

Forman, North Dakota
June 7, 2005

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Ray Brockman, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum and Jerry Waswick. Absent none.

Wendy Jacobson, Social Service Director, asked the Board to endorse two people as nominees to serve as members of the Child Support Enforcement Task Force. Vincent Gillette, SSD of Sioux County and Keith Berger, SSD of Grand Forks County are both knowledgeable about the needs of North Dakota's population and would bring that perspective to the newly organized Task Force. Support the endorsement of Mr. Gillette and Mr. Berger to the Child Support Enforcement Task Force, as well as the appointment of Sargent County SSD Wendy Jacobson. (Brockman/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve May 17, 2005 minutes. A copy of the May 2005 financial statement was provided to Board members. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Chairman Walstead announced that the bid opening for the Rutland road would be held on June 17 at NDDOT office in Bismarck. Commissioner's Walstead, Wyum and Brockman plan to attend.

Acknowledge following payments from Homeland Security funds and Job Development Authority Funds:

52381 Motorola	4 Digital Mobile Radio and accessories	23,372.00
52367 Lake Agassiz Reg. Dev.	Loan to Dakota Micro, Inc.	51,000.00

Approve permit to Stir'Um Up Bar and Grill, Stirum, Kim Houle, licensee for a Sunday Alcoholic Beverage Permit for twelve months. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

The Board of Review and Equalization proceeded to organize for 2005. Lonnie and Nancy Furman and Randy and Vicki Huffman met with the Board to discuss notices they received from the Tax Director. Norm Preble, Tax Director, explained the reason for the addition of the residential homes to these properties and provided handouts for their information. Norm presented to the Board proposed changes on the county level for 2005, which includes two-year residential changes and five-year commercial exemptions. He also handed out a list of all changes at the township/city level. Several rural residential increases are proposed on the average of \$3,000 per property. These increases are due to residential values being too low and striving to bring them in line with other properties. The total taxable value increase for 2005 for the entire county is \$69,169. Norm explained a worksheet for exemption of Farm Residence and suggested that this be sent to each farmer for his or her completion to decide if the individual qualifies for the exemption. Additional information will be provided to the Board at the next meeting. The Board of Equalization will recess until June 21 at 10:00a.m.

Norm Preble, Tax Director, Louis and Ed Gaukler, Herman Township met with the Board for a hearing on the Application for Property Tax Incentives for New or Expanding Businesses for Charissa Rubey, 8659 148th Ave. SE, Cayuga located in SW1/4-14-131-53. Ms. Rubey proposes to construct a building to manufacture ag-camera systems and employ up to twenty-one employees in the next five years. Approve the requested five-year 100% property tax exemption on this new building. (Anderson/Brockman, unanimous)

Bill Anderson presented a Corrective County Deed for Lots 12-18 of Block 47, First Addition to the City of Forman, excepting there from the East 50 feet of each of said lots between the County of Sargent and Roger N. Thorfinnson and JoAnn K. Thorfinnson. The purpose of this Corrective Deed is to correct an error relating to joint tenancy which information has been stated correctly hereon and effective as of November 21, 1989, nunc pro tunc. Approve deed. (Waswick/Brockman, unanimous)

The Board reviewed budget regarding upcoming road projects and discussed funding.

Bill Anderson reported on the bus tour that he attended with Commissioner's Waswick and Wyum. Red River Basin Commission sponsored the tour and included watershed areas at the ND, SD and MN Borders. Individuals representing all three states, several counties and other agencies were on the tour, which stopped at White Rock Dam, North Ottawa Dam Project, Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge, Demonstration Farm and White Lake.

The Board reviewed the list of buildings currently insured with the North Dakota Insurance Dept. /State Fire and Tornado. All buildings have been reappraised and new values of Replacement Cost and Actual Cash Value were provided to the Board. Following the review, the list of buildings with the new values will be submitted to State Fire and Tornado.

Approve removal of Printer # 1407 from county inventory and place on the auction list.
(Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Jerry Waswick, Fair Board Commissioners reported to the commission that Forman City Park would like to donate a portable tin building to the fairgrounds for storage of summer equipment. Motion to leave discretion of acceptance of this building to the Fair Board. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR