

Forman, North Dakota  
August 19, 2008

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Maurice Orn, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum, Jerry Waswick, and Bill Anderson. Also present Holly Jessen, The Sargent County Teller and Lyle Bopp, States Attorney.

Approve August 5, 2008 minutes as corrected. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous).

Approve August payroll in the sum of \$137,197.70 (#'s2264-2325 and 59531-59541) and all bills submitted. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous):

59364-59370 Health District Expenditures		620.42
59371 Human Service Expenditure		4777.17
59381-59397 Weed Board Expenditures		12543.41
59410-59419 Health District Expenditures		796.10
59420 Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	997.43
59421 City of Forman	Water, sewer and garbage	139.90
59438-59442 Health District Expenditures		2040.67
59443-59452 Weed Board Expenditures		9498.43
59453-59466 Human Service Expenditures		8330.43
59467 Alltel	Sheriff's Dept. cell phones	128.27
59468 American Express	Purchasing card expenses	272.38
59469 B & K Electric	Photo eye	66.50
59470 Bopp Law Office	Rent and cell phone	411.98
59471 Buhl's	Cleaning service	198.56
59472 Chunky's Standard Service	Sheriff travel	40.80
59473 Datrue	Equipment	322.30
59474 DRN	Phone service	717.01
59475 DOCS	Spraying	220.00
59476 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas and supplies	1151.33
59477 Frank Funeral Home	Coroner travel	411.25
59478 Hardware Hank	Supplies	71.22
59479 ITD	WAN and LERMS user Fee	527.20
59480 ILG	Continuing Education	60.00
59481 Lorraine Jacobson	Travel	189.00
59482 Lexis-Nexis	NDCC updates	353.40
59483 McLaen's Service	County car repairs	90.64
59484 NDEMA	Dues	50.00
59485 Donald C Olson	Tree trimming	150.00
59486 Maurice Orn	Travel	357.75
59487 Prairie Printing	Supplies	39.99
59488 Norm Preble	Travel/Tax Director	280.00
59489 Quill	Supplies	66.12
59490 The Sargent County Teller	Publishing fees	273.72
59491 TON Construction	Fairgrounds	400.00
59492 Universal Services	Ribbons	37.50
59493 Mike Walstead	Travel	65.25
59494 Jerry Waswick	Travel	72.00
59495 Steve Wyum	Travel	249.70
59496 American Express	Purchasing card	4.95
59497 AW Diesel	Repairs	98.95
59498 Bernard Mahrer Construction	Gravel	3927.56
59499 Brian's Repair & Auto	Repairs	85.28
59500 Farm Plan	Repairs	382.71
59501 Forman Repair	Repairs	101.55
59502 General Irrigation	Water pump	1780.32
59503 Huron Culvert & Tank	Cutting edges	9779.70
59504 Martinsen's Home Center	Repairs	138.24
59505 Nelson Bulk Oil	Fuel	6866.30
59506 Ray-Mac Inc.	Repairs	613.96
59507 Visto's Carquest	Repairs	568.99
59508 Barga Inc.	½ crack repair bill	13062.50
59509 Cass County Treasurer	Juvenile Detention	620.00
59510 CPU	Data Processing charges	906.07
59511 DRT	911 contracts	267.00
59512 Downtown Café	Homeland Security planning	59.35

59513 Dyste's	DARE	15.65
59514 Gwinner First Responders	2008 allocation	6120.00
59515 Gwinner One Stop Inc.	Sheriff's travel	515.13
59516 Candy Hansen	Supplies	16.84
59517 Sandra Hanson	Travel	159.00
59518 Interstate Eng.	Design and construction engineering	19244.97
59519 Karla's Cakes	Sargent County 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake	225.00
59520 NDACo	911 service costs	484.40
59521 ND Dept. of Ins.	Personal property contents	18.79
59522 Oakes Enhancement Inc.	Wind data tower expenses	500.00
59523 Office Max	Supplies	253.91
59524 Norm Preble	Travel/VSO	39.50
59525 Qwest	911 contract	191.88
59526 Red River Basin Commission	2008 allocation	960.00
59527 Forman Ambulance	2008 allocation	14000.00
59528 Milnor Ambulance	2008 allocation	14000.00
59529 Sargent County Ins.	2008 Premium for general and auto liability and scheduled property	31468.00
59530 Streicher's	Uniforms	159.00
59542 SC Fairboard	2008 allocation	6000.00

Gary Bernhardt, representing Dickey Rural Communications, Inc. met with the Board to discuss a Road Permit to install below-ground cable wires and fiber optic cables by boring under County Highway 8, 10, 12, and 14 owned by Sargent County in the following townships: Hall, Herman, Milnor, Shuman and Willey in the Milnor exchange. Mr. Bernhardt reported there are approximately 700 miles of cable to install in Sargent County and as of today 480 miles are completed. He is hoping for a November 1, 2008 completion date. Approve permit subject to terms and conditions on county permit. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Steve Wyum and Jerry Waswick reported on the restructuring plan for county offices and requested an extension on their final proposal. Approved. Lyle Bopp reported on the August 12 Home Rule Charter Committee meeting.

Colleen Sundquist, Health District Administrator met to discuss the 2009 budget. She explained the dwindling carryover balance for the county health fund and consideration of an increase in the mill levy for the County Health District. Colleen presented revised 2009 budgets for the health department reflecting the 4.5% COLA, which the Board will review prior to adoption of the 2009 preliminary budget. Colleen also asked about the Sargent Alcohol Coalition and how this should be implemented for disbursing the grant dollars. She will do further checking with other coalitions.

Norm Preble, Tax Director met with the Board regarding the 2009 budget.

The commission recessed at 11:55 for lunch.

The commission reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Janeen Stenso, Outreach Coordinator and Leah Thvedt, Conference Coordinator, Red River Basin Commission (RRBC), Jim Bosse, Dan Jacobson and Richard Engst, Sargent County Water Board members met with the commission. The RRBC is a group of people from the Red River Basin working together to achieve common goals for water protection and management. Ms. Stenso and Ms. Thvedt presented an update on the status of this organization and to request a resolution of support to implement projects, programs, and actions in this area.

Commissioner Walstead introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

### **Red River Basin Resolution of Support**

WHEREAS, we recognize that our actions today impact the legacy we leave the next generation;

WHEREAS, we realize that working together allows us to develop and implement creative solutions to problems that work toward the betterment of the whole basin;

WHEREAS, the Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) is a unique organization that facilitates a cooperative approach within the basin and as a well established forum for identifying, developing and implementing solutions to cross boundary issues;

WHEREAS, the RRBC has developed the Red River Basin Natural Resource Framework Plan (RRB-NRFP) through in-depth basin-wide consultation as a guideline to help unite the basin in achieving a collaborative and cooperative approach to land and water management within the basin;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION hereby declares support for the RRB-NRFP in principle as a guideline for moving forward with a shared vision for the future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION will do our part by implementing projects, programs, and actions in our area as we are able that will contribute to this shared vision.

Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye, no one voted nay and the resolution was duly carried and adopted.

Sparky Engquist, road supt. arrived at the meeting. Water Board members were present as Sparky visited about repairs to the Bergh-McLaen Waterway. Sparky plans to begin the repairs on September 2, 2008. Steve Wyum inquired about the Water Board cost share on Bridge 127-20. Board members agreed to pay 50% of the local cost of construction only. The commission asked about engineering costs, land acquisition and utility relocation. Typically the Water Board did cost share 50/50 in the total cost of the bridge construction less preliminary engineering costs. The Water Board agreed to discuss this at their upcoming meeting.

Sparky Engquist presented a report on road department issues. He reported that the paving project on County # 4 near Stirum is completed and looks good. Other projects underway include Base One on Co # 14 and # 1, culvert repairs on Bergh-McLaen Waterway and updated the Board on the pipeline project.

The Board discussed the Sheyenne Valley Correctional Center (SVCC) consortium and agreed to no longer continue to support the plans for that facility due to higher than anticipated funding commitments. A motion to instruct the States Attorney to send a letter with Notice of Termination of Sargent County's participation in the SVCC and as a member of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to the Chairman of SVCC and also request documentation of how monies provided by the JPA members were spent by the SVCC Board and a return to Sargent County of all monies submitted by Sargent County which have not been spent by SVCC. Sargent County also requests a calculation of how it determined the amount of monies to be returned to Sargent County. SVCC Board is further notified to cease using or spending any monies submitted by Sargent County that have not been expended. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous). Sargent County will continue to participate insofar as decisions are concerned regarding the funding that Sargent County has provided and also with respect to the disposition of the real estate that was purchased in the name of SVCC.

Joan Lee, Recorder, met with the Board to discuss her 2009 budget. There is some confusion on the Document Preservation Fund and Document Software Fund. Board members suggested and agreed to establish a Special Revenue Fund effective January 1, 2009 to deposit these monies separate from county general fund monies. Another budget for Recorder Document Preservation Fund will be prepared for 2009 requesting \$3800.

Jerry Waswick reported on behalf of the Sargent County Fair Board regarding the 2008 fair. The 2008 financial report was reviewed. Expenditures were up due in part to the purchase of the inflatable games. The games will provide some additional rental income next year. There will also be an increase in the rental amount for winter storage at various locations on the fairgrounds. At this time there are insufficient funds to pay out the remaining bills for the 2008 fair. Therefore, Jerry is requesting allocation of \$6,000 from the Fairboard line item in the county general fund that we usually use for building and ground improvements to cover the 2008 shortfall. Motion to authorize disbursement of \$6,000 from Fairboard County General Fund allocation to the Fairboard checking account. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

The Board proceeded to review the 2009 budget requests from various departments and organizations.

Maurice Orn inquired on behalf of Eric Delahoyde about purchasing some land from the county. Tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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MAURICE ORN – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

