

Forman, North Dakota  
June 6, 2000

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Lysle Coleman, Don Wehlender, W.E. Smith, Ray Brockman and Steve Wyum. Absent none.

Jiggs Dyste, Forman Development Corporation, met with the commission to discuss purchasing the building owned by Sargent County located on Lot 19, Block 7, Original Townsite, Forman City. Mr. Dyste explained FDC plans to build a motel, lounge and supper club. If they would purchase this building they would relocate the present renters to another building in Forman. The Board is willing to sell but did not feel a purchase option agreement is necessary. FDC will make a decision within the next 60-90 days.

The Sargent County Board of Equalization proceeded to organize for 2000. Several landowners were present and the Board recessed to the courtroom. Norm Preble, Tax Director and Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at the meeting. About 40 people were present to discuss the Notice of Increase of Real Estate Assessment they received from the Tax Director. Mr. Preble explained that state law requires that notice be sent if the value is increase over 15% from the previous year. The majority of the notices were mailed due to the reduction in the value for 1999 from the inundated lands. Lyle Bopp explained the state law. Others asked questions about the March 1, 2000 deadline for inundated lands. The commission suggested that those who were affected should meet with the ND State Board of Equalization in August. A letter will be sent to the applicants that filed late informing them their application was rejected. Other issues were discussed concerning land valuation. The Board returned to the Commissioner's Room.

Sandy Hanson, 911/EMA, presented a list of signs that should be installed in the villages and also State Highway identification signs with the 911 signs located on state highways. Total estimated cost is about \$5500. The commission is concerned about other signs that are not installed and decided that the road commissioner meet with Sparky Engquist and Sandy Hanson to set priorities and to discuss scheduling of sign installation.

Sandy Hanson updated the Board on the courthouse claim that was filed for water damage. FEMA is requesting an air quality test, cost borne by county but would be a reimbursable expense. Permission granted to pursue. (Wyum/Wehlender, unanimous) Sandy will be attending Boys State in Wahpeton this week. She informed the Board that she does not plan to attend the conference in Emmitsburg, MD because of state conferences in August.

Lyle R. Bopp arrived at the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hempler met with the Board of Equalization to discuss the late filing of the NW1/4-36-132-58 and SW1/4-25-132-58 for inundated acres. The Board referred them to the State Board of Equalization.

Lorraine Jacobson, Coroner, discussed some issues that she has dealt with over the past month and presented some bills for payment.

Doc Nelson and Roz Amerman met with the Board to discuss the stairway repairs and cleanup. Steve Wyum explained the reason carpet would be installed on the steps versus tile. The earliest the carpet layer can be here is June 27<sup>th</sup>. Les Bjore agreed that the sooner the work could get done the better. Lyle and Steve will prepare a written agreement with Mr. Bjore stating the terms of the project and payment. Doc rebuilt the steps and Roz finished the staining and has started cleaning. The seal coat is not completed at this time.

Approve Dance Permit for Geneseo Bar for twelve months. (Wehlender/Brockman, unanimous)

Approve Site Authorization for Bison Booster Club, Milnor, ND at the North Forty Bar, DeLamere, ND beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001. (Wyum/Wehlender, unanimous)

Reviewed Fire and Tornado Policies and the letter offering five deductible options. Continue with the \$250 per occurrence deductible. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

Approved changing some of the park buildings from actual cash value to replacement cost. Total premium for the year is \$108.16.

Sandra Siekaniec, Manager, Tewaukon Refuge, presented the Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge Complex's annual report and a check for payment due to Sargent County by the USA under the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act. She invited the Board to an Open House on June 27 at the Cayuga Hall to discuss the Environmental Report that was recently prepared. Sandra asked about removing the rusted culvert from the road right-of-way north of the refuge and also

leveling and seeding the area where the new culvert was installed three years ago. The Board will talk to Sparky.

Wendy Jacobson and Sandy Hanson, representing the department heads, asked for a commission representative to review the personnel policy. The commission has retained a consultant for updates and feels the changes from the department heads would be more procedural or administrative. The commission suggested that the department heads work on the revisions and the commission will review as an entire Board. Discussed the automation and telecommunications levy and support that is available through NDACo.

Ray Brockman agreed to serve on the County Canvassing Board.

Approve a contract for deed to Richard J. Anderson, Breckenridge, MN for the W1/2 of SE1/4-13-131-57. A down payment of \$1000 has been made and the balance will be paid over 2 annual installments of \$1500 plus interest. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

Julie Hassebroek presented information on the upcoming mill levy increase for county extension service.

Norm Preble returned to the commission and the Board of Equalization continued to look at changes for 2000. Several residential structures were added and some classification changes. Discussed formula for calculating inundated lands. The average cost for farmland in the county is \$441.62/acre according to the report from NDSU. Pastureland is valued at \$109.48/acre. The commission discussed calculating inundated cropland at 25% of the county average and inundated pastureland at 25% of the county average. The commission also discussed the state's recommendation for farmland value and residential assessments. The Board recessed until 10:30 a.m. on June 20, 2000.

Approve Road Permit to Otter Tail Power Company granting permission to install an underground crossing (12.5 kV UG conductor) under County Road # 10 - 291.86 feet South of the NW corner of Section 9-132-54. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Lyle R. Bopp returned to the meeting.

Discussed property owned by Dennis Narum, Rutland, ND. In light of the fact that Dennis Narum paid his 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 taxes on November 16, 1993 and was not issued a deed, approve a Quit Claim Deed for Lots 1-2-3-4, Block 1, Greene's 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, and part of the N1/2 of SW1/4 & SE1/4 of SW1/4 south of the Great Northern Railway-19-130-54, Unplatted Lands, 3.5 acres, all in Rutland City, to Dennis Narum, post mortem. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Chuck Gates, Sheriff recommended to the commission that Deputy Scott Buckhouse be reprimanded and required to take a chemical dependency evaluation. Concur with the Sheriff's reprimand and direct that the appointment for the evaluation be made before the next commission meeting. (Wehlander/Wyum. Roll call: Aye: Smith, Wehlander, Brockman, Wyum, Coleman. Nay: None. Carried)

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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LYSLE COLEMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR