

Forman, North Dakota  
July 17, 2007

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

Approve July 3, 2007 minutes as corrected. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous).

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, met with the Board to inform them that there is an Attorney General's opinion whether a county may replace an existing bridge with a culvert or box culvert and whether maintenance of a culvert is the responsibility of the county, assuming the county has the authority to replace the bridge with a culvert. The county may replace a bridge with a culvert but the county continues to be responsible for a culvert constructed by the county just as it would be responsible for a bridge pursuant to ND Century Code 24-08-03. The Board instructed the County Auditor to send a letter to the Weber Township Board of Supervisors informing them that the county will make repairs to the culvert located on the state line.

Approve July payroll in the sum of \$103,728.48 (#'s 881-946) and all bills presented except the bill from Nikki Skoog for travel. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous)

57514-57533 Health District Expenditures		5115.72
57535 Otter Tail Power Co.	Electricity	1265.18
57538 City of Forman	Water/sewer/garbage	169.05
57539 Burke County	Weed Board registration	150.00
57540-57556 Human Service Expenditures		13088.56
57557-57569 Weed Board Expenditures		14791.02
57570 Adamson Industries Corp.	Sheriff/equipment	449.95
57571 Alltel	Cell phones	131.40
57572 Karin Boom	Travel	64.26
57573 Case & Bopp Law Office	Rent and cell phone	411.98
57574 BP Amoco	Gasoline	50.62
57575 Brian's Repair & Auto Parts	Car servicing & repairs	153.00
57576 Buhl's	Cleaning service	161.89
57577 Chunky's Standard Service	Car servicing & repairs	62.30
57578 Comfort Inn	Lodging	100.00
57579 Dacotah Paper	Paper supplies	59.51
57580 Dahlstrom Funeral Homes	Supplies	46.00
57581 DRTC	Phone services	671.89
57582 Dyste's	Supplies	137.08
57583 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gasoline	1477.39
57584 Gwinner One Stop Inc.	Gasoline	134.23
57585 Hardware Hank	Supplies	193.19
57586 Gina Hillestad	Travel	173.98
57587 Sherry Hosford	Travel	21.42
57588 ITD	LERMS User Fee	75.00
57589 ILG	Continuing Education	50.00
57590 Lisbon Body Shop	Wrecker service	77.50
57591 Minn-kota Communications Inc.	Install equipment	217.00
57592 NDACo	Marriage license program	8.00
57593 ND Newspaper Ass'n	Extension Service ad	154.50
57594 ND State Radio Communications	Teletype rental	120.00
57595 NDACo Resource Group	Supplies	100.42
57596 Office Depot	Supplies	250.20
57597 Donald C Olson	Tree removal and trimming	615.00
57598 Maurice Orn	Travel	105.42
57599 Quill Corp.	Supplies	162.96
57600 Stein's	Paper supplies	215.85
57601 The Teller	Publishing fees	278.10
57602 Billie Warken	Travel	52.20
57603 Jerry Waswick	Travel	156.24
57604 Bargaen	Crack repair	20,000.00
57605 Bernard Mahrer Construction	Gravel	26,515.12
57606 Brock White	Repairs	324.00
57607 California Contractors	Jump starter	159.90
57608 Dakota Improvement Inc.	Loader work	220.00

57609 Ekstrom Repair Shop	Repairs	989.66
57610 Farm Plan	Repairs	470.92
57611 Farmers Union Oil	Gasoline and fuel	7202.15
57612 Johnston Fargo Culvert	Culverts	10,216.23
57613 Kustom Machine Inc.	Repairs	173.52
57614 Martinsen's	Repairs	370.38
57615 Newman Traffic Signs	Signs	1,663.95
57616 Ray-Mac Inc.	Repairs	380.28
57617 Titan Machinery	Repairs	174.58
57618 Weber Township	Culvert cost share	702.40
57619 CPU	Data Processing charges	871.22
57620 DRN	911 Contracts	275.00
57621 Forman City	Hall rent	95.00
57622 Forman Drug	Supplies	6.10
57623 General Irrigation	16" water pump	5,058.52
57624 Candy Hansen	Supplies	29.70
57625 HP Company	Supplies	210.00
57626 ITD	WAN Access and Anti-virus	407.40
57627 Milnor Merry Mixers	Hall rent	35.00
57628 NDACo	911 wireless	2,548.80
57629 DOT-Financial Mgmt	Project 4111(064)	1,667.93
57630 State Fire and Tornado Fund	Building/contents coverage	3,365.95
57631 ND State Radio Communications	911 services	2,626.20
57632 Catholic Health Initiatives	Blood draw	44.70
57633 Office Max	Supplies	465.58
57634 Qwest	911 Contracts	287.82
57635 Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	1,546.64
57636 Stutsman County	Computer usage	2,760.00
57637 Walock-Johnson Ins.	Premium	5.00
57657-57660 Health District Expenditures		1,693.09
57661-57671 Payroll deductions		37,481.96

Joan Lee, Recorder, met with the Board to inform them that she has hired Cynthia Linderkamp as her Deputy effective July 9, 2007. Ms. Lee is recommending approval of her pay at Grade 6/Step 3. Motion to approve recommendation. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous) Joan also informed the Board that the open filing system has been installed and ready to transfer files. The Board toured the office to view the open file system.

Sandy Hanson, EMS/911 coordinator, met with the Board to provide an update on the FEMA assessment in Sargent County. Sandy reported on a series of safety exercises for Incident Command conducted in Sargent County to give the attendees the opportunity to set up a system, use it and understand the purpose. Sandy attended the 5 County meeting on July 12 in Geneseo, ND to hear the Director of Homeland Security explain his concept on regionalization.

Jennifer Stewart, Outreach coordinator, Red River Basin Commission, made a presentation to the Board to explain the RRBC and summarize the key role and projects that are presently underway. Ms. Stewart presented a resolution of support for the Board to consider.

Authorize Chairman and County Auditor to initial the Temporary Easement between Sargent County and Gary Krause amending the period of easement not to exceed or extend beyond August 31, 2007. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

The Board recessed at 12:00 for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with Sparky Engquist, road supervisor present.

Sparky Engquist reviewed road department issues including the upcoming deflection test on some roadways, recycling County # 7 west of Havana 2.5 miles, work on some bridges will commence because the water is down, replacing some culverts, repair to the large culvert on the state line in Weber Township will start July 18 and also plans to do some short overlay projects on County Road Nos. 2,4,7,10,12 and 14. Bridge No. 131-18 in Kingston Township between Sections 31 and 32 was discussed and agreed that it should be removed. A letter will be sent to the township supervisors informing them of this project.

Approve Road Permit to Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. to proceed with cable replacement by boring under county highway # 10 and plow north 1.2 miles between Sections 4-5-8-9-132-54

(Milnor Township). Certain conditions were outlined and noted that boring should be at least 72 inches distant from any culvert. (Orn/Waswick, unanimous)

Discussion followed on an ordinance directing removal of bales from ditches and roadside areas. The following ordinance was read and the first reading approved. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous) The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be held on August 7, 2007.

We, the County Commissioners of the County of Sargent, North Dakota do hereby create the ordinance directing removal of bales from ditches and roadside areas, as follows:

WHEREAS, that under Chapter 63-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, counties may control cutting of weeds and grasses on highways upon the public right of way bordering the highways and roads and their lands. According to this ordinance, the cutting shall be completed not later than September 15<sup>th</sup> or October 1<sup>st</sup>, as prescribed by the Board of County Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, the cuttings are thereafter baled in large bales or small bales, with these bales remaining on the right of way, particularly in the ditches, causing a problem for the traveling public with respect to potential accidents, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to have a specific time in each year to have the bales removed after the cutting and the baling,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SARGENT, NORTH DAKOTA AS FOLLOWS:

1. It is the duty of the landowners or operators with land adjoining county roads and highways to remove all bales, including large bales and small bales from and within the public right of way bordering the roads and county highways. The removal of all bales shall be completed within twenty four (24) hours of baling.
2. If the landowner or operator fails to remove the bales along the designated roadways or highways of the county as provided in this ordinance, the Board of County Commissioners may cause the bales to be destroyed or taken off the right of way and the expense for this shall be certified to the County Auditor, and all of the expenses shall be charged against the landowner and shall become a part of the taxes to be levied against the land for the ensuing year and shall be collected in the same manner as other real estate taxes are collected, and placed to the credit of the respective subdivisions entitled thereto.

Board members reviewed the building and contents coverage with ND State Fire and Tornado Fund and made some suggestions for both increases and decreases.

The Commissioner's recognize the effort that the custodial staff put in to making the courthouse grounds attractive.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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BILL ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD – AUDITOR