

Forman, North Dakota
July 18, 2000

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Lysle Coleman, Don Wehlander, W.E. Smith, Ray Brockman and Steve Wyum. Absent none.

Dan Jacobson, Chairman, Water Board, met to discuss the White Lake dam. Bill Smith was informed on July 12, 2000 that the City of Britton would not use any water out of White Lake for household use. He heard that the water in White Lake would be lowered 3 feet, which will flow into the Wild Rice Creek. This water will impact Silver Lake and Tewaukon Lake and other waterways. Bill Smith asked the Water Board to make some contacts regarding the information and report back to the commissioners.

Approve July 3, 2000 minutes as drafted. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, Dave Eklund, Eva Nelson and Julie Hassebroek, representing the Fairboard, met with the commissioners. They reported on upcoming plans for the 2000 fair. Members of the Fairboard include Roger Zetocha, Pres., Bill Gulleson, David Eklund, Eva Nelson, Bonnie Anderson, Kathy Wyum, Eileen Lotzer and Sandy Hanson. Repairs are being made to the water lines that were damaged last year. They would like to build more restrooms west of the grandstand. The National Guard has been contacted and they would be available to do the work in 2001. Also discussed hydrants, washing pen and gates.

Sandy Hanson, EMS, has a list of county residents that have requested FEMA assistance due to water damage in their homes. No emergency declaration has been made in Sargent County. Individual and Family Assistance is available if a disaster is declared and the county can be brought in as a contingent county because we border Ransom County, which has been declared a disaster. This would make county residents eligible for emergency assistance. FEMA will determine if the damages are water or flood related and decide if it is a qualified problem. There is a group of residents scheduled to meet with the Board this afternoon. The Board will discuss this issue further at that time.

Donna Eklund, Marla Bopp, Eva Nelson and Cindy Trucksess, SC Forman Ambulance Service, met with the commissioners to discuss the 2001 budget. The ambulance replacement fund was discussed and other budget items. Donna reported that she would like to resign her position as full-time Sargent County Ambulance/Forman Coordinator and has asked Cindy Trucksess to share all responsibilities and make it into a part-time co-coordinator position. The duties and responsibilities have been discussed and approved by the ambulance board. This position has not been advertised for the public.

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting. The commissioners asked for Mr. Bopp's opinion on the co-coordinator position and whether there is a need for a new job classification. The Board would like the Forman Squad to discuss this issue and see if there are other options that might work for this position.

The Board proceeded to conduct the abatement hearing for Nancy Bernstein on the NW1/4-14-132-54 and the NE1/4-2-132-54. She is requesting that the road to the land be fixed to access this land. Milnor Township rejected the request because the roads to this land are accessible under normal conditions. The commissioners do not have jurisdiction over township roads. Reject the application based on no jurisdiction. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Sandra Siekaniec, Manager, Tewaukon Refuge, met with the Board to discuss the summary of public input and responses from the Comprehensive Conservation Plan. Sandra provided information on Waste Management and is waiting for a response from the landfill. To date FWS has not agreed on the conditions of a permit with WM and they do not have a signed agreement or permit that describes how a landfill expansion could be designed that would maintain FWS easement interests.

Reviewed accounts receivable from Leeway, Inc. for \$746.38 from a billing dated 6-25-84. A judgment was filed in 1985 and renewed in 1995. In light of a dysfunctional entity, write-off \$746.38 as an asset of Sargent County. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist met with the Board to discuss road projects. Approve attendance of Sparky to attend a pavement preservation presentation at Rosemount, MN on July 20. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

A representative from SEMCA stopped at the meeting to inform the Board of the activity of this organization and where they obtain funding.

Sandy Hanson, EMS, Dale Keller, Harlem Township, Mark Wyum, Ransom Township, David Hassebroek, Brampton Township & Julie Hassebroek, Ext. Agent met with the Board to discuss whether Sargent County should declare an emergency. Some townships are conducting FEMA work for 2000 and are finding many treacherous grade areas. There is a serious problem with muskrats and some roadways are washing away from the undermining of wave action. This year has been an ongoing of precipitation versus

one large rainfall. Sparky reported there is continuous repairs on the roadsides and problems with erosion. Many of the grade raises are dropping and the windy days create a lot of damage. No areas are under water now but additional rain could change this situation. Julie reported that the County Emergency Board met this morning to assess the county. With the actual crop production there is no loss reportable at this time, but some farmers have been denied credit so that automatically qualifies the county for a secretarial declaration. A declaration would alert FEMA that a problem exists. Commissioner Smith moved to declare a state of emergency situation in Sargent County, seconded by Steve Wyum, carried. The following Declaration was adopted, and signed by Sandra Hanson, Emergency Management, and Lysle Coleman, Chairman of Commission.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Sargent County has suffered damages to the public transportation system, farmlands, homes, culverts, and drainage systems being caused by the excessive ground water and rainfall occurring in June and July, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these damages are a threat to the health, well-being, and public safety of the citizens and traveling public in Sargent County;

WHEREAS, the costs of repairs, replacements, and safety measures of such areas within Sargent County are exceeding the available resources of local townships, residents, and county resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners declare an emergency and orders the activation and utilization of the County Emergency operation plan and its procedures to monitor the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, and continue to alleviate hardship, and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the impact of this emergency upon the affected citizens of Sargent County.

The Havana City Council contacted the commissioners in regard to a culvert passing the Co. Road # 7 in Havana to reduce from an 18-inch to an 8-inch. The Board referred the council to the Water Board who is responsible for sizing culverts.

The Sargent County Museum asked permission to make photocopies at the courthouse at no charge. The Board decided not to make an exception for one organization.

The Sargent County Health District requested that the commissioners review the county policies in regards to Employee Benefits, Section 301. They are asking that the policy be prorated for regular part-time employees. The Board does not feel that the policy can be changed for individual needs.

Approve payment of the following bills and July payroll in the sum of \$71,721.69. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

39389	City of Forman	Water, sewer & garbage	296.80
	Weed Board expenses		964.40
39449	Larry Nelson	Contract work	200.00
	Social Service expenditures		7793.08
39473	Amoco	Travel	14.99
39474	Barnes Co. Correction	Prisoner Board	405.00
39475	Buhl's	Cleaning service	141.27
39476	Chunky's	Travel	47.00
39477	Lysle Coleman	Travel	92.68
39478	Dean's Landscaping	4 Medora Junipers	256.00
39479	Dyste's	Supplies	3.78
39480	E S & S	Election materials	4586.83
39481	Farmers Union Oil	Gas, repairs & tools	1775.76
39482	Forman Drug	Supplies	9.41
39483	Sandra Hanson	Supplies & telephone	35.79
39484	Hardware Hank	Supplies	126.13
39485	KWIK Stop	SARA supplies	11.85
39486	Landmark Landscaping	Shrubs	91.50
39487	Lexis Publishing	NDCC	119.23
39488	Martinsen's Home Center	Supplies & maintenance	571.10
39489	McKeever's	Supplies	89.42
39490	NDAAO	Registration	105.00
39491	NDACo	St. Atty. Computer	4396.25
39492	Dept. of Corrections	Parole & Probation	900.00
39493	ND State Radio	911 & Teletype	1435.20
39494	State Surplus Property	Equipment	100.00
39495	ND Water Foundation	Supplies	25.00
39496	Quill Corp.	Supplies	26.90
39497	Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	720.00
39498	Sa-So	Signs	137.36
39499	SEL Lumber	Repairs	2532.42
39500	Stein's	Supplies	154.92
39501	The Teller	Publishing fees	542.21
39502	US Link	Long distance phone calls	412.34
39503	Verizon Wireless	Cell phone	39.77
39504	White Banner	Uniforms	114.20

39505	Steve Wyum	Travel	350.48
39506	CPU	Data processing charges	446.25
39507	Dickey Rural	911 contracts	354.50
39508	First National Ins.	Annual premiums	30588.00
39509	Connie Gulleson	Travel	25.30
39510	Julie Hassebroek	Supplies	9.68
39511	ITD	56 K connection	209.80
39512	NDHS	FC & MA	1179.66
39513	NDDCS	Hillside annual payment	4827.27
39514	NDSU Print Shop	Supplies	25.00
39515	Newman Signs	911 signs	251.51
39516	ND 4-H Foundation	Registration	280.00
39517	Office Max	Supplies	39.43
39518	Pierce Roofing	Re-roofing courthouse	34060.00
39519	Norm Preble	VSO travel	112.80
39520	US West Comm.	911	296.18
39521	Bear Creek Gravel	Road repair	15228.20
39522	Bernard Mahrer Const.	Gravel, pea rock	5560.73
39523	Christianson Asphalt	MC-800	6439.26
39524	Crandall Construction	Gravel, rock	11210.14
39525	Dakota Improvement Inc.	Emergency Road repairs # 2	50715.50
39526	General Equipment	Repairs	4436.05
39527	Gwinner Oil	Gasoline	2040.00
39528	Interstate Eng.	Engineering services	177.84
39529	Johnston Fargo Culvert	Culverts	5924.32
39530	ND Petroleum Tank Fund	Tank registration	150.00
39531	SE Medical Center	DOT exam	75.00
39532	Welton Tire Service	Tires	617.50
39533	Zep Mfg. Co.	Asphalt supplies	198.73
39534	3D Specialties	Signs	1660.19

Meeting adjourned at 3:35.

LYSLE COLEMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR