,018.62
34593 NDDOT	Final-Havana E & W & Cogswell S.	2,663.48
34594 NDSU	Supplies	131.36
34595 Office of Intergov. Asst.	Hillside C-Store 1998 payment	4,778.43
34596 Office Max	Supplies	17.99
34597 State Fire & Tornado Fund	Building insurance coverage	2,808.20
34598 US West	911 Service	298.08
Social Service expenditures		6,738.64
34624 Airtouch Cellular	Phone	32.19
34625 Amoco	Gas	35.40
34626 A T & T	Phone calls	24.98
34627 Darren Benneineis	Johnny Holm Dance	100.00
34628 Angela Beure	Johnny Holm Dance	50.00
34629 Buhl's	Cleaning service	157.74
34630 Burnie's	Supplies	281.29
34631 Cass Co. Treas.	Juvenile Detention	240.00
34632 Chunky's Standard	Car service	22.00

34633	Lysle Coleman	Travel	103.50
34634	Dacotah Paper Co.	Supplies	83.28
34635	Brad Devig	Johnny Holm Dance	100.00
34636	Dyste's	Supplies	75.83
34637	Election Systems	Rental & Coding	4,737.40
34639	Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas, Fuel & tubes	1,526.93
34640	Forman Drug	Film	33.62
34641	Gina Hillestad	Travel	216.00
34642	Hospitality Inn	Lodging	117.00
34643	ISD	Computer connection	131.13
34644	Lexis Publishing	NDCC	120.50
34645	Marshall & Swift	Valuation service	239.95
34646	Mathison Co.	Laminate maps	55.87
34647	McKeever's	Supplies	33.73
34648	Microage	Windows 95 installation	2,553.50
34649	Larry Nelson	Fairgrounds maintenance	320.00
34650	NET Manage	UCC update	101.05
34651	NDAAO	Dues & registration	35.00
34652	ND Dept. of Corr.	Parole/Probation cost	900.00
34653	ND Dept. of Health	Supplies	15.00
34654	ND Peace Officers Assn.	Registration & dues	185.00
34655	ND Post Board	Fees	70.00
34656	ND Water Education	Subscription	25.00
34657	Oakes Community Hosp.	Blood Alcohol	36.70
34658	Officeland	Supplies	18.72
34659	Nancy Pesta	Johnny Holm Dance	50.00
34660	Reardon Office	Typewriter & furniture	987.00
34661	Rhodes, Shanley & Assoc.	Job classifications	556.11
34662	Richland Co. Correc.	Prisoner Board	1,120.00
34663	SE Medical Center	2 Health cards	140.00
34664	Stein's	Soap	21.48
34665	Streicher's	Boots & equipment	240.65
34666	Tayer Plumbing	Fairgrounds hookup	64.75
34667	The Teller	Publishing fees	648.38
34668	US Link	Long distance calls	447.54
34669	Viking Office Supplies	Furniture	296.93
34670	Dennis Wheeler	Johnny Holm Dance	100.00
34671	White Banner Uniform	Clothing	399.00
34672	AW Diesel Service	Repairs	1,182.44
34673	Bernard Mahrer Const.	Oil, gravel, equipment rental	60,311.13
34674	Brockman Oil Co.	Fuel	15.51
34675	Dickey Rural Comm.	Telephone & 911	529.89
34676	Economy Oil	Gas	547.17
34677	Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	533.36
34679	Farm Plan	JD 4020 tractor repairs & pump	4,613.52
34680	Forman Auto Parts	Repairs	203.25
34681	Hansen Lumber	Shovel	27.95
34682	Hardware Hank	Supplies	14.58
34683	Home Shop	Vehicle brackets	103.25
34684	Marshall Johnson	Travel	67.50
34685	Johnston Culvert Co.	Culverts	8,361.00
34686	Martinsen's Home Center	Tools & supplies	99.13
34687	Minn-kota Comm.	2 batteries	108.00
34688	Moore Engineering, Inc.	Co. # 12 hydraulics report	240.00
34689	Newman Traffic Signs	Barricades, flags & signs	1,887.10
34690	ND Petroleum Tank Fund	Tank registration fee	225.00
34691	SEL Lumber	Building materials	83.81
34692	Sundale Hutterian Assn.	Co. # 1 backhoe	1,900.00
34714	Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity	885.80
34717	First National Ins.	1998-1999 premium	29,714.00

Wendy Jacobson, Social Services, met to discuss purchase of a laptop computer. Received approval to order if under the \$4,000 cap, or check into leasing. A new air conditioner has been ordered for the Social Service office.

SOCIAL SERVICE LAPTOP
COMPUTER
NEW AIR CONDITIONER

Steve Wyum introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Sargent County faces increased costs from disastrous weather conditions, increased federal and state requirements and continuing fiscal responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the Sargent County Commission has a responsibility to maintain services within the county, provide accessibility to services, and maintain infrastructure (roads and bridges), and improve where possible, and

WHEREAS, county residents must have access to services within a reasonable traveling distance, and the county must have accessible facilities, and

WHEREAS, Sargent County is a farming/manufacturing community and we must get the produce to marketing centers, we must get people to their jobs, and employees must be paid competitive wages, including benefits,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sargent County Commission will dedicate a substantial portion of the current estate tax funds to infrastructure.

RESOLUTION
ON
ESTATE
TAX DOLLAR
DISTRIBUTION

Donald Wehlander seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Aye: Smith, Wyum, Coleman, Wehlander, and Hewitt. Nay none. The resolution was duly declared carried and adopted.

Proceed with advertising for bids to construct an elevator on west exterior of courthouse as presented in revised plans designed by Les Bjore on 7-21-98, and advertise sale of building on Main Street with possession upon completion of elevator project. (Wyum/Smith. Roll call vote. Aye: Smith, Wyum, Coleman, Wehlander, and Hewitt. Nay none. Motion carried)

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR
ELEVATOR FOR COURTHOUSE

Approve July 2 & 7, 1998 minutes as amended. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

SISTER COUNTY

Betty Hewitt reported plans for Sister County program and luncheon on October 10, 1998. Tami Rust, Ronald Narum, and Izetta Colvin are interested in serving on the committee.

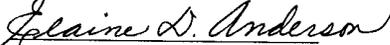
MELROE COMPANY -
SYNTHETIC MINOR PERMIT

A copy of the permit application from Melroe Company to obtain a synthetic minor permit to operate for the manufacturing plant located in Gwinner is on file in the Auditor's Office. Comment period is from 7-17-98 and 8-16-98.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.


BETTY HEWITT, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


ELAINE D. ANDERSON, DEPUTY

Forman, North Dakota
August 4, 1998

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Betty Hewitt, Donald Wehlander, Lysle Coleman, Steve Wyum and Bill Smith. Absent none.

WATER BOARD
CROOKED CREEK
DRAIN NO. 11

Dan Jacobson, SC Water Board, updated the commission on a special meeting on July 27, 1998. Jeff Volk, Engineer, presented information on the Crooked Creek area and culvert sizing on Drain No. 11. Another meeting will be held on August 18th at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a plan for the Crooked Creek corridor. A letter from Attorney Cichy was discussed and Dan said the Board would meet in regular session on August 20th to review the request.

ELVOY ASKEROOTH
CROSSING IN
HERMAN TWP

Elvoy Askerooth met to express his concern on several crossings under water since a 30-inch culvert was installed between Section 8/17 of Shuman Township. The commission explained they are working on a master plan for Crooked Creek and will address the culvert situation. Mr. Askerooth would also like the commission to reconsider putting pavement on a culvert between 30/31 of Herman Township and instead install a larger culvert.

Approve July 21st minutes. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

CLERK OF COURT

Patty Carlen asked someone from the commission to present testimony on state funding of clerks of court at a Judiciary Committee meeting in Fargo on August 17th. Commissioner Smith agreed to attend the meeting.

ROAD PROJECTS
CO # 3 ADVERTISE FOR
BIDS

Randy Pope and Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, met with the commission to discuss road projects. Also present Sparky Engquist and Lyle Bopp. The proposed grade raise on Co. # 3 cannot be considered with the ND State bids because it is not an ER project. Advertise for bids on Co. # 3 for three grade raises. Bid opening September 1, 1998. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

CO # 4 CONTRACT NORTH
OF COGSWELL - AM.
CONTRACTING, DICKINSON

Approve resolution for a bid in the amount of \$834,215.70 from American Contracting for Projects CER 4111(57) and CER 4111 (058) as the low bid received in the bid opening on July 31, 1998 for Co. # 4. (Smith/Coleman, unanimous)

CONSTRUCTION ENG
FOR CO # 4

Approve Construction Engineering Agreements for the above projects to Interstate Engineering not to exceed \$82,366.87 for both projects. (Wehlander/Smith, unanimous)

MAHRER EQUIPMENT
AVAILABILITY

Mitch Mahrer called the commission and said it would be mid-September before any equipment will be available to use in Sargent County.

CO # 1

Sparky reported he is working on Co. # 1 grade raise project and will check with landowner on borrow and fill that is needed. Crandall Construction has agreed to do the project.

TESTING ON CO # 4 for
1999 OVERLAY

Discussed other road projects and instructed Interstate Engineering to complete testing on Co. # 4 north of Cogswell for an overlay in 1999. The commission will contact NDDOT to change priorities on the Federal Aid Program.

1998 ER PROJECTS -
\$1,093,005 APPROVED
FOR SC

Received correspondence from NDDOT that Sargent County could receive \$1,093,005 in federal funds for the five projects approved under the 1998 ER program. The completion date for 100% funding is October 10, 1998.

CO # 12 TEWAUKON REFUGE

Randy Pope reported that he is researching funding for repairs to Co. # 12 through the Tewaukon Refuge and will keep the commission posted on any monies available.

GRAVEL STOCKPILING FOR
1999 - CRANDALL

Approve stockpiling an additional 10,000 yards of crushed gravel for use in 1999 from Storhaug Pit. Crandall Construction will stockpile at \$1.70 per yard. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

The commission recessed for lunch.

ORVILLE BERGH LAND -
UNDER WATER

Orville Bergh asked the commission to look at the NE1/4-27-129-54. Thirteen acres has been under water for several years and he would like the value reduced. The commission will have Norm Preble, Tax Director, look at the land and report to the township board of equalization.

Discussed additional flood insurance with State Fire and Tornado fund for county buildings. The existing policy provides a maximum and total aggregate limit coverage of \$10,000 per policyholder for damage to property caused by flooding. No changes at this time.

STATE FIRE & TORNADO
FLOOD INS ADD.

Approve 1/3 cost share of a 48-inch culvert located between Section 35/36 of Dunbar Township with the Water Board and township. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

48" CULVERT FOR
DUNBAR TWP

Michael Carter, Coroner, met with the commission regarding a radio that has not been paid for. He informed the commission the radio had been returned to Minnesota because it did not meet his needs. The commission asked that future equipment needs be discussed with this Board prior to possession.

CORONER RADIO
MICHAEL CARTER

Discussed the year 2000 compliance for computers, telephones, machinery, etc. and will contact all department heads for a written list of items which could be affected by changes in the year 2000. Upon receipt the commission will review and decide what steps to take at that time.

2000 COMPLIANCE FOR
EQUIPMENT

The commission reviewed proposed changes to the county personnel policy and will send to Great Plains Benefits for their comments.

PERSONNEL POLICY

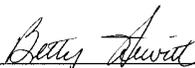
Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting and reported he had attended a meeting in Fargo at Lake Agassiz. The Lake Agassiz Regional Development Council has re-established the Lake Agassiz Regional Council and transferred 1/3 of the assets. On October 1, 1998 they will have two separate boards. Lyle will keep the commission informed of future meetings.

LARDC REPORT

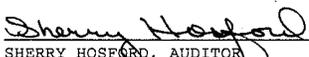
Lyle Bopp explained the progress made in establishing a Personnel Board for county employees. The committee prepared operating rules and an employee meeting will be conducted on August 10th to explain the process. January 1st is the date that a Personnel Board will be in place for Sargent County.

PERSONNEL BOARD

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


BETTY HEWITT, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


SHERRY HOSFORD, AUDITOR

Forman, North Dakota
August 18, 1998

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Betty Hewitt, Bill Smith, Steve Wyum, Lysle Coleman and Donald Wehlander. Absent none.

The Board worked on the 1999 budget from 9:00 a.m. until 12:20 and recessed for lunch.

1999 BUDGET WORK

Julie Hassebroek, Extension Service, explained she was selected to participate in the NELD North Central seminars. There will be 4 seminars over the next year and she will receive intensive training through hands-on seminars.

JULIE HASSEBROEK
NELD SEMINARS

Jerry Nankivel and Barb Breiland, Parole and Probation, Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation, presented a Joint Powers Agreement through June 30, 1999 at a cost of \$300 per month. Mr. Nankivel reviewed the success of the project and with project income, the actual cost is about \$15 per month.

JERRY NANKIVEL-BARB
BREILAND-PAROLE &
PROBATION PROGRAM

Approve Special Permit to North Forty, Inc. for special events on August 29, September 26, and October 10, 1998 at the DeLamere Hall. (Wehlander/Smith, unanimous)

NORTH 40 PERMIT

Approve 12-month Dance Permit for the DeLamere Hall Association. (Smith/Coleman, unanimous)

DELAMERE HALL DANCE
PERMIT

Authorize Chairman to sign the County Federal Aid Contract and Bond for Project No. CER-4111(057) & CER-4111(058). (Coleman/Wehlander, unanimous)

CONTRACT & BOND
FOR COGSWELL ROAD
PROJECT

Sparky Engquist, Road Supervisor, discussed road projects that are underway. County Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, and 14 all are being graveled. According to Sparky, FEMA rejected any grade raise on Co. No. 3 and bids were cancelled. He talked to a local contractor and estimates \$20,000 for the job. He discussed crack sealing projects on No. 10 & 12. The two summer employees for the road department will be done this week. Offer temporary county highway position to Jerry Hanson at present park board wage for work not to interfere as Silver Lake Park manager. Sparky asked about clerical hire for computer work and other paper work that has not been completed. This has been requested on the 1999 budget.

ROAD DEPT.
GRAVEL
CRACK SEALING

JERRY HANSON JOB

CLERICAL HIRE

LeAnn Even, Cogswell City Mayor, asked if the county would be spraying for cattails. She will talk to the Water Board. She is also concerned about the Co # 4 grade raise and how it will effect the city water problem and lagoon system. All culverts will be at the same depth and anything within the 100-foot right-of-way is the county's responsibility. They have a contractor to do their work but will wait until the county project is completed.

COGSWELL CITY WATER

CULVERTS
CATTAILS

Approve payment to Sandy Hanson for excess hours worked during the latest disaster at a rate of \$7.08/hour. (Wyum/Coleman. Aye: Wyum, Coleman, Hewitt, and Wehlander. Nay: Smith. Motion carried)

SANDY HANSON ADM
PAY FOR FEMA

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE
ELEVATOR
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
OPTION
APRIL, 1999 COMPLETION
DATE

Les Bjore, Tom Vessel and Doc Nelson discussed the handicapped accessibility project for the courthouse. Les reviewed the options available for the construction of the project. Approve construction management option with Les Bjore assuming the duties of the general contractor at a saving of about \$12,000. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous) The completion date is April 1999. A three-phase wire must be installed for use with the elevator. Doc Nelson will check into the installation.

DISASTER PROJECT -
WENDY JACOBSON & SANDY
HANSON COORDINATE

Wendy Jacobson and Sandy Hanson discussed a special disaster project available to disaster counties. Southeast Human Service will contract the work and Sargent County can hire one individual to work with residents that have experienced flood-related problems. Proceed with the implementation of the disaster outreach project with any extension to be reviewed by the county commission. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous) Wendy and Sandy will advertise the position and take care of the interview process.

GINA HILLESTAD - COM-
PUTER PROBLEMS

Gina Hillestad asked permission to replace three computer stations and monitors. She is having problems with speed and one that does not appear to be 2000 compliance. Authorize purchase of one PC to see if problem is resolved. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve August 4, 1998 minutes. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve August payroll in the sum of /and payment of the following bills:
(Coleman/Wehlander, unanimous) \$69,378.12

34722	Forman City	Water, sewer & garbage	106.70
34723	Dakota Programs	Upgrade/runtime	1050.00
	Social Service expenses		1976.81
34750	Airtouch Cellular	Cell phone	41.59
34751	Amoco	Gas	41.77
34752	A T & T	Telephone	56.65
34753	B & K Electric Inc.	Bulbs & hookup	172.40
34754	Berube's	Repairs	335.36
34755	Best Western	Lodging	111.00
34756	Buhl's	Cleaning Service	115.52
34757	Case & Bopp	Rent & phone	205.99
34758	Chunky's Standard	Service	22.00
34759	Dacotah Paper	Paper	418.28
34760	Dakota School	Supplies	75.39
34761	Diversified Comm. Inc.	Phone	205.00
34762	Dyste's	Supplies	8.70
34763	Election Systems	Supplies	102.37
34764	Farmers Union Oil	Gas, propane & repairs	1227.22
34766	Forman City	Contract work	117.16
34767	Forman Drug	Supplies	132.84
34768	Forman Auto Parts	Repairs	213.47
34769	Gall's Inc.	Uniforms & equipment	120.81
34770	Chuck Gates	Travel	76.00
34771	Hansen Lumber	Air conditioner	595.00
34772	Hardware Hank	Supplies	78.28
34773	Sherry Hosford	Travel	93.00
34774	Hospitality Inn	Lodging	78.00
34775	ISD	56K connection	131.13
34776	Kropp Law Offices	Mental health hearing	112.50
34777	Kwik Stop	DES	4.39
34778	Joan Lee	Travel	183.50
34779	Lexis Law Publishing	Court Rules	28.99
34780	Magnetic Tape Conn.	Equipment	107.72
34781	Martinsen's Home Center	Supplies & repairs	643.15
34782	McKeever's	HBA	81.81
34783	McLaen Service	Repairs	112.59
34784	Microage Computer	Upgrade server	585.00
34785	Minn-kota Comm.	Repairs	133.10
34786	Larry Nelson	Labor	620.00
34787	ND Advertising Service	NDSU Ad	150.00
34788	NDACO	Cost allocation & computer consulting	3418.00
34789	ND State Auditor	1997 Audit fee	4276.00
34790	Oakes Community Hosp.	Blood alcohol	36.70
34791	Officeland	Supplies	32.98
34792	Norman Preble	Travel	147.50
34793	Richland Co. Corr.	Prisoner board	960.00
34794	SEL Lumber	Repairs	122.20
34795	Service Master	Clean carpets	216.00
34796	Stein's Inc.	Supplies	209.28
34797	The Teller	Publishing fees	574.26
34798	Universal Services	Copier supplies	206.00
34799	US Link	LD phone calls	438.77
34800	Viking Office	Supplies	75.97
34801	White Banner Uniform	Uniforms	63.85
34802	Bear Creek Gravel	Screened gravel	2766.16
34803	Bernard Mahrer Const.	Rock & gravel	15707.82
34804	Crandall Const.	Gravel (FEMA)	72500.00
34805	Economy Oil Co.	Gas & Fuel	2088.94
34806	Ekstrom Repair	O2 & repairs	761.12
34807	Sparky Engquist	Tool & repairs	82.18
34808	Farm Plan	Repairs	38.07
34809	Johnston Fargo Culvert	Culverts	5526.10
34810	RDO Equipment	Grader repairs (vandalism)	2978.76
34821	Leslie Bjore	Elevator-Architect	10577.00
34822	Britton Journal	911 ad	22.80
34823	Daily News	911 ad	31.20
34824	Dickey Rural Comm.	911 service	382.50
34825	1 st Ntl Ins Agency	Premium	13.00
34827	KAB Cafe	DARE Food	57.46

34828 NDSU	Salaries & travel	7920.49
34829 NDDHS	MA & FC	785.01
34831 Oakes Times	911 ad	34.00
34832 Ransom Co. Gazette	911 ad	48.00
34833 Reardon Office Equip.	Supplies	38.61
34834 SC Fair Ass'n	DARE booth	30.00
34835 Sargent County	DARE car insurance	258.00
34836 US West Comm.	911 service	298.08
34837 Varsity Mart	Supplies	60.43

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Betty Hewitt
 BETTY HEWITT, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Sherry Hosford
 SHERRY HOSFORD, AUDITOR

Forman, North Dakota
 September 1, 1998

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Betty Hewitt, Bill Smith, Steve Wyum, Lysle Coleman and Donald Wehlander. Absent none.

Motion to terminate coroner immediately. (Smith/Wehlander). Discussed and table until States Attorney is present.

CORONER

Lyle Bopp arrived at 9:50. Proceeded to discuss county coroner position and problems with radio. Question called on previous motion. (Voting aye: Smith and Wehlander. Voting nay: Coleman, Wyum and Hewitt. Failed) Instruct coroner to appear before commission at next meeting and inform him of Board's ongoing concern of use of coroner call letters, timeliness of reports and response to calls. (Wyum/Coleman, unanimous)

CORONER POSITION

Patty Carlen was called to the meeting.

Bill Smith reviewed the outcome of the August 17 Legislative Judiciary Committee meeting concerning state funding of the Clerk of Court. There isn't any state funding available and county will have to continue funding to keep a Clerk of Court in Sargent County. Patty is concerned about the larger counties and how their testimony might affect the smaller, rural counties.

LEGISLATIVE JUDICIARY
 COMMITTEE MEETING ON
 CLERK OF COURT

Discussed office space for the Abstract Company at the completion of the new elevator. Talked to Patty and Joan Lee about utilizing space in that office. Also concern about storing records from Supt. of Schools Office.

ABSTRACT COMPANY OFFICE

Sherry Hosford explained information on the 1999 budget including estimated year-end balances, anticipated revenue and projected levies for 1998 taxes. Adopt 1999 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$4,794,211. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous) Department hearings will be conducted on September 15, 1998.

1999 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Approve August 18, 1998 minutes as corrected and July financial statement. (Coleman/Wyum, unanimous)

MINUTES

Randy Pope and Damon Devillers, Interstate Engineering, discussed the plans and estimates to overlay County # 4 and hazard mitigation plans for other roads. Several areas can be considered and plans prepared. Schedule a two hour meeting on September 15th with the engineers to prioritize projects. This list will be reviewed with Dept. of Transportation officials in October, 1998.

ROAD ISSUES

Sandy Hanson updated the Board on FEMA team. They will try to complete Sargent County this week. Cogswell City engineer is preparing plans for a diversion on the west side, plans to move the lift station and possible buy-out on certain residential areas. A hazard mitigation grant application is being prepared. ND Division of Emergency Management is asking counties to support a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. State officials and Sandy will meet with this Board at the next meeting. She also discussed other areas that are applying for mitigation funds. Forman City and the SC Water Board are applying on behalf of Crooked Creek Watershed. The five-phase plan proposed by Moore Engineering included: 1)Diverting water around Forman; 2)Remove groundwater from Forman; 3)Channel improvements from Forman to Buffalo Lake; 4)Floodwater storage structure at Buffalo Lake; and 5)Channel improvements from Buffalo Lake to the Wild Rice River.

FEMA UPDATE

MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION

FIVE PHASE PLAN FOR
 CROOKED CREEK WATERSHED

Chuck Gates met to discuss a joint purchasing agreement with the State. No interest at this time.

JOINT PURCHASING FOR
 VEHICLES

Results of County Personnel Board following the election include: Gina Hillestad, Darlene Colbert, Travis Paeper and Sparky Engquist. Steve Wyum was appointed to represent the commission on this Board.

PERSONNEL BOARD
 COMPOSITION

Approve update to the Sargent County Non-Social Service Employee Policy Manual. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous) Each employee will receive a copy of said manual.

PERSONNEL POLICY
 UPDATE 9-1-98

Designate following polling places for the November 3, 1998 General Election: Milnor-Community Building; Cayuga-Senior Citizen Center; Gwinner-Community Hall; Forman-City Hall; Rutland-City Hall; and Cogswell-Community Center. Polls will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION
 POLLING PLACES AND
 HOURS