

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 10:45 a.m. following the meeting of the Sargent County Park Board. The following members were present: Jerry Waswick; David L Jacobson; Mike Walstead; Steven Wyum; and, Bill Anderson. Absent: None. Also present were: Paige Cary, of the Sargent County Teller; Sherry Hosford, County Auditor; and, Lyle R Bopp, States Attorney.

Harlan Klefstad, Forman met briefly with the Board to discuss installing a crossing with a culvert in the NW1/4-15-129-56 (adjacent to County No. 5). This land has been pasture, and there is currently no approach for 1.3 miles. This land is going to be tilled, and there is currently no access without crossing a neighbor's crop land. The Board will discuss the matter with Sparky Engquist, Road Supt. later today when he is scheduled to meet with the Board.

Sandy Hanson, Tax Director arrived at the meeting to present an Application for Abatement or Refund of Taxes from Dennis P Illies, Gwinner on 8.9 acres in SW1/4-21-132-55 for 2012 and 2013. The acreage was listed in the valuation program as 12.8 and actual acres is 8.9. Willey Township approved the change in acreage. Concur with Willey Township. (Walstead/Jacobson, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson, Brian Tayer and Marwood Klein, members of the Sargent County EMS Advisory Board updated the Board on information regarding the new EMT Fulltime position. No applications have been received and additional advertising is continuing for this position. An E Dispatch System has also been set up for Gwinner First Responders to assist with calls to the Forman Ambulance Squad. The squad is doing a 30 day trial of this service at \$75/month and a \$60 set up charge. The EMS Advisory Board will continue to update the Board on results of additional advertising for the EMT position.

The Homeland Security Fund has had a negative balance since April 2011 and according to emergency management director Sandy Hanson, her office has not been successful in finding where the bookkeeping error occurred. Sherry Hosford, County Auditor asked if the amount of the negative balance of \$4,701.34 could be transferred from the Disaster Assistance fund, where there have been Administrative Fees deposited, to the Homeland Security Fund, and suggested that this be done. Motion to transfer this amount out of the Disaster Assistance fund to the Homeland Security Fund to zero out the balance. (Anderson/Jacobson. Roll call. Aye: Jacobson and Anderson. Nay: Waswick, Walstead and Wyum. Motion failed) The Emergency Management Director's Office will continue to look for this bookkeeping error. The Commission established a November 1, 2014 deadline to make a decision on the status of the Homeland Security Fund.

The Board recessed at 12:15 for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 1:00.

The Market Survey appointment scheduled for 1:00 p.m. was rescheduled for September 2, 2014 as the information and analysis have not been completed by the Market Survey consultant. Gina Hillestad, representing the Personnel Board presented a recommendation of a 1.4% Cost of Living Adjustment for 2015 for county employees.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting. (Jacobson/Waswick, unanimous)

Board members proceeded to review all bills. Motion to approve the August payroll in the sum of \$165,099.70 (Nos. 9837-9897 and 69988-70002) and the following bills: (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

69825-69833		Weed Board Expenses	18,131.58
69852	ND Game & Fish	Licenses Sold	7,235.00
69853	Ransom County	VSO Benefits	740.34
69854-69868		Health Unit Expenses	1,772.51
69869	City of Forman	Water/Sewer/Garbage	137.30
69870	Ottertail Power Co.	Electricity	1,128.88
69871-69879		Health Unit Expenses	2,398.27
69880-69885		Weed Board Expenses	819.27
69886	Arrowhead Transport	Kraft Slough Project	135.87
69903-69917		Human Service Expenses	15,108.99
69918	Bernard Mahrer Const., Inc.	Fairgrounds Gravel	1,306.07
69919	Bopp Law Office	St Atty. Phone and Rent	411.98
69920	Brian's Repair & Auto Parts	Sheriff Travel	1,129.92
69921	Buhl's Inc.	Cleaning Services	189.60
69922	Carton Excavating	Sand Delivery for Fairgrounds	1,256.16
69923	Cenex Fleet	Gas Purchase	8.97
69924	Comfort Inn	Tax Travel	222.00

69925	Dakota Plains Co-op	Gas Purchases	929.01
69926	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	972.30
69927	Election Systems & Software	Layout Charge	180.00
69928	Forman Drug	Battery	3.23
69929	Grand Hotel	Auditor Travel	179.90
69930	Gwinner One Stop	Gas Purchases	723.75
69931	Hanson, Elida	Janitorial Duties	360.00
69932	Hanson, Sandra	Cell Phone Reimbursement/Travel	205.72
69933	Hardware Hank	Supplies	118.69
69934	Hosford, Sherry	Auditor Travel	178.00
69935	Jacobson, Lorraine	Coroner Travel	1,441.29
69936	LexisNexis-Matthew Bender	Century Codes	443.98
69937	M & S Construction	District Health Building Repairs	1,300.00
69938	Minn-Kota Communications	Battery	96.00
69939	NDACO	Continuing Education	40.00
69940	Paeper, Travis	Sheriff Travel	8.99
69941	Quill	Office Supplies	130.54
69942	The Sargent County Teller	Printing & Publishing	662.80
69943	Stein's, Inc.,	Supplies	121.48
69944	Verizon Wireless	Wi-Fi Mobile Cards	160.04
69945	Welton's Tire Service	Wheel Balance	40.00
69946	Zirnhelt, Patsy	Passport Training	164.17
69947	A & C Sales LLC	Tires	400.00
69948	Al's Metal Work	Supplies	45.00
69949	Bernard Mahrer Const., Inc.	Pea Rock	1,124.06
69950	Dakota Plains Co-op	Gas & Fuel Purchases	2,934.61
69951	Ekstrom Repair	Equipment Repairs	648.20
69952	Enderson Construction	Gravel	95,797.25
69953	Forman Repair	AC Repair	113.99
69954	Hansen Lumber & Hardware	Rakes	14.98
69955	Jacobson Implement	Bobcat	29,587.25
69956	John Deere Financial	Equipment repairs	161.69
69957	Martinsen Home Center, Inc.	Tools & Supplies	89.54
69958	ND Insurance Dept.	Tanks Coverage	150.00
69959	RDO Equipment Co.	Equipment Repairs	2,145.50
69960	Rutland Oil Co.	Gasoline & Fuel Purchases	5,860.50
69961	Southside Automotive	Tires	430.59
69962	Visto's Carquest	Air Filter	44.75
69963	Welton Tire Service	Tires	7,788.00
69964	Alcohol Monitoring Systems	Daily Monitoring Fees	120.90
69965	Avid Hawk	County Webpage	45.00
69966	Blawat, Melissa	Extension Travel	539.40
69967	Century Link	911 Contracts	192.59
69968	Computer Prof. Unlimited	Staff Support	1,064.13
69969	Dakota Plains Co-op	Gas Purchases	33.56
69970	Dickey Rural Networks	911 Contracts & Database Charges	271.00
69971	Forman Drug	Office Supplies	6.98
69972	Gwinner First Responders	2014 Allocation	6,500.00
69973	Hardware Hank	Clock	7.49
69974	Information Tech. Dept.	WAN & LERMS	664.60
69975	Klapperich, Cindy	Home Economist Travel	169.60
69976	Martinsen Home Center	Sheriff's Grants/New Door	6,270.00
69977	NDACO	911 Wireless	418.20
69978	NDDOT	Engineering/Contractor Services	136,885.88
69979	NDACO Resources Group	Tech Support/Replacement Battery	593.65
69980	Oakes Ambulance Service	2014 Allocation	19,650.00
69981	Office of Attorney General	SCRAM 24/7	1,520.00
69982	Peterson, Brenda	Travel	234.08
69983	Pharmchem, Inc.	Sweat Patch Analysis	63.00
69984	Sargent County Ambulance/ Forman Unit	2014 Allocation	14,000.00
69985	Sargent County Ambulance/ Milnor Unit	2014 Allocation	14,000.00
69986	Sargent County Insurance	Renewals	36,940.00
69987	SC Treasurer	Extension Postage	101.79

Sparky Engquist, Road Supt. updated the Board on projects, including: work on County # 14 south of Geneseo; gravel projects; patching asphalt; new motor graders; Gerald Baker Small Claim, which NDIRF had originally denied, but the Small Claims Court found for Mr. Baker, and the insurance company will pay the total cost of judgment which was \$2,037.45; bridge report completed and mailed on August 15th; loose rock on roads and broken windshield incident; and, further discussion on the request from Harlan Klefstad. The County's current policy is that the landowner may install a necessary approach according to the County's specifications at the landowner's expense, and the county will furnish a culvert, if needed. The consensus of the Board was that no additional action is required. Mr. Klefstad may install the approach at the appropriate location.

Sandy Hanson gave a brief summary on the Wild Rice River bridge located in Weber Township that involved FEMA dollars. The bridge, an old multi-plate culvert, had been washed out several years ago and the Township had decided to abandon the bridge, along with the road leading to it, and to upgrade a Township road as an alternative route for local property owners and residents. The project is complete and there is some county cost that will be submitted for reimbursement. The county commissioners had approved an expenditure of up to \$15,000 for this bridge abandonment and removal on August 9, 2013.

Lorraine Jacobson, Sargent County Coroner, met with the Board to submit her resignation after 16 years as County Coroner. Lorraine and her husband have retired, and are leaving the county within the next three to four weeks. The Board accepted Ms. Jacobson's resignation with regret and thanked her for her dedicated service to the county. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous) Lorraine proceeded to present information to the Board on appointment of coroner; eligibility; individuals authorized to act in the absence of the coroner; and, reportable circumstances. She also provided statistics of the 71 total cases that she had attended to over the past 16 years. Lyle Bopp, States Attorney was asked to check on procedure for appointing a new coroner.

Motion to approve placement of the Weed Mowing Notice in the Sargent County Teller during the weeks of August 29 and September 5. (Jacobson/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve a Special Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at a Special Event to CDPB LLC (Coteau des Prairie Lodge LLC), 9953 141st Ave SE, Havana ND for a music festival on August 30, 2014. (Anderson/Jacobson, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

STEVE WYUM, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD, COUNTY AUDITOR