

Forman, North Dakota
August 4, 2009

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 8:15 a.m. with the following members present: Jerry Waswick, Mike Walstead Bill Anderson, Maurice Orn, and Steve Wyum. Absent: None.

Motion to approve the July 21 and 23 2009 minutes. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous)

The Board proceeded to work on the 2010 budget.

Holly Jessen, the Sargent County Teller arrived at 9:00 a.m.

Dan Jacobson, Mark Breker, Jim Bosse, Roger White and Richard Engst, members of the Sargent County Water Board met with the commissioners to discuss the crossing on County Road No. 10 south of Rutland. Steve Wyum explained the procedure to get the work done this fall and the board will call for bids for the project to accelerate the project. Water Board members asked for the dimensions of the box culverts for this location versus the Breker Bridge that is currently being replaced. The Breker Bridge has two 10'x 10' box culverts 48 feet long with end sections and the location south of Rutland is proposed for two 12'x 10' box culverts 40 feet long with end sections. Steve Wyum placed a phone call to the engineers and Mike Bassingthwaite explained that the purpose of this estimate report was to be on the safe side and the hydrology study has not been completed and the sizing for the Rutland crossing could change. Also the county road versus the township road has some issues with overflow. The local share would be \$100,000. The Breker Bridge cost share for the Water Board will be approximately \$25,000 and the commissioners are looking for \$50,000 for the crossing south of Rutland. There is still concern about the difference in sizing of these two crossings. Bill Anderson commented that the commission values the input from the Water Resource Board and suggested that they remain involved in the planning process. Water Board members will make a decision concerning cost share at their August meeting.

Mark Breker reported that there is a set of culverts on Drain No. 12 between Section 5 and 8 in Marboe Township that was possibly damaged by the county road department. Steve Wyum said it appeared that the culvert ends were damaged by large ice chunks in the channel last spring, and that there was repair funding available through the Emergency Repairs program, but there is some objection about the proposed repair using a concrete abutment structure. Sparky Engquist, via conference call, said the Federal Aid System Emergency Repair program will only allow enough money to repair to original condition, and will not pay for improvements that will prevent damage in the future.

Dan Jacobson said that there is a culvert on County Road 1 between Sections 15 and 22 in Bowen Township that always overflows and he was questioning the sizing of the culvert. Sparky Engquist said the grade of the road is so low at that location that it doesn't take much for the water to overflow. Dan Jacobson believes that with a larger culvert in this site it would not cause any problems. Sparky would like to clean out the silt below the culvert to allow a better flow of the water. Sparky suggested a 36 inch culvert. Dan suggested that Sparky double check the size of the downstream and place the same size in this site. Dan believes that a 48 inch culvert would work at this site. Dan will visit with the landowner and get back to Sparky.

Richard Engst reported on the Milnor City project and informed the commission that the Water Board will be installing two 8 foot wide by 6 foot wide box culverts at 141st Ave SE. This site qualified for partial reimbursement from FEMA. He explained the proposal by Milnor City.

Steve Wyum asked about the proposed flood control dry dam in Richland County and Dan Jacobson reported that they attended a meeting in Mantador and there are some good areas but still objection from some landowners. Roger White said up near Grand Forks they have floodwater retention centers that they place around some cities to protect from flooding.

Colleen Sundquist, representing the Personnel Board met with the commission to recommend the annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2010. The Personnel Board is recommending a 1% COLA based on an average of the Consumer Price Index and the Employment Cost Index. The Personnel Board also recommended a step increase for all employees in 2009 and 2010. The Board will take this under advisement.

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. arrived at the meeting and Water Board members were also in attendance. Mr. DeVillers explained the preliminary proposal for the replacement bridge project south of Rutland and reasons for increasing the proposed size of the opening to 12 foot x 10 foot. He explained that the increase size was to allow for water to go through the new pipe instead of over the roadway, as it has numerous times during the past 15 years. The Request for Proposal for Engineering Services on this project will be opened on August 6th. After the contract for engineering services is awarded a hydraulic study and plans and specifications will be completed. The commission is hopeful that the pipe can be installed, and the grade built up this fall before freeze up, and the asphalt surfacing can be completed in the spring. Also discussed the twin pipes by County No. 5, a culvert north of Gwinner and a bridge in Hall Township. Mr. DeVillers stated that it appeared that the twin culverts on County #5 had been damaged by large ice chunks striking the thin metal on the tapered ends of the culverts this spring, damage not unusual for that type of culvert.

Damon DeVillers also talked with the Board about Federal economic stimulus projects and stated that he had been informed by NDDOT that the money can be used to do the overlay on County 7 and 10 and bids must be opened before February 1, 2010. NDDOT had previously informed the County that this project was not eligible for Federal stimulus funding, but has now reversed its position. The bids can be let at NDDOT in Bismarck on January 29, 2010. The amount of money in the Federal Aid account for the county is \$530,000. Board members authorized Damon to precede with plans on these overlay projects.

Steve Wyum informed the Board that Norm Preble has requested that Sargent County consider a joint position with Ransom County for the Veteran's Service Officer. The Board suggested that a meeting be scheduled with Ransom County.

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. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve Change Order No. 1 for Project BRO-0041(011) - Breker Bridge for a decrease of \$2,000 for price deduct for box culvert reconfiguration. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve Application for Special Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at a Special Event to Side Street Saloon, Inc., Milnor. The event will be held on August 22, 2009 at a Versatile Tractor Show at 8641 144th Ave SE, Milnor, ND. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

The Board recessed for a County Park Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m. and proceeded to work on the 2010 budget.

The Board recessed at 4:00 p.m. to Thursday, August 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

STEVE WYUM - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR

The Board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 6 with the following present: Jerry Waswick, Maurice Orn, Bill Anderson and Mike Walstead. Absent: Steve Wyum. Also present Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc.

The Board proceeded to accept and review Request for Proposals for Construction Engineering Services for Design and Construction Engineering Service for Project CER-4125(061) PCN 18306. Interstate Engineering, Inc., Wahpeton, ND, Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson, PC, Valley City, ND and Moore Engineering, Inc., West Fargo, ND were contacted for proposals. One proposal was received from Interstate Engineering, Inc. Accept the proposal of Interstate Engineering, Inc. and contract with them to provide engineering services for said project. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Donald C. Olson and Jerry Schumacher stopped by the meeting to present a proposal to remove a cottonwood tree west of the courthouse for \$1500 and \$100 to remove the stump. Motion to remove the tree (Orn/Waswick) Discussion. Bill Anderson noted that these big cottonwood trees are the oldest legacy we have from the pioneers -as old as Forman-they provide shade and shelter and may be an inconvenience at times but his opinion is that if they are not diseased, pushing in the foundation or causing other problems they should not be removed. Mr. Anderson stated that the late Dave Hoflen of Rutland once quoted these lines from a poem in defense of another magnificent cottonwood tree being threatened with destruction, "Woodman, spare that tree! Touch not a single bough; for it sheltered me, when I was young, and I'll protect it now." After further inspection of the tree, Commissioners Orn and Waswick withdrew their motion.

Board members reviewed salary alternatives for the 2010 budget presented by Sherry Hosford, Auditor. The salary alternatives will be discussed at the next budget meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

MIKE WALSTEAD - VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR