

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: David Jacobson, Sherry Hosford, Mike Walstead, and Bill Anderson. Also present was Paige Cary, The Sargent County Teller; and Pam Maloney, Sargent County Auditor. Absent: Commission Chairman Jerry Waswick. In the absence of Chairman Waswick, Commission Vice-Chairman Bill Anderson served as Chairperson of the meeting.

Approve minutes of the June 21, 2016, commission meeting as corrected. (Hosford/Walstead, unanimous)

A brief discussion on filling the Planning Commission vacancies. Sandy Hanson has expressed an interest, and Jerry Waswick would also be interested in filling a position when his term as commissioner is finished. Tabled for another meeting.

Melissa Seykora, NDSU Extension Ag and Natural Resources (ANR) Agent; & Cindy Klapperich, NDSU Extension Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Agent;, met with the commission to report on the activities of the County's Extension Service office personnel from April through June, 2016. A written report was delivered to each Commissioner and to the County Auditor. A copy of the report can be obtained from the Extension Office. The extension staff has also been working one day a week at the NRSCD office building and have gotten lots of traffic and good feedback from the public. The commission commended the County's Extension Service personnel for their teamwork, multitude of programs, involvement in the community, and outstanding effort on behalf of the people of Sargent County.

Lyle Bopp, State's Attorney; & Jayne Pfau, Assistant State's Attorney; arrived at the meeting.

States Attorney Bopp reported that there is nothing new to report about the unemployment compensation appeal regarding Wendy Jacobson as the Administrative Hearing Officer is still considering the matter. Assistant States Attorney Pfau has submitted the County's responses to the discrimination complaints filed by Wendy Jacobson with the North Dakota Department of Labor and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

Commissioner Waswick has acquired a small, quiet window air conditioner to be temporarily placed in the extension support staff office. Next year a Court Facilities Improvement grant will be applied for to purchase units similar to the units installed in other offices of the courthouse to provide air-conditioning and limited heating for the Judge's Chambers with the capability of being extended to the extension support staff office. The need for additional air handling capacity in the Courtroom will be considered, as well.

The auditor has received a call from the insurance adjustor regarding the Road Department's 2003 GMC pickup that had been damaged in a deer/vehicle collision. The estimated cost of repair exceeded the book value of the pickup, so it was totaled out. As the damage to the vehicle was primarily cosmetic and it is still operable, the Road Department has opted to purchase salvage title for the pickup from the insurance company for its salvage value of \$1,500.00, and the remaining \$3,250.00 of the insurance money received will purchase parts needed for repair. Mr. Engquist has already located the parts required for the repair of the pickup. Once the pickup is repaired, the insurance company will have to be made aware of the repairs made and the pickup will have to be inspected and approved as roadworthy.

Commissioner Walstead will check with Damon DeVillers, County Engineer, Interstate Engineering; regarding the requirement to notify NDDOT when a new bridge is constructed or an existing bridge is removed, replaced, rehabilitated or repaired. There is at least 1 bridge that has been replaced, 1 bridge that has been removed and several bridges that have been repaired recently, and the County need to make sure that it is fulfilling this notification requirement.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

BILL ANDERSON – VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PAM MALONEY – COUNTY AUDITOR