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

Travis Paeper, Sparky Engquist, Gina Hillestad and Darlene Colbert, members of the SC Personnel Board met with the commission. They met on 7-13-99 to discuss pay increases for 2000 and step increases for employees not at midpoint. They reviewed information from Rhodes and Shanley and recommend a 3% increase on pay range for all employees for the year 2000. In addition, about 11 employees are not at mid-point and they recommend one step retroactive 7-1-99, another 1-1-00 and another 7-1-00. Approve step increase for employees not at mid-point retroactive 7-1-99 for employees that have met the requirements of their job and not on probationary status. (Wyum/Brockman. Roll call. Aye: Wyum, Brockman, Coleman, Wehlander and Smith. Nay none. Carried)

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, arrived at the meeting to discuss the road projects and provided information on an overlay to Co. # 14.

Sonia & Leroy Meehl met with the Board regarding the hearing on an application for property tax incentives for new or expanding businesses. No one appeared at the hearing. Crete Grain Co., Inc. was requesting a 100% property tax exemption for 5 years and payments in lieu of taxes for an additional 9 years. Sonia explained the reason for the expansion and need to build a shuttle-train facility. She also addressed why it should be built in Crete, the impact on local citizens and the benefits to the area. Approve 5-year 100% property tax exemption on the new expansion of the grain handling facility in Crete, ND as per NDCC 40-57.1-03 from the date of commencement of project operations. (Wehlander/Coleman. Roll call. Aye: Wehlander, Coleman, Wyum, Brockman and Smith. Nay none.)

Lyle Bopp met with the Board to discuss the SC District Board of Health. They discussed the 7-19-99 minutes of that Board and a letter from Murray Sagsveen, State Health Officer. The Commission agreed to schedule a meeting with the Health Board to discuss the role of the Health Board and the role of the county commissioners in the operation of the SC health unit.

Sandy Hanson met to request an allowance for furniture for the EM/911 office. Approve \$600 for furniture. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous) The Board discussed a draft of a job description for Disaster Emergency, 911, grant coordinator and Road Dept. Administrative Assistant.

Approve additional 1.25 hours/week/person and 2 steps on salary schedule for custodians for allowance of extra maintenance on the elevator addition. This job classification would be a Grade 3, Step 11. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Irv Rustad and Carl Altenbernd, Lake Agassiz Regional Council, Norman E. Triebwasser, Architect and David & Keith McFarland met with the commissioners to discuss funding available for 2 different projects. Sargent County conditionally agreed earlier to match funds for economic development. Ray-Mac, Inc., Gwinner, ND is undergoing major expansion and the McFarland's would like some funding to proceed. Money would be borrowed at 7%. LARC would receive 5% and the county 2%. The other project is a 12-16-plex in Milnor for senior housing. A pre-lease would be offered to residents and they need 70% occupancy prior to construction plans. After much discussion, the commission agreed to offer a conditional commitment for the Milnor housing project. Approve \$150,000 to Ray-Mac, Inc. on a 15 year amortized loan. The 2% fee would be returned to the county on a monthly basis. (Brockman/Wyum. Roll call. Aye: Brockman, Wyum, Coleman, Wehlander and Smith. Nay: none. Carried)

Les Bjore, Architect for the elevator addition, met with the commission to discuss items that need to be completed, water problems and content and location of the plaque. Paver blocks will be installed and asphalt repaired. The contractor will be delayed for the asphalt blocks. Approve and authorize Larry (Doc) Nelson to lay concrete on the southside of the addition. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous) Discussed re-roofing the courthouse. Les agreed to get additional information.

Sparky Engquist discussed road projects and requested glass coverage on the 3 gravel trucks. Cost per truck is \$69/year with a \$50 deductible. Approve. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous) Joel Grothe accepted the position at the road department and he will start work on July 26, 1999. Gravel project are being completed and will wrap up for the year. The culvert between Section 35/36 in Tewaukon Township on Co. # 12 will be replaced beginning August 23, 1999. Setbacks for county roads are listed in the affected township-zoning ordinance and in most cases 150 feet from the center of the road.

Norm Preble informed the commission that the State Tax Dept. notified him that after re-calculation of the cropland, non-cropland and inundated acres, the new county average including inundated land is \$315.89.

Adopt Application Fee for Solid Waste and Incineration Applications at \$1,000 plus compensatory fees. (Brockman/Wyum. Following discussion the commission felt they need more information. Request the President of the Planning Commission meet with this Board on August $3^{\rm rd}$. Withdraw $2^{\rm nd}$ and motion.)

