

Forman, North Dakota
August 1, 2006

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

Dave Rush, Red River Basin Riparian Project, Mark Breker, Dan Jacobson, Roger White, Randy Ptacek and Richard Engst, SC Water Board members, Ray Nelson and Quentin Hoistad, SC Park Board members and Dennis Goltz, Silver Lake Park Manager, met with the Board to review the final bill for the shore line stabilization project at Silver Lake. Mr. Rush explained the overage of \$16,105 due to the necessity for additional rock needed to complete the project. Mr. Rush knew there would be an overrun but no discussion was made on a significant cost. He apologized for not keeping in touch with the local boards. The total cost of the project was \$122,173. This amount is cost shared with the RRBRP at 60%, ND State Water Commission 50% of the local share and Red River Joint Water Board 10% of the local cost. The Sargent County Water Resource Board is funding the remaining amount. The quality of the work was very favorable and Mr. Rush praised Heitkamp Construction for the completed job. Mark Breker, Chairman, SC Water Board inquired who would be responsible for monitoring the project and completing the annual report. Park Board members felt they can inspect it annually and report any problems that occur. The SC Water Board will file the annual report with the ND Regulatory Office and provide photos to document the report.

Mark Breker reported that the Interstate Engineering, Inc. has inspected the culvert problem on Drain No. 3 and Shortfoot Creek crossing County Road # 14 south of Geneseo and the Water Board will consider the three proposals at their August meeting.

The Board recessed for the SC Park Board meeting.

The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Norm Preble, Tax Director, updated the Board on the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal program (CAMA). The installation process is beginning with input of information for all residential properties. Total cost is \$1999 for the program, plus training and \$105 per month for maintenance. Mr. Preble discussed the omitted property for Dale Johnson on a 9-acre parcel in Government Lot 4-132-55. Approve adding residential value of \$89,840. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

The Board received notification from the NDACo that \$500,000 will be distributed back to the jurisdictions participating in the Wireless 911 project based on the relative amounts of wireless 911 funds remitted to NDACo for the last 12 months. This computes to \$3059 for Sargent County.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at the meeting.

The North Dakota Global Information System Technical Committee is sponsoring a free 3-day versioned geo-database workshop for ND state agencies and local government. Sandy Hanson is registered to attend.

Sherry Hosford informed the Board of Workforce Safety & Insurance issues including independent contractors providing a copy of their proof of insurance, blanket policy for volunteers, sheriff deputies policing dances, etc. and election worker per diem. Tabled.

Mike Walstead reported that the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria (county vehicle) was sold at the consignment auction for \$1035 and the Lanier copier for \$63.

The Board instructed States Attorney Bopp to proceed with obtaining a duplicate title for the 1996 Chevy Blazer so it can be utilized as a county vehicle.

Approve July 18, 2006 minutes as corrected. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened after lunch at 1:00 p.m. and proceeded to work on the 2007 budget. Approve increase in coroner per diem from \$75 to \$85 effective January 1, 2007. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous) The SC Personnel Board received information from the Employment Cost Index and the Consumer Price Index for the non-metro Midwest and recommended a 3.5% COLA (cost of living adjustment) for 2007. Approve recommendation of the Personnel Board of a 3.5% COLA for 2007 for all employees. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Damon DeVillers, PE, Interstate Engineering, Inc. and Sparky Engquist, Road Supervisor met with the Board to discuss the results of the July 21 bid letting on County # 1. The low bid submitted by Mark Sand and Gravel Co. was \$260,544 above the Engineer's estimate of \$808,167. Damon and Sparky discussed options to proceed with the project with county work force and no federal funds. It was the Board's decision to reject the bid proposal and send letters to all agencies involved in the bid process. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous) Damon reviewed the revised SC highway improvement program for 2006-2011 and the Board made revisions and suggestions for work schedules. Damon DeVillers presented a Hydraulic Study for culvert replacement on the Shortfoot Creek on County # 14 in Section 34-129-53. The Board reviewed and Steve Wyum will relay this Board's recommendation of a box culvert at said location to the SC Water Board.

Approve hiring Martin J. Bommersbach, Hankinson, ND for the road department based on qualifications at \$10.25 per hour as a part-time temporary employee beginning August 2, 2006. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

JERRY M. WASWICK – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD – AUDITOR