

Forman, North Dakota
July 10, 2012

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, David L Jacobson, Mike Walstead and Jerry Waswick. Absent: None. Also present were Lyle Bopp, States Attorney and Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller.

Approve minutes of June 19, 2012 meeting as corrected. (Walstead/Jacobson, unanimous)

States Attorney Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting, and the Board proceeded to discuss the proposed Joint Powers Agreement, concerning County Drain #7, between The City of Milnor, the Sargent County Water Resource Board and Sargent County. Milnor City had applied for cost-share funding through the Lake Agassiz Regional Council (LARC) to finance a portion of a project to replace an existing CMP arch crossing with two reinforced concrete box culverts where Drain 7 intersects 5th Avenue within Milnor City boundaries. The Water Resource District, City and County all have financial responsibility imposed by State law for the cost of improvements at the site. LARC had applied for a grant with the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services (NDDDES) on behalf of the City; NDDDES recently notified LARC that the project qualified for grants from both the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and NDDDES through Hazard Mitigation Grant Program award number DR-1901-ND-8R. The Water Resource District, Milnor City and the Sargent County Board of Commissioners had discussed this project in April, 2011 and all parties agreed to construct the project if the cost-share monies were approved. A proposed Joint Powers Agreement was prepared by the Water Board's attorney, and presented to the three entities for review. States Attorney Bopp reviewed the agreement and noted that the city will grant the Water District all necessary temporary and permanent right of way over any property owned by the City as reasonably necessary to accommodate the Project, at no cost to the District or to the Project. As applicant and recipient regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Award, Milnor City will execute all requisite agreements and certifications. Motion to authorize the Chairman and the County Auditor to execute a Joint Powers Agreement for this project between the Water Resource Board, Milnor City and Sargent County. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

States Attorney Bopp discussed briefly the Next Generation 911 proposal that has been received, and Sandy Hanson, 911 Coordinator stopped at the meeting to offer a brief explanation of what is being proposed. The specifics of this proposed change will be discussed at the July 17th meeting.

The Board received and reviewed copies of the 2012 Expenditure Guideline for the first six months of 2012, and proceeded to discuss the process of putting together the 2013 budget. Department heads and other agencies have received the forms for the 2013 budgets, and have been requested to return the proposed budgets for their departments to the County Auditor by July 25th.

Motion to forward the Position Description Questionnaires for the Tax Director/911 Coordinator/Emergency Manager and the Deputy Tax Director/911 Coordinator/Emergency Manager to the personnel consultant for recommended pay grades and steps pursuant to the County's pay plan. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Richard Riha, President of the North Dakota Association of Counties (NDACo); Doug Graupe, President of the ND County Commissioners Association, Terry Traynor, Assistant Executive Director, NDACo and Jeff Eslinger, Communications Manager, NDACo arrived at the commission meeting to meet with the commissioners and other elected/appointed officials of Sargent County, and to tour the courthouse. The purpose of the Presidents' Tour is to increase communication among and between county officials, NDACo and NDCCA, and to answer any questions county officials may have about the services and programs the organizations provide.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon, with the Commissioners, elected and appointed County officials and representatives of NDACo and NDCCA continuing informal discussions over lunch in the second floor conference room with the reporter for the County's official newspaper present.

BILL ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR