

Forman, North Dakota
July 2, 2019

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:02 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room with the following members present: Bill Anderson; Lyle Bopp; and, Jerry Waswick. Also present was Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Jeanne Sexton-Brown, the Sargent County Teller; and, April Bladow, Sargent County Chief Deputy Auditor. Absent was Jason Arth and Richard Ruch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Richard Ruch, Commissioner, arrived at the meeting.

Melissa Seykora, NDSU Extension Ag and Natural Resources (ANR) Agent; and, Cindy Klapperich, NDSU Extension Family and Community Wellness (FCW) Agent; met with the commission to report on the activities of the County's Extension Service office personnel from April through June, 2019. A written report was delivered to each commissioner and to the deputy auditor. A copy of the report can be obtained from the Extension Office. Ms. Seykora has been involved with numerous workshops and projects including: Natural Resource Management, Horticulture, 4-H Youth Development; Township Officers Association; An Interview with Mick Kjar, Ag Reporter for KQLX Radio AM890; along with several other meetings on behalf of Sargent County. Ms Klapperich has also been involved with programs including: Nutrition Food Safety and Health Education, Personal and Family Finance Education where she worked with Sargent County Deputy Tanner Tougas to present an educational program for seniors. Ms Klapperich also was involved in 4-H youth development, Community Connections and Professional Development. Things are going well in their new office at the WRSCD building. The commission thanked the Sargent County Extension Service staff for a job well done.

Approve June 21, 2019 meeting minutes as corrected. (Bopp/Ruch, unanimous)

Darci Weber, Social Services Director, arrived at the meeting to discuss the Social Services Redesign Zone Board Appointments and inquired about designating a person to sign vouchers until a new chair is appointed. Motion to appoint Brenda Peterson, Health Department Administrator; Lyle Bopp, Commissioner; and Christina Ferderer; Social Service Board Member, to the Zone board. (Anderson/Ruch, unanimous) Motion to designate Brenda Peterson, Health Department Administrator and Social Services Board member, to approve vouchers for the County Social Services Department; and, to appoint Lyle Bopp, Commissioner and Social Services Board member, as an alternate signatory for the Social Service Department's vouchers until a new chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Social Services Board are elected. (Anderson/Ruch) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the supplemental insurance coverage plans offered by Colonial Life Insurance that were offered by the Company's representative at the June 21 meeting, and the commissioners decided to refer consideration of the matter to the Personnel Board to obtain employee input.

Motion to increase the General Liability Limit on Sargent County's liability Insurance Policy with North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund from the current 2 million to 5 million. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the personal property that was abandoned on a property in Forman that has been forfeited to the county for non-payment of real estate taxes which has not been picked up. Commissioner Ruch informed the board that Dukey Skroch and Shay Walden were going to be removing the items today.

Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting.

Jason Asche, Sargent County resident, arrived at the meeting, he was inquiring about the culvert on County road 6 south of Gwinner, and was concerned about the lack of water flow and of the water being held on land adjacent to the road. Discussion was held on the measurements they were going to take to clear out the culvert and get the culvert flowing smoothly again. The commission thanked Jason for coming and expressing his concern.

Motion to approve Application for Drainage Work Within County Road Right-Of-Way from Stephan Hogness, Milnor, to build a new approach. Location is in Section 9-131-53 – Herman Township. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the Road Supervisor, Merrill Engquist, to purchase an extended warranty on the maintainer 672G, serial number ending in 1446, if cost is no more than \$1,650. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on getting the 5 highway trucks DOT inspected and certified. Motion was made to have the 5 highway trucks DOT inspected once every 1-3 years. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor, is requesting to hire Loy Justeson at a B22/step 4 acknowledging his past experience and his current CDL status. Motion to hire Loy Justeson at a B22/Step 4 acknowledging his past experience and his current CDL status (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the trees that are affected by Dutch Elm and also the other trees that are currently dying and needed to be removed. Mr Bopp will contact Jerry Bohnenkamp about their removal.

Discussion on the AED replacement and AED child patches was discussed. Motion was made that an AED for the Sargent County Courthouse be purchased along with child patches for the AED and the cost come from the general budget. Also, child patches be ordered for the ambulance and those patches be the responsibility of the ambulance. (Ruch/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

No applications had been received for appointment to the County's School Reorganization Board. Discussion was held on the function of the board. State Law requires that the County have a School Reorganization Board, Even if it hasn't met for many years. Motion made to appoint Richard Ruch, Commissioner, to the School Reorganization board, term expiring 2022. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Pfau informed the board that judgement had been obtained against Five Star Dairy for \$3,623.80 for nonpayment of dust control charges.

Motion was made to concur with the Sargent County Weed Board to place the Weed Control Officer on unpaid administrative leave. (Bopp/Ruch) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

JERRY WASWICK-VICE CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

APRIL BLADOW –CHIEF DEPUTY AUDITOR