

Forman, North Dakota  
July 15, 2008

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Maurice Orn, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum, Jerry Waswick, and Bill Anderson.

A representative from Dickey Rural Network met with the Board to discuss installing a phone line/fiber optics to Silver Lake Park while the installation crew was in the area. No specific price quotes for the monthly phone rate were available. The Board decided to obtain a rate quote from DRN. Because cellular phone reception is very unreliable at the Park, a land line should be available due to safety considerations.

Approve July 1, 2008 minutes as corrected. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous).

Approve July payroll in the sum of \$137,568.24 (#'s 2150-2211 and 59398-59409) and all bills submitted. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous):

59274-59287	Health Dept. Expenditures		\$3392.87
59288	Forman City	Water, sewer, garbage	286.80
59293-59302	Human Service Expenditures		6697.04
59303	Alltel	Sheriff cell	129.84
59304	Eric Betlaf	Witness expenses	29.65
59305	Bopp Law Office	Rent-phone	411.98
59306	Cody Bopp	Labor	143.00
59307	Scott Buckhouse	Witness fee	25.00
59308	Buhl's	Cleaning	151.89
59309	Dacotah Paper	Supplies	62.28
59310	Dickey Rural Networks	Long Distance Service	760.77
59311	Farmers Union Oil	Gas, fuel	7951.77
59312	Forman Drug	Supplies	15.00
59313	Gwinner One-Stop	Gas	457.43
59314	Hardware Hank	Supplies	59.16
59315	Gina Hillestad	File, supplies	83.96
59316	Holiday Inn	Recorder lodging	165.00
59317	Sherry Hosford	Gas, meals	131.50
59318	Information Technology	LERMS	75.00
59319	Langdon Motor Inn	Auditor lodging	124.50
59320	Joan Lee	Travel	113.50
59321	ND Assn. Assessing Officers	Dues/registration	130.00
59322	ND Assn. of Counties	Treasurer-registration	205.00
59323	ND Newspaper Assn.	NDSU ad	154.50
59324	ND State Radio Comm.	Teletype rental	120.00
59325	ND Workforce Safety	Volunteer coverage	124.80
59326	Donald C. Olson	Tree removal	230.00
59327	Travis Paeper	Witness fee	25.00
59328	Computer Express	Firefighter Grant supplies	4672.00
59329	Rath & Mehrer	Audit 2006-2007	6950.00
59330	Reardon Office	Supplies	158.81
59331	The Sargent County Teller	Printing, election, ad	1817.18
59332	Lacey Severson	Travel	73.49
59333	Streicher's	Equipment & uniforms	246.90
59334	Jerry Waswick	Travel	69.30
59335	AW Diesel Service	Repairs	1043.89
59336	Arrowhead Transport	Gravel/haul	6526.20
59337	Bernard Mahrer Const.	Gravel/haul	7309.74
59338	Butler Machinery	Repairs	247.26
59339	Earthchem Inc.	Degreaser	99.93
59340	Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	369.20
59341	Farm Plan	Repairs	44.57
59342	Forman Repair	Repairs	110.40
59343	General Irrigation	Repairs	309.80
59344	Gwinner Oil	Supplies	1812.30
59345	Martinsen Home Center	Tools/repairs	196.61
59346	Welton's Tire	Tires	1146.80
59347	Barnes Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	330.00
59348	Comfort Inn	911 lodging	55.00
59349	Computer Professionals	Staff support	906.07

59350	Dickey Rural Telephone	911 Contract	295.00
59351	Sandra Hanson	Travel	169.96
59352	Information Technology	WAN	453.40
59353	Lisbon Area Health Services	Legal Blood Alcohol Collections	64.00
59354	NDACO	Wireless Services	750.00
59355	ND Dept. of Insurance	County/Park Building coverage	4578.77
59356	State Auditor's Office	Audit fee	165.00
59357	ND State Radio	911	2616.00
59358	NDACO Resource Group	Technology Support	206.25
59359	Brenda Peterson	Travel	45.00
59360	Qwest	911 contracts	191.88
59361	Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	55.00
59362	The Sargent Co. Teller	JDA ad	6.40
59363	SE ND Co. Comm. Assn.	Dues	250.00

Sparky Engquist, Road Supt. met with the Board to review road projects. Barga Inc. is filling cracks on the roadways on County # 12 north of Cayuga and #14 south of DeLamere. The Keystone Pipeline crew is hauling pipe in on ND Highway 11 and County #2. Discussed the overweight permits and fees collected. A motion made to deposit all overweight permit fees into the Road Fund. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous) Discussion followed on use of magnesium chloride for dust suppression on the roadways. Several areas were suggested for this process including portions of the road to and around Silver Lake. The matter will be referred to the Park Board for discussion at the August 5 meeting. Base One surfacing projects are underway on County #1, with portions of County #14, #7, #3, and #2 to follow. Other areas were also suggested for consideration for applications of this product. The weed mowing rate was discussed and a motion to increase the weed mowing rate to \$135 per half-mile was made. Townships will be informed of this change. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Holly Jessen, SC Teller arrived at the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Sandy Hanson, EMS/911 coordinator presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a Mutual Aid Agreement between Richland, Cass and Sargent Counties to render supplemental emergency assistance in the event of flood, fire, earthquake, tornado, snowstorm, terrorism or other local emergency, natural or man-made, that has developed or appears to be about to develop to a magnitude beyond the capabilities of a single County, requiring additional forces to control. Several conditions were set forth in the terms of the MOU. Sandy would like to have one understanding signed off by all entities within the county/region. Tabled until Sandy Hanson presents an update. Also discussed a communication grant and upcoming courses being offered throughout the state. A burn ban was reviewed at a quarterly meeting earlier today and the group agreed that a policy should be prepared and adopted. Sandy had met with Richland County 911/Emergency Management to discuss a proposal for 911 – “Saving Seconds-Saving Lives. Sandy will continue discussing the 911 issues with Richland County, but no change from the current arrangement with State Radio is contemplated at this time.

The Board reviewed the insurance limits for buildings and contents listed on the Schedule of Property with the ND State Fire and Tornado Fund and found that coverage amounts appear to be adequate. Authorized County Auditor to sign premium notice statement.

Meeting recessed to Thursday, July 24 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday July 24, 2008 with the following present: Maurice Orn, Jerry Waswick, Steve Wyum, Bill Anderson and Mike Walstead. Absent none.

The Board proceeded to work on the 2009 budget.

At 11:30 a.m. Richard Cayko, ND County Commission Association President from McKenzie Co., Rodney Ness, ND Association of Cos. (NDACo) President from Burleigh Co., Mark Johnson, Executive Director, NDACo; Aaron Birst, Legal Counsel, NDACo and Jeff Eslinger, Director of Communications, NDACo arrived in Sargent County for a tour of the courthouse and a meeting with elected officials and appointed department heads. The purpose of the “President’s Tour” is to increase communications among county officials, NDACo and NDCCA and to answer any questions the county has about services and programs the organizations provide. The 2 presidents and the NDACo Executive Director also discussed efforts that will be made by the 2 associations, in cooperation with the League of Cities, Township Officers, School Board Association and other public and private groups to reduce the need for property tax increases by encouraging the 2009 Legislature to appropriate some of the State’s projected \$1.2 billion budget surplus to support local government entities and increase funding for roads.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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MAURICE ORN – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR