

July 3, 2001
Forman, North Dakota

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Steve Wyum, Bill Smith, Ray Brockman, Donald Wehlender and Karen Anderson. Absent none.

Discussed carpet cleaning in the offices on the main floor. Estimate is \$243. Approve. Other contract services were discussed and agreed that pre-approval should be obtained from the Board prior to the work.

A proposal to wash the windows at the courthouse was received from the German Window Washer. No action.

A letter from North Dakota Recorders Information Network was received and discussed. Invite Patricia Carlen, Register of Deeds to the July 17th meeting to discuss further.

Approve payment of \$277.50 to Merrill Engquist for purchase of tools purchased at the state auction.

Reviewed pledge of assets and approved as adequate according to law. Sargent County Bank - \$3,285,000 and First National Bank - \$1,525,000. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

Discussed a fixed asset software program with Computer Professionals Unlimited. Approve purchase at a cost of \$250. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

Revise Section 508 of the Sargent County Non-Social Services Employees Handbook for Use of Equipment and Vehicles. The following statement shall be added to the policy: Department Heads are instructed to deliver any inventory item that is no longer being used in their department to the commission office or to their attention to get approval to dispose of.

Doug Staller and Jack Lalor met with the Board. Mr. Staller is the new refuge manager at Tewaukon National Refuge. They discussed upcoming activities at the refuge.

Norm Preble, Tax Director met with the Board and presented a proposal for rural residential parcels and the value criteria. The first acre or less @ \$1,000; two-five acres @ \$750/acre and six-ten acres @ \$500/acre. It has been six years since the rural properties have been reviewed and the values are increasing. Authorize the re-valuing on rural parcels.

Approve June 19, 2001 minutes as corrected. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, Bonnie Anderson, Eva Nelson, Roger Zetocha, SC Fairboard and Julie Hassebroek and Connie Gulleson, Extension Service met with the Board regarding the 2001 fair. A carnival has not been contracted for the fair and the Fairboard is still looking. Discussed the date of the fair and other ways that may increase the attendance. The Fairboard is advertising for an establishment to run the food stand. The Waloch's have declined due to health reasons. The Fairboard is optimistic for the 2001 fair and have added many new activities. Discussed proposed restrooms at the fairgrounds. Grant money has been approved and other donations have been received. The county commissioners were asked for funding so the building can be built this fall to include bathrooms, concessions and storage. A request will be included with the 2002 budget.

Sheriff Chuck Gates introduced the new deputy sheriff, Rick Carney, who will be stationed in Milnor. His employment date is July 1 at a starting salary of \$1861.59/month.

Sandy Hanson, 911 coordinator, discussed the 911 wireless legislation. The law was passed in the 2001 legislature with some stipulations. A statewide advisory board has been put back in place to set up standards. The issue of charging the wireless phones was passed and the maximum is \$1.00 per phone. Without the fees the cost of the technology is unreachable so this fee has been approved. The cell companies would like to see all entities implement the fee at the same time and want to deal with one person instead of many different individuals. One person has been appointed to meet with the cell companies from the 911 association. Approve hearing notice be placed in the Teller for a public hearing to extend the current 911 fee imposed on landline telephone service to wireless (cellular) communications services pursuant to NDCC 57-40.6. The hearing shall be held on August 7, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the commissioner's room. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Commissioner Brockman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the 2001 budget has earmarked \$150,000 for economic development to encourage and assist in the development of employment within the county, and

WHEREAS, the Sargent County Job Development Authority has been approached by Jerry Waswick, Chiropractor, Gwinner, ND for funding to purchase the old post office building,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Sargent County Commissioner approves a loan up to \$20,000 at 2% interest under prime to be used as requested by the JDA for purchasing the old post office building in Gwinner, ND. Said loan shall be secured by a first mortgage to JDA/Sargent County on the building and equipment.

Commissioner Wyum seconded the resolution. Voting yes: All. Voting no: None. Resolution was duly declared carried and adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

DONALD WEHLANDER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR