

Forman, North Dakota
July 20, 2010

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, Jerry Waswick and Maurice Orn. Absent: none. Also present: Damon DeVillers, Interstate Eng., Inc., Wahpeton and Kathy Marquette, Rutland.

Sparky Engquist, SC Road Supt. joined the meeting and Damon DeVillers informed the Board that the bid for the Sargent County CER-4125(061) project on County 10 (Box culvert south of Rutland) was opened on July 16. There were three bidders and the apparent low bidder was Riley Brothers Construction, Inc., Morris, MN. The bid was \$375,758.31, which was \$836.31 over the engineers estimate. Motion to accept the bid from Riley Brothers Construction, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract. (Orn/Wyum, unanimous)

Other road issues discussed included the paving project on County 7 and 10 which is done except for graveling the approaches, a fog coat and striping. The completion is planned for the end of this week except for the striping, which will be delayed due to a shortage of the resin needed to manufacture the paint. Discussed meeting with ND Dept. of Transportation (NDDOT) regarding proposed projects for the 2011-2012 Federal Aid Program. Damon DeVillers will schedule a meeting with NDDOT during the annual NDACO convention in October, 2010. Further discussion followed on statutorily mandated Minimum Stream Crossing Standards and criteria involved in replacing culverts on natural waterways. The encroachment of Kraft Slough on County Road 2 was discussed, and Sparky Engquist reported that the bill for Emergency Repairs work has been submitted, including the cost of rip rap for repairs. Sparky and Damon will inspect the site where the edges are washed out, today, July 20. Sparky also reported on: proposed milling projects for County # 12 and # 14 south of ND Highway #11, approximately 10 miles at \$16,000 per mile; gravel for future projects; and seal coat on County # 12 and # 4. Maurice Orn requested "Children at Play" signs be installed east of Stirum. The tile project at Alkali Lake was discussed and Sparky reported he is working with State Game & Fish Department officials to continue with the project. The Board's concerns about adding more gravel roads by milling blacktop and the Road Department's ability to maintain what are out there now were discussed. The Road Superintendent was asked if it will be necessary to contract with private contractors in the area in order to get the maintenance performed in a timely manner. Sparky answered that the Road Department is dealing with adverse conditions at the present time, but will be able to perform the required maintenance with the manpower and equipment now available.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at the meeting.

Jacque Dotzenrod, The Sargent County Teller, arrived at the meeting.

Motion to approve a Sargent County Road Permit to Scott's Electric, Wahpeton, ND to do underground boring for a rural water installation at 9071 138th Ave SE (NE1/4-1-130-55) at the Kyle Marquette residence, Rutland. This would connect to the main line of Southeast Water Users District located on the East side of 138th Ave SE in Sargent County. The request is to bore a one inch 200 pound pressure rated line under 138th Ave. SE (County # 10) at a depth of approximately 10 to 12 feet below the road surface. Motion to approve the request and grant the permit. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, Tax Director; Shannon Jablonsky, Assistant Tax Director; and, Kenny Keller, Gwinner arrived at the meeting and the Board proceeded to review an application for Abatement or Refund of Taxes for Kenny Keller. Mr. Keller purchased a tract of land located in the NW1/4-4-132-56 – approximately 20.55 acres. The property is currently classified as commercial and Mr. Keller is requesting that the classification be changed to residential, and that the valuation be substantially reduced. Initially the application was not filled out correctly but Whitestone Hill Township approved the application and agreed that the property should be classified as residential, but showed 2 different valuation amounts. Sandy Hanson presented photos, maps and explained the inspection she and Norman Preble made of the site. Bill Anderson, Commissioner suggested that the application be returned to Whitestone Hill Township to clarify their approval and recommendation as to valuation.

Approve minutes of July 6, 2010 meeting as corrected. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous) Board members also received a copy of the June 2010 financial statement.

Approve July payroll in the sum of \$160,491.12 (nos. 4659-4709 and 62720-62736) and the following bills. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

62656	Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity	860.89
62657	Ransom Co.	VSO expense reimbursement	735.91
62658-62673		Weed Board Expenses	21,513.33

62674-62694		Health Unit Expenses	5819.14
62695	City of Forman	Water/Sewer/Garbage	245.30
62696-62701		Weed Board Expenses	3796.58
62702-62719		Human Services Expenses	13,651.38
62737	American Express	Credit Card Purchases	1277.84
62738	B&K Electric, Inc.	Electrical at Fairground	1070.60
62739	Bopp, Cody	Building Maintenance	82.50
62740	Bopp, Mark (Snowman +)	Stump Grinding	294.00
62741	Buhl's	Cleaning Services	188.76
62742	Chunky's Standard Service	Tires	734.00
62743	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	844.83
62744	Election Systems & Software	Election Materials	4420.49
62745	Farmers Union Oil Co.	Fuel and Supplies	942.01
62746	Forman Drug	Photo Developing	41.59
62747	FRS Industries, Inc.	Office Supplies	27.92
62748	Gwinner One Stop	Fuel	720.35
62749	Hanson, Casey & Elida	Mowing	227.00
62750	Hardware Hank	Supplies	99.00
62751	Hillestad, Gina	Travel	543.00
62752	Hosford, Sherry	Travel	360.00
62753	Information Tech. Dept.	LERMS/WAN	519.80
62754	J&M Companies	Copies	10.78
62755	Jacobson Plumbing/Heating	Sewer Pipe/Repairs	18290.92
62756	Kozok, David	Travel	62.50
62757	Martinsen's Home Center	Supplies	200.89
62758	McLaen's Service	Oil Change	61.80
62759	Minn-kota Communications	Rewire Phone Extensions	709.00
62760	NDAAO	Registration Fee	150.00
62761	NDACo	Computer Program	12.00
62762	NDEMA	Registration Fee	50.00
62763	ND Newspaper Assoc.	Printing	162.30
62764	ND State Radio Comm.	User Fees	237.84
62765	NDACo Resources Group	Office Supplies	114.22
62766	Office Depot	Office Supplies	104.94
62767	Olson, Donald	Tree Removal	430.00
62768	Orn, Maurice	Travel	249.50
62769	Paeper, Travis	Travel	62.50
62770	Public Empl. HR Consulting	Job Descriptions	900.00
62771	Quill Corp.	Office Supplies	604.61
62772	The Sargent Co. Teller	Publishing	1574.98
62773	SEL Lumber	Carpet	1416.98
62774	White Banner	Uniforms	202.00
62775	Arrowhead Transport, Inc.	Gravel	18,959.80
62776	Bernard Mahrer Const., Inc.	Gravel	10,854.88
62777	CA Contractor Supply, Inc.	Tools	289.90
62778	Ekstrom Repair Shop	Repairs	935.80
62779	Farm Plan Corp.	Parts & Repairs	2671.62
62780	Forman Repair	Repairs	307.61
62781	Jacobson Implement	Repairs	217.95
62782	Johnston Fargo Culvert, Inc.	Culvert	
6201.62			
62783	Martinsen Home Center	Supplies	6.24
62784	ND Dept. of Ins.	Tanks Coverage	300.00
62785	Nelson Bulk Oil	Fuel	4938.00
62786	Sheehan Mack Sales/Equip.	Parts	2008.90
62787	Barnes County Corrections	Prisoner Board	2470.00
62788	Computer Pro. Unlimited	Data Processing Charges	946.12
62789	Dell Marketing LP	Software	385.61
62790	Dickey Rural Networks	911 Contracts	235.00
62791	Galls, Inc.	Vests	1167.49
62792	Hassebroek, Julie	Travel	507.79
62793	Interstate Engineering, Inc.	Professional Services	28,705.07
62794	Lisbon Area Health Services	Blood Alcohol Draw	144.00
62795	NDACo	911 Service Costs	515.00
62796	ND Dept. of Ins.	Insurance coverage	4159.72
62797	ND State Radio	911	5552.94
62798	NDACo Resources Group	Computer Hardware & Shipping	131.01

62799	NRG Technology Services	Tech. Support	585.00
62800	Oakes Community Hospital	Blood Alcohol Draw	20.00
62801	Peterson, Brenda	Travel	62.50
62802	Promotional Key Chains	Key Chains	295.00
62803	Qwest	911 Contracts	191.88
62804	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	385.00

Jerry Waswick agreed to set up a meeting with the members of the Soils Committee, as soon as possible, and proceeds to establish modifiers for the soils based valuation system for agricultural property.

Mike Walstead, Courthouse Commissioner updated the Board on replacing the heating system in the courthouse. A pre-bid meeting will be conducted on July 28 and bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on August 6th at the Sargent County Courthouse.

Received an estimate to repair lower walls in the basement area to include seal stucco or plaster in areas where necessary and clean and paint other areas. The estimate from Tom Lyon Masonry was \$2600. Accept the estimate and authorize Mr. Lyon to do the work. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous)

Reviewed the State Fire and Tornado Insurance policy of all county buildings and personal property. Motion to renew policy as submitted by State Fire and Tornado, subject to revision following review by Barb Enderson, Insurance Agent, Sargent County Insurance Agency. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve Gaming Site Authorization to American Legion Lawrence Milton Berg Post 38 of Cogswell to conduct games of chance at the Galloping Goose Bar Inc., Stirum beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous)

Received three Applications for Property Tax Incentives for New or Expanding Businesses 1) PB & J LLC referred to Havana City Council for consideration as the location of the project is within the city limits of Havana City; 2)Kathy Jo Pfingsten, DVM for a large and small animal veterinary service located at 14080 Highway 13, in Section 16-132-54, Milnor Township – requesting five years 100% property tax exemption and 3)HLSW, LLC for an agricultural retail sales and service including seed and chemical sales, custom chemical application, trucking, agronomy services and seed treating located on Lot 4-30-129-55, Weber Township – requesting five years 100% property tax exemption and 5 years of payments in lieu of taxes with a payment of \$1509. Notice to Competitors of Hearing on Application for Property Tax Incentives will be prepared and published and the hearings were set for August 3, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. respectively.

Appoint Terry Dusek, Milnor City Council member to the Sargent County Job Development Authority to replace Donald Wehlander. Term ending December 31, 2010. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Petitions were filed with the County Auditor for the Annexation of Havana Rural Fire Protection District to the Forman Rural Fire Protection District. Sherry Hosford, County Auditor has determined and certified that such petition has been signed by at least sixty percent (60%) of the freeholders whose names appear on the current tax schedules. States Attorney Lyle Bopp will prepare a letter and send to the Havana Rural Fire District Board of Directors informing them of their options to proceed with the annexation, in whole or in part, or to withdraw the petition. Said decision must be made within thirty (30) days, and then submitted to the County Commission for review. The States Attorney advised that the Commission may approve the annexation in whole or in part, or, may reject the annexation request.

Bids were opened for surplus property owned by Sargent County. Motion to accept all high bids on all items and authorize the County Auditor to dispose of remaining items as she deems appropriate. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR