

Forman, North Dakota
July 5, 2011

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, David L Jacobson, Mike Walstead and Jerry Waswick. Absent: None. Mary Ann Gadberry, the Sargent County Teller, was also present.

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the second floor conference room for a non-agenda employee meeting.

The Board reconvened at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting room following the non-agenda employees' meeting.

Sandy Hanson, Tax Director, presented eight (8) Applications for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes for several Milnor City properties in the Milnor Renaissance Zone, correcting the percentage of exemption for each residential or commercial property. Milnor City approved the abatements for the following: Henry G & Carolyn J Martin (2009 & 2010) – Lot 15 and East half of Lot 16, Block 1, Mund's East Acres Addition; Dan & Dawn Mund (2009 & 2010) – Lot 3, Ordahl Addition; Ned & Valerie Clooten (2010) – All that part of Lot 8 lying West of line dividing North boundary line at 76 feet and South boundary line at 24.545 feet and Lot 9, Block 1, Mund's East Acres Addition; Earl L & Susan A Fust (2010) – Lot 18, Block 1, Mund's East Acres Addition; Nathan & Jennifer Sundquist (2010) – Lot 3, less tract, Block 28, Original Addition; John E & Lou Ann Larson (2010) – Lot 1-2 and northwest 15 feet of Lot 3, Block 34, Original Addition; Steven & Susan Schutt (2010) – Lot 15 & 16, Block 33, Original Addition, all in Milnor City. Concur with the City of Milnor. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, was present for a brief time to discuss the Erickson, Nathe & Stockstad lawsuit against Sargent County, and the Buffalo Lake Emergency Drainage permit in Shuman Township. Correspondence opposing an extension of the permit has been received from Edwin & Marlys Erickson and from Karen Krause, owners of some of the property affected by the emergency drain.

Karen Anderson, Havana, Sargent County's representative on the Dickey-Sargent Housing Authority met with the Board to report on the Housing Authority's activities; upcoming changes in staff; and also a new computer program for the Authority. Ms. Anderson explained how the housing program impacts Sargent County. Currently there are 45 people in approved housing and about one-half are from Sargent County. Further discussion followed on eligibility for the program, and on the process of applying for and obtaining housing assistance.

Approve minutes of June 21, 2011 meeting as corrected. (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous)

Larry Albertson, Mayor, Cogswell City, met to discuss the ongoing flooding in the northeast corner of the Cogswell City, and inquired whether the county plans to raise County # 4 at the CP Rail crossing by Cogswell. Sparky Engquist, Road Superintendent, reported that this site is an ER project for a grade raise. Mr. Albertson said this would be very beneficial to the city. Sparky explained the proposed project. Cogswell City has hired Kadrmass, Lee and Jackson engineering firm to look at various options to control the water in Cogswell. Mr. Albertson asked if the county had any objection to running water south down the County No. 4 road ditch or right of way. There has been talk of doing this, and the Board indicated that the Cogswell City engineer, the County's engineer and the Water Board's engineer would have to make recommendations concerning the viability of the project. The county would give favorable consideration for the use of this right of way to provide the flood relief and protection that Cogswell City needs. Mr. Albertson stated that any assistance the county can provide would be very much appreciated.

Motion to adopt a resolution recommended by Commission Chairman Waswick and Auditor Hosford allowing a one time transfer of sick leave equal to 5.6 hours from Hollie Asche to Brenda Peterson; and, to reimburse Holly Asche for vacation time accrued while employed in the County Auditor's Office. This action is being allowed only because of the unique circumstances involved with Ms. Asche's resignation from her position in the Auditor's office and continued part-time employment with the County's Health Unit; it is to be of no precedential value in the future; and, it shall have no bearing on current or future employees' accrued sick leave or vacation time. (Anderson/Jacobson, unanimous)

Rescind the appointment of Diane McDaniel, Gwinner to the Sargent County Planning Commission made in error on June 21, 2011 and appoint Geneva Waswick, Gwinner to a four year term. (Anderson/Walstead. Jerry Waswick abstained from voting. Motion carried)

Approve Gaming Site Authorization to American Legion Bullis Post #84, Lidgerwood at Geneseo Bar and Café beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. (Anderson/Jacobson, unanimous)

Roz Amerman, custodian met with the Board to discuss some trees on the Courthouse grounds that need trimming, and others that are dead or have Dutch elm and must be removed. Russell Anderson and Jesse Anderson, Cogswell agreed to do the work. The Board authorized Roz to get the work done. Also discussed repainting the dome, courtroom facilities grant and the new heating system.

Approve Sargent County Bank ACH Origination Agreement with Sargent County. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Richard Ruch, Cogswell met with the Board to present a check for \$3,680.77 to the Sargent County Park for maintenance at Silver Lake. The money was proceeds from the February 2011 fishing derby. The Cogswell Gun Club has contributed a total of \$41,556.54 towards maintenance and improvement of facilities at the lake. A sign recognizing and thanking the club for these donations will be displayed at the park.

The following documents were presented by Sherry Hosford, Title VI Coordinator for review and approval by the Board. The Title VI Assurance Document, Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy Statement, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan, Complaint Form, procedures and Complaint log. Motion to adopt these documents. (Wyum/Jacobson, unanimous)

Sparky Engquist, road supervisor introduced Virgil Nogowski, new road employee, who began employment with Sargent County today, July 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

JERRY WASWICK – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR