The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: W.E. Smith, Karen Anderson, Steve Wyum, Ray Brockman and Donald Wehlander. Absent none.

Discussed purchase of a file server to implement backup of files, centralized storage area of files and file sharing for computer users in the courthouse. Approve purchase of a server as per the specifications and sales quote by NDACo. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Julie Hassebroek, Extension Agent met with the Board to discuss the Envirothon Team trip to the Youth Water Quality Summit in Washington D.C./Maryland in October. The travel expenses will be paid by money raised by the youth and other agencies. No county dollars will be used for travel. Approve out-of-state travel for Julie. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous) Julie asked about insurance for the fireworks display during the 2002 Fair. The Board instructed her to contact Jeff Anderson, county insurance agent for information. Julie showed a T-shirt that all 4-H members would be wearing on Saturday to celebrate 4-H day at the fair. The commissioners will also receive a T-shirt. Julie invited the Board to attend the CCSP tour south of Forman on August 22 and also the soy bean and corn tours on August 26. Three Sargent County 4-H students, Lisa Pherson, Christan Linderkamp and Jim Cramton have been awarded national trips.

Steve reported on information from a meeting on the crop depredation by resident Canada geese held in Rutland on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Officials from ND Game and Fish Dept., USDA Wildlife Division and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were present. Senator Conrad will also be presented the information.

Sandy Hanson met with the Board to discuss the Hazardous Chemical Preparedness Fund and explained the collection and disbursement of the monies. These monies are to better assist facilities in compliance with the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986. Sandy asked that a separate fund be set up for these monies so that carry over dollars can remain in the fund. Approve establishment of said fund. The Bull-a-Rama is a new activity at the fair this year and there will be an additional grandstand charge. A fence will be set up to assist in the gate charge and the Board suggested that the fence that was installed for softball games be used. Only one diamond is currently being used for ball games and the fence that is south of the grandstand could be removed and installed in this area. Sandy will talk with the Fair Board and check out the existing fence.

Lyle Bopp met with the Board to discuss various county issues.

The Board offered an abatement hearing to Duane and Holly Sand on Lot 1, Block 4, Maplewood Add., Gwinner City. Mr. Sand asked for a reduction of \$39,900 on the apartment structure. Gwinner City approved a reduction of \$9,900. Concur with Gwinner City. (Wehlander/Anderson. Roll call: Yes: All No: None. Motion carried)

Teresa Brummond, Chairman, SC Social Service Board, presented a report on the Regional Council, including the organizational chart, services provided and 2003 budget. The council meetings are open to the public and she invited Board members to attend.

John Schreiner, road department employee has completed his introductory period as of August 5, 2002. Based on supervisor recommendation approve permanent full-time status. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Ronda Nicolai, Social Service Dept. employee has completed her introductory period as of July 1, 2002. Based on supervisor recommendation approve permanent fulltime status. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bills and August payroll in the sum of \$80,150.19. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

	Social Service expenditures		7504.56
44162	Colette Barton	Guardian adlitem	1155.05
44163	Buhl's	Cleaning service	206.86
44164	Burnie's	Recorder binder	240.17
44165	Case & Bopp Law Office	Rent and cell phone	205.99
44166	Chunky's	Service Sheriff's car	25.50
44167	Dacotah Paper	Supplies	7.30
44168	Dakota Mailing	Postage scale	420.00
44169	Datamaxx	Enhancement program	265.00
44170	DRN	Telephone	434.26
44171	Dyste's	Supplies	24.97
44172	Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas and repairs	1368.57
44173	Forman Drug	Supplies	27.58
44174	FRS Industries	Self Ink	20.00
44175	Hardware Hank	Supplies	92.28

44176 Sherry Hosford	Travel	267.90
44177 ILG	Registration fee	45.00
44178 International Inn	Auditor lodging	135.00
44179 Martinsen's	Repairs	69.32
44180 McLaen's Service	Service and repairs	254.03
44181 McLeod USA	Long distance calls	210.91
44182 Minn-kota Communications	Radio repairs	28.00
44183 NDACo	Reg., service & equipment	1020.18
44184 ND Dept. of Corrections	Parole & Probation	900.00
44185 DOCS	Labor	290.00
44186 Norman Preble	Travel	112.97
44187 Reardon Office	Copier repairs	374.40
44188 Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	3185.00
44189 SC Abstract Co.	Microfilming supplies	70.58
44190 SC Treasurer	Reimbursement for postage, etc.	4115.06
44191 Claude Strege	Main St. Building roof repairs	933.00
44192 The Teller	Publishing fees	731.85
44193 Verizon Wireless	Car phone	28.12
44194 Viking Office Supplies	Fax and toner	285.28
44195 AW Diesel	Repairs	63.35
44196 Bernard Mahrer Const.	Gravel & road repairs	15488.31
44197 Butler Machinery	Repairs	138.47
44198 Dakota Hose & Equip.	Repairs	348.60
44199 Economy Oil	Gas & propane	1325.73
44200 Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	1737.44
44201 EnviroTech Services Inc.	Dustguard	3589.05
44202 Forman Repair 44203 Huron Culvert & Tank	Repairs Cutting odgoc	138.90
44203 Huron Culvert & Tank 44204 Johnston Culvert Co.	Cutting edges Culverts	635.52
44204 Johnston Curvert Co. 44205 Koch Materials Co.		2073.16 5613.62
44205 NOCH Materials CO. 44206 NAPA Parts	6,323 gals. MC-800 Repairs	18.96
44200 NAFA Fails 44207 Nelson Bulk Oil. Co.	Bio-diesel	1868.64
44207 Nerson Burk Off. Co. 44208 Rutland Oil Co.	Gas pump	458.60
44209 Astar Inc.	SC Web Design	350.00
44210 Michael J. Burns	Architect fees	404.58
44211 CPU	Data processing charges	601.41
44212 First National Ins. Agency	Annual premium	29858.00
44213 Frontier	911	116.58
44214 Sandra Hanson	Power adapter	19.95
44215 ITD	T-1 WAN access & virus protection	393.00
44216 NDACo	Wireless 911 service	907.72
44217 NDSU	Supplies	8.00
44218 OfficeMax	Supplies	32.96
44219 Forman Ambulance	2002 levy	10000.00
44220 Milnor Ambulance	2002 levy	10000.00
44221 SC Fair Ass'n	DARE booth	35.00
44222 Bill Smith	Ass'n president's visit	50.00
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At the August 6, 2002 meeting, the Board agreed to submit three projects to NDDOT as safety projects for funding. Following the meeting, additional information was obtained from NDDOT that would allow County # 2 road project to qualify as a safety project. The Board submitted that project and will save the other three for consideration at a later date.

Approve August 6, 2002 minutes as corrected. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Authorize disposal of a fax machine (#1029) and postage scale (#0030). (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Discussed cost of living adjustment for 2003 budget. Approve 2% increase for all employees. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

Further discussion on the 2003 budget regarding salaries was discussed. Approve a contingency fund in each budget/fund to include one step for all employees on the pay schedule not at maximum on April 1, 2003 and another step on September 1, 2003 for all employees not at Step 7. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

RAY BROCKMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR