

Forman, North Dakota  
June 6, 2017

Following a 9:00 a.m. information meeting concerning the coordination of ND PERS retirement plan and the County's 457 deferred compensation retirement plan administered by Nationwide, with Carmen Toman in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room, the Sargent County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioners' Room at the Sargent County Courthouse at 9:35 a.m. with the following members present: Dave Jacobson, Jason Arth, Mike Walstead, Sherry Hosford, and Bill Anderson. Also present was Jerry Waswick, county resident; Tibby Hinderlie, the Sargent County Teller; and, Pam Maloney, Sargent County Auditor.

Approve May 16, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected. (Hosford/Arth, unanimous)

Motion to appoint Jenny Guleson to fulfill Nancy Glarum's term on the Sargent County Weed Board. Term ending August 10, 2020. (Walstead/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The commission reviewed an "Application for Drainage Work within County Road Right-Of-Way" from John Quandt (South Lateral Extension Project) of Oakes ND, proposing to install a 36" arched culvert to replace an existing 24" culvert approximately 2,350' east of the Dickey/Sargent county line through County Road #3, also add length and deepen present 24" culvert at the intersection of County Road #3 and 115<sup>th</sup> Ave SE on the south side of County Road #3 on the south side of Section 18-130-58 in Jackson Township. Decision tabled until hydrology & hydraulic studies are done.

Motion to re-appoint George Bishoff to the Sargent County School Re-Organization Board. Term ending June 30, 2020. (Anderson/Walstead) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The auditor is still working on the North Dakota Energy Conservation Grant to replace the fluorescent lighting in the courthouse.

Commissioner Anderson reported that Ms. Hanson and Ms. Toepke were still in the process of compiling information needed for the reconstitution of the County Personnel Board.

Commissioner Hosford reported that Sheriff Paeper is working on a new COPS grant with a deadline for submission of the grant application of July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Patsy Zirnelt, Chief Deputy Treasurer/Clerk of Court/Recorder, arrived at the meeting to discuss the quote received from Kirsten Heinert for painting the south and west offices on the main floor of the Courthouse following the wiring that will be done this month. Motion to approve the quote from Kirsten Heinert for \$1500. (Hosford/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to sell the 2011 Ford Expedition from the county fleet at auction. (Hosford/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion that all non-exempt road department employees must start their day at the shop & use the time clock to punch in in the morning & to punch out at the end of the day, effective immediately. Any employee who does not use the time clock must have prior approval from the road commissioner. (Hosford/Arth) Upon roll call vote: Yes – Arth, Hosford, Anderson & Jacobson. No – Walstead. Motion carried.

The auditor informed the commission that the NDACO & NDCCA Presidents' Tours will be in Sargent County August 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. The auditor was instructed to reserve the conference room.

Lyle Bopp, State's Attorney, arrived at the meeting at 10:15 a.m. He stated that his office is still working on the Quit Claim Deeds needed for the vacated alleys & streets in Milnor City that had been vacated back in the 1920's.

Jerry Waswick brought in a Tax Exempt Quick Card from Best Buy Corporation that he had used for purchasing different items for the Courthouse Facilities Grant when he was serving as Courthouse Commissioner. He also stated that the extension office was using an air conditioner that belonged to him & would like to get that back as soon as the county has purchased another to replace it.

Commissioner Arth reported that he had checked on the complaint received at the last meeting about crops planted in the county road right-of-way on County Road #3, between County #10 and #12. He said that it appears to be close, but that the infringement on the county road right-of-way, if any, is negligible.

Feedback was received from a concerned JDA mortgagee regarding information shared.

The commissioners; state's attorney; auditor; and, the press representative; moved up to the conference room, and the Board of Review and Equalization proceeded to organize for 2017. Sandy Hanson, Tax Director arrived at the meeting, along with: Jessica Peterson; Christopher Ferderer; Linda Johnson; Jerry Waswick; Scott Maro; and, Grover Riebe, all Gwinner City representatives; and, Robert Ehler, Vanguard Appraisals, Inc.

Ms. Hanson presented 2017 county average value per all cropland/agricultural acreage as set by the ND State Tax Commission Office. The State Board of Equalization has made the decision to allow a 10% tolerance on agriculture lands from the 100% value as set by the State Tax Commissioner. Ms. Hanson recommends no change to the county values which would put the county average for Sargent County at \$898.29 per acre, or 96.4% of the 2017 value of \$932.22 as determined by the State of North Dakota. Motion to approve the County Tax Director's recommendation of no change on all agriculture lands in Sargent County. (Anderson/Walstead) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve non-abstract changes in residential values as recommended by the County Tax Director. Residential values fall within the 10% tolerance at 92.1%. (Anderson/Hosford) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve abstract changes in residential values as recommended by the County Tax Director. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ehler gave a short presentation on how the commercial re-appraisal was done in the county. Mr. Riebe then shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding Gwinner City's concerns with the re-appraisal. The Gwinner City Council had formed a "Seek to Understand" committee so the City can better explain to the citizens of Gwinner how the re-appraisal was done and how valuations were figured. The primary concern of Gwinner City was the decrease in the valuation of the Bobcat complex. Mr. Ehler explained that his appraisers had trouble gaining information from Bobcat. Vanguard has since gained additional information and has adjusted some values. Mr. Ehler addressed all concerns presented to the Board of Equalization by the "Seek to Understand" committee of Gwinner City. Motion to accept and approve the new value of \$18,813,600 for the Bobcat plant and to accept and approve all other commercial valuations in Sargent County, as recommended by the Tax Director. It was recommended, also, that Vanguard work with Gwinner City throughout the year to get a true & complete re-appraisal for the Bobcat plant. (Anderson/Hosford) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Review and Equalization adjourned "SINE DIE" at 12:25 p.m. (Anderson/Hosford, unanimous)

The commission meeting resumed in the commissioner's room on the main floor of the Courthouse. Jesse Sedler, Interstate Engineering; and, Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor; arrived at the meeting. Motion to authorize the chairman to sign the Special Road Fund Program application for the Rutland Township and Weber Township road (135<sup>th</sup> AV SE) from County Road #3 south to the south boat landing at Silver Lake. (Anderson/Hosford) Upon roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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DAVID L JACOBSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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PAM MALONEY – COUNTY AUDITOR