Authorize Chairman to sign the County Federal Aid Contract and Bond for project DPI 0036(005) 411 Structure and Approaches. (Brockman/Coleman, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bills and July payroll in the sum of \$71,159.72. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

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37023 ND Post Board	Licensing renewal	50.00
37024 City of Forman	Water, sewer & garbage	175.65
Social Service expenses		8433.26
37102 Larry Nelson	Labor	490.00
37103 Airtouch	Cell phone	26.89
37104 Amoco	Gasoline	19.11
37105 Earl W. Anderson Jr.	Travel	10.00
37106 Darren Benneweis	Security	100.00
37107 BW Seven Seas Inn	Lodging	49.00
37108 BW Dakota Inn	Lodging	82.08
37109 Ray Brockman	Travel	16.00
37110 Buhl's	Cleaning service	186.06
37111 Chunky's Standard	Tires & service	363.70
37112 Darlene Colbert	Travel	80.00
37113 Comfort Inn	Lodging	72.00
37114 Dacotah Paper Co.	Supplies	41.87
37115 Dave's I-29 Amoco	Gasoline	11.07
37116 Dickey Rural Comm.	Telephone service	530.31
37117 Dyste's	Supplies	37.42
37117 Dyste's 37118 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas & propane	755.22
37110 Farmers officin Off Co.		145.21
	Repairs	
37120 Forman Drug	Supplies	13.15
37121 Gladstone Select Inn	Lodging	117.00
37122 Hansen Lumber	Air conditioner	522.00
37123 Sandra Hanson	Travel	161.25
37124 Haroldson Office	Folders	75.40
37125 Hardware Hank	Repairs	145.73
37126 Gina Hillestad	Travel	275.00
37127 Sherry Hosford	Travel	79.00
37128 ISD	56K Connection	131.13
37129 Lisbon Medical Center	Blood Alcohol	58.00
37130 Martinsen's	Repairs	246.45
37131 Diane McDaniel	Travel	15.00
37132 McKeever's	HBA	57.38
37133 Milnor Jack & Jill	Supplies	17.14
37134 Minn-kota Communication		198.80
37135 NDAAO	Travel	85.00
37136 NDACo	CEUS	10.00
37137 ND Dept. of Corrections		900.00
37138 Oahe Windshield	Replacement	406.01
37139 Office Interiors Inc.	6 chairs	2303.40
37140 Officeland	Supplies	40.71
37141 Prairie Printing	Supplies	29.99
37142 Rhodes, Shanley & Assoc		153.00
37143 Richland Co. Correction	s Prisoner Board	1800.00
37144 Stearns Co. Sheriff	Service order	30.00
37145 The Teller	Publishing fees	320.85
37146 US Link	Long distance calls	400.90
37147 Viking Office Products	Supplies	26.66
37148 Dennis Wheeler	Security	100.00
37149 AW Diesel Service	Repairs	88.88
37150 Bernard Mahrer Const.	Gravel # 3, 6, 2	22838.78
37151 Christianson Asphalt	MC-800 asphalt	4706.52
37152 Economy Oil Inc.	Gasoline & fuel	3953.71
37153 General Equip. & Suppl.	Blades	357.60
37154 Gwinner Farmers Elev.	Fuel	777.15
37155 Jacobson Implement	763 Bobcat	17081.16
37156 Johnston Fargo Culvert	Culverts	20333.80
37157 Kiefer Implement	Gas	5.55
37158 Kustom Machine Inc.	Repairs	244.84
37159 Mark Sand & Gravel	Bituminous Mix # 12 South	16614.85
37160 Nelson Int'l	Repairs	407.40
37161 ND Petroleum Tank Fund	Tank registration	150.00
37162 SEL Lumber Inc.	Repairs	18.74
37163 Sturdevant's Inc.	Repairs	27.93
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37164 Swanston Equip.	Repairs	217.09
37165 Corporate Tech.	Labor	40.00
37166 DARE Mdse	Supplies	230.08
37167 Dickey Rural Telephone	911	402.50
37168 First National Ins.	Premiums	31512.08
37169 Connie Gulleson	Travel	65.00
37170 Julie Hassebroek	Travel	67.50
37171 Interstate Eng.	Services	17390.76
37172 NDDHS	SPED, MA, FC	1139.64
37173 ND State Radio Comm.	911	1225.20
37174 NDSU	Equipment & supplies	361.08
37175 Office Max	Supplies	33.98
37176 NDOIA	Gibbon C-Store payment	4802.49
37177 Forman Ambulance	1999 allocation	10715.00
37178 Milnor Ambulance	1999 allocation	10715.00
37179 Service Master	Cleaning courthouse	2079.00
37180 State Fire & Tornado	Building coverage	2808.77
37181 Tee's Plus	DARE	62.35
37182 US West	911	295.14
37183 Valley Flooring	Elevator addition	9073.95
Weed Board expenses		17445.65

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

W.E. SMITH - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR