

Forman, North Dakota
July 2, 2002

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: W.E. Smith, Karen Anderson, Steve Wyum, Ray Brockman and Donald Wehlander. Absent none.

Lyle Bopp arrived to assist the Board in reviewing the proposed revisions to the county personnel policy.

Stanley Ritzman and Jeff Mund met with the Board. Mr. Mund is purchasing the Geneseo Bar from Mr. Ritzman and has completed the application for liquor and beer licenses. Lyle Bopp reported that a background check should be conducted by the Sheriff's Dept. on Mr. Mund. Approve Beer and Liquor license to JMDK, LLC for the remainder of the year pending approval of background check. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve twelve-month dance permit to Geneseo Bar. (Wehlander/Anderson, unanimous)

Dan Jacobson, SC Water Board met with the Board to report on a problem with Co. # 7 near the Bergh-McLaen waterway. Sparky will be contacted to look at the situation and report to the Board. A Texas crossing located between Section 36-131-55 LTL and 31-130-54 LTL in Tewaukon Township has been underwater and the culvert has deteriorated. The county cost shared placement of the culvert in 1988. The Water Board would like to repair the crossing with a 36" squash culvert approximately 34' in length and ask for cost share from the county. Replace the pipe as recommended by the Water Board. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

The Board opened bids on Main Street Building. One bid was received for \$10,121. Reject bid due to inadequate amount. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve Warranty Deed to Richard J. Anderson, Breckenridge, MN for the W1/2 of SE1/4-13-131-57, as the contract for deed has been fulfilled and the current taxes are paid in full. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Norm Preble, Tax Director, met with the Board to discuss taxation issues.

Darren D. Moser, Dickey Rural Networks arrived at the meeting to review the towersite lease renewal. The current lease will expire January 1, 2003 and the request is for a 20-year renewal. Lyle Bopp has read the lease prepared by a DRN attorney and recommends approval. Approve renewal of the tower site lease. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Karen Anderson reported there has been problems with the elevator addition leaking. Merry Ruch called Karen and inquired about purchasing the county's old phone system for Wheatcrest Hills. The Board authorized sale of the phones and Karen will negotiate on the selling price. A letter was received from the two presidents' of the NDACo and NDCCA that they plan to visit Sargent County on July 30 at 8:00 a.m. They hope as many commissioners and other elected officials can meet with them to visit and tour the courthouse. Karen attended a meeting yesterday in Fargo with Senator Dorgan to discuss a disaster declaration for North Dakota.

The Board received a copy of the Permit for Solid Waste Management Facility for Big Dipper Enterprises, Inc., Dakota Municipal Solid Waste Landfill from the North Dakota Dept. of Health. The report lists conditions under which the permit is issued. The operation of the disposal facility must adhere to these permit provisions.

Discussed the Medical Flexible Spending account. The current limit is \$600 per year and allows employees to have pre-tax dollars deducted from their salaries to pay for eligible out-of-pocket expenses. Out-of-pocket expenses have increased in the past for clinic calls, laboratory tests and other medical expenses. Increase amount to \$900 for the year beginning August 1, 2002. (Wehlander/Anderson, unanimous)

Roz Amerman met briefly with the Board.

Reviewed pledge of assets and approved as adequate according to law. Sargent County Bank - \$3,845,000 and First National Bank - \$2,000,000. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Discussed the Wireless 911 Implementation Joint Powers agreement between the county and NDACo. Approve the agreement for a period of 5 years. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve June 18, 2002 minutes. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Duane E. Johnson, Gwinner and Norm Preble met with the Board regarding an application for abatement and settlement of taxes on Lot 2, Block 7, Original Addition, Gwinner City. Mr. Johnson is requesting that the building assessment be removed because the building was destroyed in May 2000. Gwinner City approved a

reduction in the value from \$18,258 to \$9,200. Concur with the city and waive the interest and penalty because of prior discussion with Tax Director and commissioners on this issue. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist, road supervisor and Rod Burkhardt, RDO Equipment arrived at the meeting. The Board received bids for a motor grader last month and tabled their decision. Sparky stated that in light of the trade-in allowance, he recommends that Sargent County keep the 140G Caterpillar and use as we are now and buy a motor grader straight out. He prefers a new machine with the snow equipment and suggests the lower bid from Sweeney Brothers to purchase a Volvo at \$167,443. Board members further discussed the recommendation. Approve purchase of the Volvo outright with no trade-in. (Wehlander/Anderson. Roll call: Yes: Wehlander, Anderson, Wyum, Smith, Brockman. No: None. Motion carried.)

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

RAY BROCKMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR