

Forman, North Dakota
July 5, 2005

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Ray Brockman, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum and Jerry Waswick. Absent none.

Commissioner Bill Anderson reported on the flooding incident in Milnor, which occurred on June 29-30. He commended the leaders of the community along with EMS Director, Sandy Hanson for their quick response to the flooding. Steve Wyum and Jerry Waswick were also present in Milnor and discussed the various options considered to move the water through town. City, county and Water Board representatives toured the area and monitored the situation. There are some damages on county roads, which are being assessed by the road supervisor. Havana City residents also incurred damages due to excess water and the Mayor was advised to document this information and work with the Water Board. Rutland City damages resulted from excessive rain and not a water management problem.

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

The Board discussed the current county sick leave policy and directed the States Attorney to draft a revised policy for commission review.

Sandy Hanson, EMS Director, arrived at the meeting and reported that things are much better in Milnor but there is still some standing water. This weekend the dikes were opened up and driveways firmed up. Damage to the homes is minimal because the water level was kept low enough in the trailer park and did not damage the mobile homes. She discussed a disaster declaration and informed the commission it is up to them but would recommend doing a declaration due to the change in circumstances from the excessive rain on June 29. She explained the various types of assistance offered through the federal government. Approve Amended Emergency Declaration to include the following: Whereas, Sargent County has received Severe Summer Weather and above average rainfall the month of June, with substantial amounts striking Sargent County in hard downpours in short periods of time, and Whereas, Sargent County is suffering flooding of overland, creeks, legal and natural drains, and tributaries; and Whereas, this type of rainfall, when added to the above average precipitation received in April and May, has and continues to cause hardship, suffering, and damages to the agricultural, residential and public infrastructure and property in Sargent County. Now therefore be it resolved, that the Sargent County Board of Commissioners declare an amendment to the declaration dated June 21, 2005 in support of measures that need to be taken to continue to provide all necessary action in this state of emergency. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous) Sandy and the commissioners are invited to a meeting with Senator Dorgan in Wyndmere on July 7th after he views the Milnor/Wyndmere area.

Sandy Hanson also reported on the emergency incident exercise (Chlorine spill from the train) in Crete on June 28. Many people attended and participated and she felt overall that the entire exercise was successful. Communication was an issue and always is in an emergency. They will work on improving other problems that occurred.

Approve June 21, 2005 minutes as corrected. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. arrived at the meeting and informed the Board of the upcoming pre-construction conference on July 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the commissioner's room for Co. #4 and #10. He also presented a construction engineering contract for SC4125(058) (County No. 10 north of Rutland). Approve contract not to exceed \$20,779.05. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous) Approve Change Orders No. 1 & 2 for Bridge 118-20-BRC-4120(054) for the detour route and foundation fill-net increase of \$972. (Brockman/Wyum, unanimous)

Bill Anderson left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Sparky Engquist reported on Co. # 10-north of Rutland and inquired about raising the road prior to the maintenance bituminous overlay, which is scheduled to begin next week. Discussed whether FEMA monies would be available for this grade raise. Damon agreed to look at the road and inquire about funding. Also discussed Co. #10 near Edwin Erickson's and a solution to raise this area. Sparky took some culvert elevations and will attempt to remove restrictions from this area. Co. # 5 by Breker's and Lee's is also inundated and needs some repairs. County #3 west of Rutland has water over the road and is starting to cave in. South of Rutland by the Prindiville driveway has water about 4' higher on the north side than on the south side. Hamlin Grove area needs more culverts and set in with asphalt to hold in place. Steve suggested sending a letter to the state listing all these sites for damage assessment

review. Sparky reported that Glenn Hangaard was hired to start today as a part-time employee to assist with summer work. He will be paid \$9.25/hour.

Mark Breker, Dan Jacobson and Roger White, SC Water Board members, arrived at the meeting to discuss water on the south side of Buffalo Lake. It is still rising and flooding the roadway on the south side. There is restricted flow by Edwin Erickson's and it was suggested a long term solution to consider, is to divert some of the flow to the south. The Commission suggested that the Water Board pursue an earlier project involving the Nathe-Wyum area to remove water that is flooding the roadway that runs around the south side of Buffalo Lake. Sparky will continue to monitor the water level east of Erickson's and if it continues to rise the culverts flowing into Buffalo Lake may be temporarily restricted. Another option is to remove the cattails east of Erickson's to enhance the flow.

Approve removal of county item nos. 96, 1448 and 1449 from inventory and place on the sale list. (Waswick/Brockman, unanimous)

Approve County Silent Auction list of items prepared by the County Auditor and advertise for two weeks. Sealed bids of items for sale will be opened on July 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the commissioner's room. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

Discussed increase in mileage and per diem as amended and reenacted by the ND Legislative Assembly. Approve increasing the mileage for county employees \$.375 effective August 1 and per diem amounts as provided in Section 44-08-04. (Brockman/Wyum, unanimous)

Reviewed the county liability policy and approved increasing from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 effective with the next policy renewal. (Brockman/Waswick, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR