

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

Motion to approve the August 4, 2009 minutes as corrected. (Walstead/Orn, unanimous)

Wendy Jacobson, Director, Human Services Dept. and Mark Breyfogle, the newly hired Family Focus Social Worker arrived at the meeting. Ms. Jacobson introduced Mr. Breyfogle to the Board and announced that it is his first day on the job. The Board welcomed Mr. Breyfogle to Sargent County.

A conference call was placed to Ransom County Commission regarding the possibility of sharing the Ransom County Veteran's Service Officer (VSO). Norman Preble was also in attendance. Bill Anderson outlined what had transpired since the last meeting regarding a possible Agreement between Ransom County and Sargent County. Mr. Anderson and Ransom County Commissioner Wayne Jones met to prepare this agreement. Mr. Anderson explained that Sargent County is involved in a restructuring plan and noted that we had looked to one of the deputy sheriff's for this position but time restraints may not allow this to be a workable situation. The draft agreement includes one day a week for Sargent County and 3 days a week for Ransom County with all travel and per diem expenses being shared by both counties on a 75%-25% basis. Norm Preble, the current Sargent County VSO, allocates 1 day a week to VSO duties at this time. Ransom County officials indicated that the current Ransom County VSO was receptive to this joint venture. Norm Preble commented that this joint venture would be beneficial for both counties if and when the time comes to hire someone new as it would be easier to hire someone for 30-35 hours a week versus one day. Norm also mentioned that training requirements are getting more extensive, and expensive, for that office. A meeting was scheduled for September 1st with Norm Preble, Travis Paeper, Sheriff, Rick Bryant, Deputy Sheriff and Tom McKinnon, Ransom County VSO.

The Board reviewed an Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes from Ira Lee Sullivan for property located on Lots 9-10-11, Block 31, Original Addition, Milnor City. The structure was removed in June 2009. The request is to remove the \$30,015 residential building valuation. Milnor City approved the application. Norm Preble recommended that this abatement be approved. Concur with Milnor City. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Marwood Klein, Ambulance Coordinator, met with the Board to update them on ambulance services. Brian Tayer, Milnor was unable to attend. There is a meeting in Milnor this evening to discuss: Training money: Develop recommendations for the Dept. of Emergency Management, EMS Rules: Like to change certain rules? and EMS staffing grant guidelines: Is there better criteria to identify Critical Ambulance Services? Logistically, Forman is a critical ambulance service because of where it is located. The meeting in Milnor is scheduled for three hours to discuss these topics. Marwood also informed the Board that the Forman Squad has contacted a grant writer from Britton, SD and the squad plans to utilize her to obtain grants at a cost of \$500/grant. There are many grants out there. The squad is looking at proposing a new building for the ambulance which would include a garage and meeting room.

Approve payment of the following bills and July payroll in the sum of \$154,806.30 (nos. 3569-3631 and 61148-61160). (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous).

61020	Otter Tail Power co.	Electricity	\$1026.15
61021	Rick Bryant	Seat belt grant hours	30.00
61022	Scott Buckhouse	DUI/seat belt grant hours	540.00
61023	Dave Kozok	DUI/seat belt grant hours	285.00
61024	Travis Paeper	Seat belt grant hours	315.00
61025-61035		Health Dept. expenditures	1518.29
61036	City of Forman	Water/sewer/garbage	183.30
61054-61063		Human Services expenditures	11438.42
61064-61075		Health Dept. expenditures	3019.49
61076-61081		Weed Board expenditures	20377.04
61082	A-Z Body Shop	Sheriff-deductible	250.00
61083	American Express	Card purchases	1110.41
61084	Roslyn Amerman	Painting labor	487.50
61085	Bopp Law	Rent/phone	411.98
61086	Buhl's	Cleaning	169.18
61087	Chunky's Standard	Filter/battery	173.00
61088	DRN	Phone Service	739.92

61089	Farmers Union Oil	Gas/repairs	2644.65
61090	Gwinner Oil	Supplies	35.72
61091	Gwinner One-Stop	Gas	1099.75
61092	Hardware Hank	Supplies	373.11
61093	ITD	LERMS	50.00
61094	Institute of Local Govt	Continuing Ed.	60.00
61095	Lexis Nexis	NDCC	808.90
61096	Lynn Johnson Lock & Key	North courthouse door	43.00
61097	McLaen's Service	County car	17.50
61098	NDEMA	Registration	50.00
61099	Boiler Inspection	Fee	20.00
61100	NDACO	Labels	105.60
61101	Office Depot	Supplies	72.36
61102	Donald C. Olson	Tree cutting	225.00
61103	Otter Tail Power	Gwinner house	11.68
61104	Norm Preble	Travel	257.50
61105	Pub. Employ. HR Consult.	Job Description	160.00
61106	Quill	Supplies	788.02
61107	S&S Tree Service	Tree trim	100.00
61108	Sargent Co. Teller	Publishing	442.20
61109	Stein's	Supplies	404.71
61110	Underground Vaults	Microfilm storage	4.20
61111	Universal Services	Ribbons	92.00
61112	Jerry Waswick	Travel	67.00
61113	Wild Rice SCD	Trees	330.00
61114	AW Diesel	Repairs	183.70
61115	Arrowhead Transport	Gravel	5404.80
61116	ATCO Int.	Repairs	158.40
61117	Bergen Inc.	Crack repair	13239.00
61118	Bernard Mahrer Const.	Gravel	58926.53
61119	Bowes Const. Inc.	Road	15801.55
61120	Crandall Construction	Gravel	43799.80
61121	Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	224.31
61122	Flint Hills Resources	MC-800	15172.80
61123	Forman Repair	Repairs	499.84
61124	Kinetic Leasing	Walk 'n Roll lease	9546.00
61125	Martinsen Home	Repairs/tools	99.55
61126	Nelson Bulk	Fuel	3616.20
61127	SE Propane	Propane	36.86
61128	Wurth	Repairs	2.17
61129	Z & S Dust Control	Dust control	30738.96
61130	Zep Sales	Supplies	398.79
61131	Barnes Co. Corrections	Prisoner board	390.00
61132	CPU	Tech support	1022.23
61133	Computer Software	Scanner	768.00
61134	DRN	911 contracts	251.00
61135	Gwinner 1 st Responders	2009 allotment	4500.00
61136	ITD	WAN	473.40
61137	Minn-kota Comm.	Emergency trailer equipt.	2365.00
61138	NDACO	911 services	789.60
61139	Qwest	911 contract	191.88
61140	Red River Basin Comm.	2009 funding	960.00
61141	Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner board	3905.00
61142	Forman Ambulance	2009 allotment	14000.00
61143	Milnor Ambulance	2009 allotment	14000.00
61144	Sargent Co. Ins.	Premiums	33449.00
61145	Stutsman Co. Correctional	Prisoner board	360.00
61146	Workforce Safety & Ins.	Volunteer coverage	171.60
61147	ND State Surplus	Computer	320.00

Jim Gallagher and Betty Maly, Gwinner Farmers Elevator Co., Forman, ND, Michael Campbell, Supt. Sargent Central School and Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at the meeting. The Board conducted a public hearing on an Application for Property Tax incentives for a new 135 foot x 410 foot covered building being constructed for receiving, drying, cleaning and storing grain, and loading trains at high speed located on Sub lot 5 of the S1/2 of SE1/4-36-131-56. The Gwinner Farmers Elevator Co. is requesting a 5-year property tax exemption at 100%. Mr. Campbell stated that the school administration doesn't have anything against economic development and expansion but the school

district is not in favor of any reduction in taxes on the existing structures. The Board assured Mr. Campbell that the exemption is on the new building only. Grant a tax exemption on new construction by Gwinner Farmers Elevator Co. for 100% of property taxes for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. (Anderson/Waswick. Roll Call: Aye: Walstead, Anderson, Orn, Waswick and Wyum. Nay: none. Motion carried)

Discussion continued with Lyle Bopp on reimbursement of meals within Sargent County. The Board instructed Mr. Bopp to prepare a draft policy revision for the Board's review.

Leah Thvedt, Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) Outreach Coordinator met with the Board to give an update on RRBC activities and asked for feedback on flooding and other water issues affecting Sargent County. The RRBC recently received a legislative mandate to develop, in consultation and cooperation with all boards and commissions involved with water management and flood prevention and control in the Red River basin, a comprehensive plan of action to address, mitigate and respond to flooding and related water quality and land conservation issues in the Red River watershed and issue a report by January 15, 2010.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:15.

The Board reconvened at 1:15.

Lorraine Jacobson, County Coroner, provided updates from the 2009 Legislature. Ms. Jacobson stated that Bismarck must now be called for all unattended deaths, and that certain records are no longer open to the public. Ms. Jacobson also informed the Board that Deputy Coroner Shane Decker has accepted a position with another employer and is no longer available to serve as Deputy Coroner. Lorraine Jacobson will contact Mr. Decker for a letter of resignation and do some further research on selection of a replacement.

Lorraine Jacobson, a member of the Tobacco Prevention and Control Advisory Committee presented to the Board "Saving Lives-Saving Money: ND Comprehensive State Plan to Prevent and Reduce Tobacco Use 2009-2014". She updated the Board on goals and objectives of this committee. Discussion followed on smoke-free areas in Sargent County, but no action was taken at this time.

A meeting of County officials with membership in the North Dakota Association of Counties (NDACo) was called for the purpose of selecting a delegate and alternate to represent Sargent County at conventions of the Association from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2011. The County Commissioners and Sherry Hosford, Auditor were all present and are all County Officials granted membership in the NDACo. Other county officials that are members of NDACo and not present were the Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff, Social Service Director, States Attorney and Tax Director. Sherry Hosford nominated Gina Hillestad as Delegate and Mike Walstead as Alternate. Jerry Waswick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Hillestad and Mr. Walstead will serve a two-year term as the NDACo Delegate/Alternate for Sargent County.

Sparky Engquist, road supt. met with the Board to discuss road department issues. He reported on the Keystone Pipeline and has been told that they expect to be completed with the pumping station by September 30. County Road # 1 north and east of Forman and County No. 3 east of Rutland will be ready for seal coat next week. County Road # 14 north of Geneseo has been completed regarding the work that will be reimbursed from Lake Agassiz Regional Council. The FAS ER project on County Road # 5/Drain No. 3 has been approved and the total estimated cost of the project is \$27,024.50. Mr. Engquist also discussed full-time permanent employment status for Jamey Lien, who has been working on a part-time temporary basis. Tabled until September.

Authorized Chairman and Auditor to sign a Joint Powers Agreement with the seven cities and Sargent County providing terms by which the County and City shall coordinate the holding of the city's general elections along with the County's Primary Election. (Walstead/Orn, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, 911-EMS met with the Board to update them on the FEMA work. The FEMA representatives have been in Sargent County this week and inspected Whitestone Hill Township today and have inspected other areas but do not have any Project Worksheets completed, yet. The work has been progressing slowly but they hope to finish up before the end of August. Still have some problems obtaining cooperation from the project officers provided by FEMA, but they are working better at providing Sandy with information and maps to clarify the sites.

The Board continued to work on the 2010 budget.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

STEVEN WYUM – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR