

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Room at the Sargent County Courthouse at 10:05 a.m., following the park board meeting, with the following members present: Bill Anderson; Jason Arth; Sherry Hosford; Dave Jacobson; and, Mike Walstead. Also present were Lyle Bopp, State's Attorney; Travis Paeper, Sheriff; Tibby Hinderlie, Sargent County Teller; and, Pam Maloney, Sargent County Auditor.

Denise Ferderer, Tax Director; & Jim Lunneborg, County Resident; arrived at the meeting to consider applications for tax reductions due to inundated lands within the county. 32 applications were received with a total of 1,322.18 acres. Ten (10) or more contiguous acres must be inundated to be approved as inundated land for tax purposes, in order to be in compliance with the applicable state law. Ms. Ferderer informed the Commission that all applications for inundated lands tax reductions submitted for 2018 complied with the requirements of State Law, and that approval of all of the said applications was recommended. Motion to approve the inundated acres applications as recommended by the tax director. (Anderson/Hosford) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Lunneborg commented that in previous years, his statements have come to him in December without the reduction for the inundated lands, and he has had to file an application for abatement of taxes in order to get the inundated acres tax reduction in the form of a tax refund. He was assured that these statements would be pulled and corrected before mailing this year.

Sheriff Paeper appeared at the meeting to discuss one of the bills he had presented for payment. It was a bill for a meal & lodging for a transient moving through the county. In the past, the Sargent County Food Pantry has been providing this service, but they are no longer able to continue the service. Sheriff Paeper has agreed that funds for the payment of this bill may come out of his travel budget for this one time, only, but doesn't think that the Sheriff's budget is the appropriate source to fund any other requests. It was suggested that the Sheriff confer with the churches in Sargent County to find out if they are willing to donate \$50-100 apiece to set up a line item within the Sheriff's Grants budget to be used only for these circumstances. When these funds are depleted, another request for donations could be made at that time. The Sheriff stated that he would pursue this avenue, and report back to the Commission with a specific proposal for consideration.

Approve August 7, 2018 meeting minutes as corrected. (Anderson/Arth, unanimous)

Motion to approve the appointment of Kaia Mahrer, Rutland, to the school re-organization board for a 3 year term, term ending on June 30, 2021, upon the recommendation of Pam Maloney, Superintendent of Schools Designee. (Anderson/Hosford) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Ms. Mahrer replaces Nancy Glarum, who no longer resides in the County, on the School Reorganization Board.

There was much discussion regarding the office space needed for the Emergency Manager, Ambulance Coordinator, States Attorney, Extension Service, Social Services and Health District. Numerous alternatives, including securing office space at locations other than the Courthouse, were discussed, but no decisions were made, and the matter will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Motion to publish weed mowing notice in the official newspaper. (Anderson/Jacobson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The auditor's office has received three proposals for a different copy machine. A new machine has been budgeted for 2019, but the office supply company is willing to bring out a different machine as a demo at this time, and if the auditor's office staff is satisfied with it, the county can keep it & pay for it in January of 2019. The auditor was advised to choose the option she concludes will do the best job for her office and staff.

Approve August payroll in the sum of \$204,699.89 (Nos. 15244-15308 & 77387-77397) and the following bills: (Hosford/Jacobson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

77320	Peterson, Carol	JDA-Conference Registration	75.00
77321-77337		Weed Control Expenses	67,589.95
77338-77355		Health Unit Expenses	2,407.92
77357	Forman City	Water/Sewer/Garbage	171.31
77358	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	1,498.87
77359	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	858.40
77361	American Modern Insurance	JDA- Milnor Spec Home	1,053.00
77362	SCB Public Finance	2018 John Deere 672G Grader	
		Lease Payment	30,000.00
77363-77364		Health Unit Expenses	987.78

77366	Ottertail Power Company	JDA- Milnor Spec Home	11.76
77367-77376		Health Unit Expenses	5,291.58
77398-77411		Human Services Expenses	2,221.29
77431-77435		Weed Control Expenses	217.65
77436	Ameripride Linen	Cleaning Services	119.66
77437	AMS-Alcohol Monitoring	Daily Monitoring Fees	100.00
77438	Avid Hawk, LLC	Web Services	45.00
77439	B & K Electric	Flag Pole Lighting	496.50
77440	Black Pelican	Sheriff Travel	67.35
77441	Bopp Law Office	Telephone/ Rent	225.00
77442	Bryant, Rick	Sheriff Travel	76.99
77443	Computer Prof. Unlimited, Inc.	Data Processing	1,441.08
77444	CHS-Dakota Plains	Gas Purchases	1,327.76
77445	Dakota Water Solutions	Water Jugs	49.00
77446	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	1048.09
77447	Ferderer, Denise	Tax Continuing Education	312.90
77448	Galls, Inc.	Sheriff Equipment	506.99
77449	Gallagher Benefit Services	Consulting Fees	2,850.00
77450	Gordy's Grill & Fill	Sheriff Car Washes	60.00
77451	Gwinner One Stop	Sheriff Gas Purchases	505.47
77452	Gwinner Transfer	Sheriff Oil Change	63.02
77453	Heinert, Craig	Scram Refund	35.00
77454	Information Tech. Dept.	WAN Access/Netmotion	601.10
77455	J & M Printing	EM Window Envelopes	158.08
77456	Maloney, Pamela	Auditor Travel	17.50
77457	NDAAO	2018 Dues/Membership	30.00
77458	ND Cares	Signage	240.00
77459	NDACO Resources Group	VSO Document Scanner	1,147.57
77460	Nelson Auto	Sheriff Squad Car	30,275.41
77461	Nelson's Home Center	Supplies	86.41
77462	CHI-Oakes	Blood Draw	33.00
77463	Odegard, Christopher	SCRAM Refund	20.00
77464	Office of Attorney General	SCRAM 24/7	1,320.00
77465	OTIS Elevator	Service Contract	1,608.00
77466	Paeper, Travis	Sheriff Travel/Equipment	137.56
77467	Pharmchem, Inc.	Sweat Patch Analysis	114.20
77468	Quill.com	Office Supplies	436.72
77469	Red River Basin	2018 Pledge Cost Share	1,197.50
77470	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	5,170.00
77471	Sargent County Insurance	Renewal Policy	48,515.00
77472	Sargent County Teller	Printing/Publishing	2,021.77
77473	Secure Software Solutions	Parcel Splits 2018	754.00
77474	Southside Automotive	Sheriff Oil Change/Tire Repair	106.21
77475	Stein Chemical, Inc.	Courthouse Supplies	179.50
77476	Verizon Wireless	Sheriff MIFI Cards	200.05
77477	Watch Guard Video	Squad Car Equipment	4,870.00
77478	Willprecht, Wendy	EM Travel	107.04
77479	Zirnhelt, Patsy	Treasurer Travel	98.10
77480	Christianson, Kylie	Extension Cooking Camp	240.00
77481	Dickey Rural Networks	911 Trunks	462.00
77482	Forman Drug	Extension Office Supplies	2.97
77483	Forman Market	Extension Cooking Camp	83.09
77484	Frye, Amber	Extension STEM Camp	520.00
77485	Gwinner First Responders	2018 Allocation	6,500.00
77486	Hardware Hank	Extension Supplies	3.79
77487	Klapperich, Cindy	Extension Cooking Camp	4.40
77488	Milnor Market	Extension Cooking Camp	89.40
77489	NCTI	Extension FCW Agent Training	625.00
77490	NDACO	911 Wireless	960.30
77491	NDEMA	2018 EM Membership	30.00
77492	ND State Radio	911 State Radio	6,601.92
77493	ND 911 Association	2018 Membership	25.00
77494	Oakes Ambulance Service	2018 Allocation	20,327.00
77495	SC Ambulance Forman Unit	2018 Allocation	5,000.00
77496	SC Ambulance Milnor Unit	2018 Allocation	5,000.00
77497	SC Treasurer	Extension Postage	119.82
77498	Universal Services	Copier Toners	462.60

74499	Bargen Inc.	Gap Repair Cty Rd #10	26,837.50
74500	Bernard Mahrer Construction	½ Gravel Stockpile & Haul Only County #3	76,582.54
74501	CHS- Dakota Plains	Road Fuel	4,519.35
74502	Ekstrom Repair	Road Batteries	395.90
74503	Enderson Construction	Gravel Haul Fee Only Cty #2, #3,#5,#7, #12 & Cty Shop	76,706.59
74504	Forman Lumber & Hardware	Road Tire Repairs	92.00
77505	Forman Market	Road Supplies	29.59
77506	Hansen Lumber & Hardware	Road Supplies	54.94
77507	Interstate Engineering	Test Gravel Stockpiles/Channel Scour & Profile, & HSIP Projects	2,496.96
77508	John Deere Financial	Antifreeze	14.89
77509	Nelson Bulk Oil Co.	Road Fuel	4,862.97
75510	RDO Equipment	Road Fenders	500.00
75511	Rutland Oil Company	Road Gasoline	1,032.00
75512	Southside Automotive	Road Equipment Repairs	176.11
75513	Visto's Carquest	Road Shop Supplies	155.14
75514	3D Specialties	Road Signs	3,615.91

Merrill Engquist, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting. He reported that the centerline and edge striping has all been completed on the safety project, but there is still some signing that remains to be finished. The Safety Project was a 90%/10% cost share, with 90% being paid with funds provided by the federal government, and 10% being paid with county taxpayer funds. Graveling is still at the half-way point. Road department employee Scott Redenius has given 2 weeks notice and submitted his resignation, so the road department is looking for two employees at this time. There have been a few applicants that Mr. Engquist, Road Commissioner Jacobson & State's Attorney Bopp will be contacting to set up interviews. Mr. Engquist stated that low wages compared to other employment opportunities in the area is the main reason that good employees are leaving the county's employment, and that he would really like to see the road department's wages increased to a more competitive level. The commission is waiting to see what the salary/market survey indicates and recommends. Mr. Engquist also stated that there are some townships that are putting up minimum maintenance signs on county traffic signs. The errant townships will be directed to properly post their signs, and to remove them from the county signs. Mag chloride will soon be applied in areas that had not been done with the first application.

Motion to approve Pledge of Assets as provided by Alison Toepke, Treasurer/Recorder/Clerk of Court, showing \$12,395,000 at Sargent County Bank, Forman ND, for 2018. (Hosford/Jacobson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the 911 fee to be increased to \$2/line. The commission proposes the continuation of the existing 911 fee and directs that the following measure be placed on the county ballot for the statewide general election scheduled for November 6, 2018: Should the current emergency services communication fee of up to \$1.50 per month per wireless access line and telephone access line for the operation and maintenance of the emergency 911 communications systems be continued? Voter approval would allow a fee, not to exceed \$2.00 per month per wireless (cellular) access line and telephone access line, with the revenue dedicated to maintaining and operating the emergency services communication system as required by State law. A "YES" vote means the voter approves the continuation of the fee. A "NO" vote means the voter does not approve the continuation of the fee. (Hosford/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PAM MALONEY – COUNTY AUDITOR