

Forman, North Dakota
July 6, 1999

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

Norm Preble, Tax Director, met with the Board to discuss inundated lands. Total acres submitted for the county were 47,995 and taxable value loss was 729,831 acres, which are about 7.7% of the agricultural value in the county. The new value per acre would be \$315/acre. Norm feels this will still be within the tolerance value of the state. Approve total inundated acres submitted and certify to NDSU and the State Tax Department. (Wehlander/Coleman, unanimous)

Maurice Orn called the Board regarding 1999 water tours. A tour Understanding the Garrison Diversion is scheduled for July 9 and August 2 and the Devils Lake Dilemma on July 26 & September 13. Board members will check their schedules.

Sparky Engquist, road supervisor, discussed the job description for road department secretary. A rough draft was prepared and a job description prepared by Rhodes and Shanley. This description included duties now associated with the Disaster Emergency Manager and 911 coordinator. Sparky feels that the jobs would work cooperatively and he would like 8 hours per week for the road department and would expect the person to work in that office for that time period. After further discussion, the Board agreed to pursue this position for the road department. Steve will work on the job description to include DES, 911, grant writing and some additional activities.

Approve hiring two seasonal workers for the road department at \$7.25 per hour for remainder of the summer to start on 911 signs. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous) Sparky was authorized to contact the new employees.

Randy Pope and Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering met with the Board to update them on the paving projects. The contractors are paving the final course on the DeLamere road (Co. # 14) and will complete today. County # 10 south of Milnor is next and County # 4 north of Cogswell will follow.

Sonia and Leroy Meehl, Crete Grain Co., met with the Board to discuss the property tax exemption application. They explained the new expansion and their request for the exemption. The hearing is scheduled for July 20, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.

Les Bjore called the Board to update on the new addition to the courthouse. Painting and woodwork will be completed this week and the roof finished. Service Master completed the cleaning on 7-5-99 and the extra hours to re-clean some areas will be deducted from the general contractor allowance.

Ross Eberle, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, presented the Construction Engineering agreement for DPI-0036(005)411, Bridge 132-10 replacement. Approve agreement for 15% of the contract not to exceed \$25,500. (Coleman/Brockman, unanimous)

Commissioner Wehlander introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption: WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$170,214.50 from Gary Morlock Construction received in the bid opening of June 18, 1999, project DPI 0036(005)411 was the low bid received.

WHEREAS, this is considered reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners of Sargent County would award to Gary Morlock Const. the contract for said project and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract.

It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the NDDOT for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the FHA.

Commissioner Brockman seconded the resolution. Voting aye: All. Voting Nay: None. Resolution was duly declared carried and adopted.

Authorize advertisement to sell the building located on Lot 19, Block 7, Original Townsite, Forman City, which is owned by Sargent County. Bids shall be opened on August 17, 1999. The Board accepts the right to accept or reject any or all bids received.

Reviewed pledge of assets and approved as adequate according to law. Sargent County Bank - \$4,565,000 and First National Bank - \$1,525,000. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson met to discuss the 1999 disaster declaration. Designate Sandy to execute for and in behalf on Sargent County as Applicant Agent for Declaration Number - FEMA-1279-DR-ND. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous) This would be above and beyond the duties as Emergency Manager. She will meet with FEMA personnel later this week.

Approve minutes as corrected. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bills: (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

37026 Bernard Mahrer Construction Gravel Co. # 3,10, & 12 36,381.78

Wendy Jacobson, Social Service Director, introduced Wanda Larson as the new Family Focus worker. She started her employment with the county July 6, 1999.

Approve Sunday Alcoholic Beverage Permit to Kim Houle, Stirum Up Bar & Grill for a period of twelve months. (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting.

Colleen Sundquist met with the Board concerning discrepancies with a letter from Rhodes and Shanley dated 6-21-99 on the public health unit pay range review. She feels they are not comparing the right numbers and it is not correct. She also informed the Board of information Murray Sagsveen, State Health Officer, ND Health Dept. provided to the District Board of Health. They are a single county health district and a complete separate entity. Bill Smith asked if they should be providing their own policies, benefits, and office space. Colleen contacted all the health districts in the state and received information and all have the commission approve mill levy and everything else is up to the district board. A meeting of the district board of health will be called this week.

The Board will ask the States Attorney for an Attorney General's opinion on the health district unit of Sargent County.

Norm Preble discussed the re-valuation of Gwinner City. He will begin working next week.

The Board received a letter of resignation from Owen McGregor.

Rescind policy adopted July 23, 1991 regarding a 90 day probationary period. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous) New employees must begin health insurance coverage the first of the month following their employment. The employee will be responsible for the first month premium and the county will begin paying the second month.

Grant permission to Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative to install a bored telecommunications cable under Co. # 12 between Section 13-130-54 and Section 18-130-53 subject to terms and conditions of the road permit. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve 1/3 cost share of culverts in Section 36 of Shuman Township. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Steve Wyum addressed the salary schedule and possibilities of a mid-year increase for employees not at mid-point. This would include all departments and also additional compensation for the custodial staff. He will compile a list for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

W.E. SMITH - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR