

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, Jerry Waswick and Maurice Orn. Absent: none.

Approve minutes of August 3, 2010 meeting as corrected. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous) Board members also received a copy of the July 2010 financial statement.

Approve August payroll in the sum of \$154,092.63 (nos. 4757-4821 and 62977-62993) and the following bills. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

62826	Ransom County	VSO reimbursement	697.03
62836	Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity charges	956.41
62837-62856	Health Expenditures		4198.33
62857	Forman City	Water/Sewer/Garbage	181.30
62860-62876		Human Services Expenditures	15,113.24
62896	American Express	Credit Card Purchases	552.20
62897	Bernard Mahrer Const. Inc.	Gravel for Fairgrounds	167.39
62898	Best Western Seven Seas	Travel	189.00
62899	Bopp Law Office	Rent/Phone	411.98
62900	Bopp, Cody	Building Maintenance	22.50
62901	Buhl's Inc.	Cleaning Services	154.66
62902	Chunky's Standard Service	Oil & Supplies	67.30
62903	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	796.22
62904	Ed's Place	Fuel	164.96
62905	Farm Plan	Lawn Mower Battery	123.88
62906	Farmers Union Oil Co.	Fuel	834.10
62907	Forman Drug	Photo Developing/Supplies	33.28
62908	Gwinner One Stop	Fuel	414.81
62909	Hanson, Casey & Elida	Lawn Services	317.26
62910	Hardware Hank	Supplies	136.29
62911	Hillestad, Gina	Office Supplies	26.35
62912	Info. Technology Dept.	LERMS	50.00
62913	Institute of Local Gov.	Registration Fee	30.00
62914	LexisNexis, Matthew Bender	Century Code Updates	373.71
62915	McLaen's Service Inc.	Vehicle Service	331.65
62916	Minn-Kota Comm. Inc.	Phones	405.00
62917	ND P.O.S.T. Board	License Renewal	90.00
62918	Quill	Office Supplies	671.39
62919	Richland County	Reg. Fees, Soils Tour	40.00
62920	Roger's Plumbing & Htg.	Sink Repair	60.00
62921	The Sargent County Teller	Publishing	1154.17
62922	ND Secretary of State	Election Equip. Maint. & Support	1446.91
62923	Stein's, Inc.	Supplies	235.41
62924	Streicher's	Deputy Uniform	26.98
62925	Universal Services	Printer Cartridges	125.00
62926	Walstead, Mike	Travel, Tree Reimbursement	201.60
62927	Waswick, Jerry	Travel	179.00
62928	AW Diesel Service	Parts	94.97
62929	Arrowhead Transport, Inc.	Gravel	680.60
62930	Bargen, Inc.	Crack Repair	15,000.00
62931	Bernard Mahrer Const. Inc.	Gravel	2161.60
62932	Bituminous Paving, Inc.	Asphalt	14,989.77
62933	Bohnenkamp Const.	Culvert Installation	1717.00
62934	Crandall Construction	Gravel	9364.24
62935	Dakota Valley Services	Electrical Repair	466.69
62936	Ekstrom Repair Shop	Equipment Repairs	399.13
62937	Environmental Dust Control	Co. Road Dust Control	39663.00
62938	Fargo Water Equipment	Metal Locator	906.03
62939	Farm Plan	Parts & Repairs	2226.05
62940	Johnston Fargo Culvert, Inc.	Culverts	7984.50
62941	Kinetic Leasing	Walk n' Roll Lease	9546.00
62942	Lyle Signs, Inc.	Sign parts	55.88
62943	Martinsen's Home Center	Supplies	224.35
62944	Nelson Bulk Oil	Fuel	4722.32

62945	Rutland Oil Co.	Fuel	4541.00
62946	Sheehan Mack Sales	Parts	1844.14
62947	Welton's Tire Service	Tires & Service	2540.00
62948	Computer Professionals	Data Processing Charges	946.12
62949	Dawson, Lisa	Travel	503.50
62950	Dickey Rural Telephone	911 Contracts & updates	247.00
62951	Gwinner First Responders	2010 Allocation	6500.00
62952	Hardware Hank	Office Supplies	21.95
62953	Hewlett-Packard Co.	Hardware & Software	738.00
62954	Information Tech. Dept.	ITD-WAN	469.80
62955	Lake Agassiz Reg. Council	2010 Pledge	1500.00
62956	Lisbon Area Health Services	Blood Alcohol Collections	114.00
62957	NDACO	911 Service Costs	527.20
62958	ND Workforce Safety & Ins.	Volunteer Coverage	155.60
62959	NDACO Resource Group	PC Shipping and Set-up	653.00
62960	Obermiller Nelson Engineer.	Prof. Services, Boiler Project	8100.00
62961	Qwest	911 Contracts	191.88
62962	Forman Ambulance	2010 Allocation	14,000.00
62963	Milnor Ambulance	2010 Allocation	14,000.00
62964	Sargent County Insurance	Premiums	34,964.00
62965	Secure Software Solutions	Soils Reclassification	15,856.50
62966	Sundquist, Colleen	Travel	42.00

Lyle Bopp arrived at the meeting.

Discussed the possible annexation of the Havana Fire District by the Forman Fire District – this will be on the Board's agenda on September 7 if the Havana Fire District's Board of Directors approves. Also discussed the delinquent payments due on the Contract for Deed pertaining to the purchase of property in Cogswell from Sargent County by Clayton Hoffman. Some partial payments have been received, and Lyle agreed to continue to monitor the payments on this contract.

Sandy Hanson, Tax Director, and EMS/911 coordinator met with the Board and briefly discussed the ND State Board of Equalization meeting she attended last week in Bismarck. The State Board did not request any additional information about the reappraisal of residential property that had been ordered last year. Also included in the conference were workshops on Generations in the Workplace and Reading Legal Descriptions. Sandy also noted that some of the Soils Committee members will be attending an upcoming tour in Richland County on the soils based re-valuation of agricultural property ordered by the State Legislature. FEMA projects are still being finalized and the goal is to conclude the work of the State's FEMA representatives by the 20th of August.

Brian Tayer, ambulance coordinator, Milnor Ambulance met with the Board to present a quarterly report on the ambulance services. He first mentioned a standing water problem on the north end of Milnor Main Street, which is also County No. 10. He explained that the problem constitutes a safety hazard. The Board will discuss possible improvements in this area with Road Superintendent Sparky Engquist later today. Brian continued with an update on ambulance runs and patient income. To date there have been 64 ambulance runs with a patient income of \$22,310 both down from 2009. Ambulance staff includes the addition of one new EMT, waiting for testing and one student waiting to turn 18 to take the practicals and one paramedic. There are a total of 14 Milnor Squad members. Brian commented that the number of ambulance staff is still not the greatest and he encouraged the Board to consider one or two more employees to fill in when the coordinators are on vacation or sick leave.

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Mike Walstead, Courthouse Commissioner, reported that work has not yet begun on the boiler replacement project. He has spoken with a concrete contractor about the new concrete floor required in the furnace room, and that work is pending.

Sparky Engquist, road superintendent, presented information on road projects including recycling the deteriorated asphalt paving on about 16 miles of Co. # 12 and 14 south of ND Highway #11, including new gravel to be blended with the milled blacktop, at an approximate cost of \$212,800; Acquiring 50,000 tons of gravel for future projects at an approximate cost of \$175,000; applying a seal coat on 6 miles of Co. # 12 and 3 miles of Co. 4 - 9 miles total - at an approximate cost of \$162,000. Sparky also reported that he has been informed by the NDDOT that permanent fixes on Emergency Repair

work should be put on hold until the Federal money has been allocated. FEMA projects were reviewed and the annual weed mowing notice was approved for publication.

The Board discussed the safety concerns about the standing water problem on the north end of Milnor's Main Street, near 814 Main Street. Sparky reported that he has inspected the site with the City's Engineer, and that the pavement is too high in that area. The proposed fix is to mill out that area of the street and put a gradual dip in the street, repave the surface and pass the water down the alley into the legal drain. As this is a City street, Milnor City should take the lead on this work, and the county should participate in the project, as it has in the past. Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter addressed to Milnor City informing the City that this problem has been brought to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners and the county will be willing to work with the city when it is ready to implement a plan to resolve this problem.

Discussed briefly the new dust control product that has been applied to certain sections of county roads. The product is a byproduct of soy bean oil, corn syrup and linseed oil. Approximately 2.5-3 miles of county gravel have received this application at a cost of \$39,000. The product is bio-degradable, and more environmentally friendly than petroleum based products.

Approve Sunday Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at Galloping Goose Bar, Inc., Stirum, ND for twelve months. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

The Board proceeded to work on the 2011 budget. Approve the 2011 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$5,888,434. (Waswick/Anderson)

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD –CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD – COUNTY AUDITOR