

Forman, North Dakota
August 3, 1999

The Sargent County Commission met at 9:00 a.m. with the following present: W.E. Smith, Don Wehlander, Lysle Coleman, Ray Brockman and Steve Wyum. Absent None. Also present Kim Beckstrom and Tom Lyon.

Earl W. Anderson, Jr., Chairman, SC Planning Commission, met to explain the action of that Board in recent meetings. He indicated they are looking at several areas: 1) Application fee-charged to an entity that wishes to make an application for a solid waste permit; 2) Permit fee-fee charged at the time a permit is granted and 3) Annual renewal fee. After much discussion by the Planning Commission they realize that fee must have rationale basis and cannot be made unreasonably high or unreasonably low. The Planning Commission had sent a proposal to the commission for \$1000 application fee plus compensatory fees (fees to pay for outside experts to assist with an application). Mr. Anderson explained what the Planning Commission has undertaken and studied in making recommendations for fees to the county commission. No other county in North Dakota has a fee schedule in force. The Planning Commission has another meeting scheduled for August 10th and hopes to make a recommendation on both the permit and annual renewal fee. Approve recommendation for \$1,000 application fee plus compensatory fees. (Wyum/Brockman, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp and Steve Melroe arrived at 9:15. Kim Beckstrom addressed the commission and presented an amended draft of conditions for a host agreement with Whitestone Hill Township. Currently, they are under a 10-year host agreement that has been in affect for 2 years. This agreement includes free garbage to the township residents and the landfill will maintain the road that goes to the landfill. Monitoring of the landfill is also addressed. The need for a new agreement is due to an expansion of the landfill. This is an opportunity for a fee agreement to come in place and assist the township. Host agreement adoption steps were reviewed. The county would be involved in the conditional use permit application. The landfill is asking that the conditional use permit be granted conditioned upon landfill receiving a NDS DH waste disposal permit. The landfill would like to swap the NW1/4-10-132-56 for the NE1/4-15-132-56 to spread their cost over many acres. The landfill will meet this week with the township board to discuss and finalize the host agreement. After that meeting, the township will hold a public hearing on the draft host agreement.

Randy Pope and Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the road projects. The projects are near completion and working on the shouldering, fog seal and replacing signs. The entire pavement project is completed. Randy hasn't heard anymore on Co. # 2. Damon is waiting for more information from the paving specialists on Co. # 14. Discussed the program sheets for 2000-2002 from the Federal Aid Program.

Dale Fuhrman, President, Beverly Walstead, Jeanne Hoistad, Judy Ringdahl, and H. L. Anderson, members of the SC Health District met with the commission to discuss the role of both boards on the operation of the counties health unit. The Health District with or without commission approval approved the salary proposal. There are some problems within the district with the salary schedule. The Health District has the option to be a separate unit and would be responsible for rent, retirement, telephone, bookkeeping responsibilities, audit fees and other expenses. The commission can designate a smaller mill levy for the health district based on the budget. The appointed board of health governs the health district. However, the county commission has fiscal control over the district when it approves the annual budget and levies the taxes to finance the approved budget. The Health District would cut the budgets if grants and tax dollars were reduced. They would like to pay the same wages as the community and if they can't afford to do this, then the hours would be cut. The commissioners do not want to deviate from the salary schedule. Some of the health district employees are at mid-point and others are beyond and the commission cannot justify to others that are mid-point and only receiving COLA. Several options were discussed including dismantling the existing district and starting over or joining with neighboring counties to form a joint district board of health. The commissioners suggested the Health District budget accordingly as long as the total dollars stay within the levy limits and grant monies received. Mr. Fuhrman stated that if they go with the commission recommendation, they could possibly lose 3 employees. The Health Board agreed to meet to discuss the future of the health unit and meet with the commission at a later date to discuss their decision.

Ross Eberle, Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson informed the Board that Morlock Construction plans to begin work on Bridge 132-10 about August 20, 1999. A pre-construction conference will be held next week and commissioners plan to attend.

Approve July 20, 1999 minutes as corrected. (Coleman/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve payment of the following bills: (Brockman/Wehlander, unanimous)

37231 Interstate Eng.	1999 Road project engineering	87,515.52
37232 Thorson Inc.	1999 Road projects	942,864.40

Chuck Gates met to discuss some policing problems and that he had met with both Forman and Gwinner City Council meetings last night. He also asked about using some revenue from storage and refunds for the DARE program. Table until the amounts are known.

Patricia Carlen and Gina Hillestad joined the meeting. Proceeded to elect a voting delegate to represent Sargent County at the annual NDACo convention. Gina Hillestad was selected. (Gates/Carlen, unanimous)

Reappoint Wayne Sebens to the SC Weed Board for a 4-year term. (Coleman/Wyum, unanimous)

Norm Preble, Rutland City Council, met to discuss installing speed bumps on Co. # 10 through Rutland City. The Board called in Sparky Engquist and after discussion it was decided rumble strips would be easier to maintain for snow removal, etc. Sparky will get cost estimates for the next meeting.

Approve Special Permit to North Forty, Inc. for a wedding dance on August 14, 1999 at the DeLamere Hall. (Wehlander/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve 3% increase for all eligible employees for 2000 and a contingency fund for 2 steps for those eligible employees not a mid-point excluding Social Service employees. (Wyum/Wehlander, unanimous)

Gina Hillestad reviewed some information on the salary schedule for 2000.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

W.E. SMITH - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR