

Forman, North Dakota
August 2, 2005

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

The Board proceeded to work on 2006 budget requests from various departments and organizations.

Lyle Bopp arrived at 10:15 a.m.

Norm Preble met to present the state report on sales ratio adjustments and reported that both the residential and agriculture values are at 97%, which is the amount that Sargent County was striving for on 2005 taxes.

The Board received a phone call from Pam Gulleson at Senator Byron Dorgan's office inviting them on a bus tour on August 22. The tour will include areas in Richland and Sargent counties in North Dakota and Marshall County in South Dakota that experienced flooding during the June 2005 rain events. The tour will originate in Lidgerwood at 8:30 a.m.

Lynette Elijah, Milnor Insurance presented insurance updates on the scheduled property amounts. After lengthy discussion the Board directed the insurance agent to make changes to the heavy equipment, computer equipment and FEMA trailers. Following the updates, Ms. Elijah and Auditor Sherry Hosford, will meet to review the changes.

Sandy Hanson, EMS, presented a letter to the Board informing the commission that they should designate or hire a representative to act as the Applicant Agent for the county. This person would oversee the FEMA activities of the county and assist all local government entities as needed with the FEMA process. Appoint Sandy Hanson as Applicant Agent to administer funds received through a presidential declaration for federal assistance to public infrastructure referred to as FEMA-1597-DR-ND. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Approve July 19 and 22, 2005 minutes as corrected. (Waswick/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve reappointment of Ron Narum, Rutland, SC Combined Commission District No. 1 and George Bishoff, Cogswell, SC Combined Commission District No. 2 to the Sargent County Weed Board for 4 year terms. (Brockman/Waswick, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson and Gina Hillestad, SC Personnel Board, met with the Board to discuss a recommendation for the 2006 pay plan. Information from the pay plan consultant was reviewed by the Personnel Board and in considering the employment cost index and consumer price index, the average cost of living adjustment amount is 2.95%. The PB recommends a 3% COLA for Sargent County employees for 2006 be applied to the salary range to keep up to date. Bill Anderson moved that the report of the PB be adopted and 3% COLA be approved, which is reasonable and within rate of inflation. Motion seconded by Wyum. (Roll call: Aye: Anderson, Wyum, Brockman, Walstead and Waswick. Nay: none. Motion carried unanimously)

Steve Wyum moved that effective September 1, 2005, all eligible employees and not on probation, receive a one step salary increase. Motion seconded by Brockman. (Roll Call: Aye: Wyum, Brockman, Anderson, Waswick and Walstead. Nay: none. Motion carried unanimously)

Meeting recessed to Tuesday, August 9 at 8:00 a.m.

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 9 with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Ray Brockman, Mike Walstead, Steve Wyum and Jerry Waswick. Absent none.

The Board proceeded to work on 2006 budget requests from various departments and organizations. The County Auditor was directed to research the county fair levy options. Also discussed the Job Development Authority and need for additional funds. Chairman Walstead will talk to the Forman Development Corporation regarding the Four Seasons Health Care loan and repayment.

Steve Wyum left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The Board reviewed the remaining budgets and instructed the County Auditor to complete the amounts for salaries. On August 16 during the regular meeting, the Board will make any necessary adjustments and adopt a preliminary budget for 2006

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR