

Forman, North Dakota
August 6, 2002

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.

Sparky Engquist met with the Board to discuss the Co. No. 2 road project. He has received price estimates to build up the road between Section 21/28-131-58 and straighten out and remove snow traps along Section 22/27-131-58. Discussed acquiring a contract bond and the Board felt that Sparky would be the project manager so bidding is not necessary. Right-of-way easements from the Bureau of Reclamation have not been acquired but Sparky has talked to them and they will review the plans once the county proceeds with the project. Proceed with process of obtaining easements for two projects and Sparky be in charge of the project and obtain the assistance of Dakota Improvement and Crandall Construction to finish project #1 & #2 and pay the contractors on an hourly basis. (Wyum/Smith, unanimous) Bill Smith informed the Board that along County No. 7 going into Havana City a culvert is needed into a driveway to gain access to a new building. Approve placement of a culvert, as per county depth specifications along County No. 7 within the City of Havana to enter the Bergh Enterprise building. The county will pay for the culvert to enhance the safety of the road and Bergh's will install. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

The Board proceeded to work on the 2003 county budget.

Norm Preble met with the Board to present the sales ratio adjustment sheet from the state. The figures for 2002 after local changes are 100% commercial, 97% on residential and 96% on agricultural. These ratios should be within the State Board of Equalization values. He will be attending the State Board meeting next week and a Veteran's Service conference in Bismarck the following week.

Karen Anderson reported the electrical pole has been moved closer to the courthouse so it should take care of the electricity problem. Harvey Kleingarn will look at the water heater and Jerry Sapa has been contacted to look at the installation of a door in the Social Service Office.

Approve Special Permit to North Forty, Inc. for wedding dances on September 14 and November 2, 2002 at the DeLamere Community Hall. (Anderson/Smith, unanimous)

The Hazard Elimination Program, a part of the Title II Highway Safety Improvement Program, helps improve roadway locations that have proven potential safety problems. The intent of the program is to identify projects, which reduce the number of traffic accidents. The Board discussed several sites and approved submission to the state for their consideration. The sites are 1) railroad crossing on County # 4 7/8 mile south of ND Highway 13 between Section 25/26-132-57; 2) railroad crossing located on County # 12 1 ¼ miles north of ND Highway 11 between Section 1-131-54 and Section 6-131-53; 3) removal of the curves located at the intersection of ND Highway 11 and 32 on the south edge of Forman and 1 ½ miles south of Forman at the intersection of the same highway.

Approve July 16 minutes as corrected. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Steve Wyum introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, residence goose depredation of cropland has been a recurring severe economic loss for Sargent County producers,
BE IT RESOLVED that the Sargent County Board of Commissioners endorse the initiatives by local producers to engage our U.S. Congressional delegates, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the North Dakota Game and Fish Dept. in expediting solutions to this devastation.

Bill Smith seconded the resolution.

Roll call vote. Yes: Anderson, Smith, Wyum, Wehlander, and Brockman. No: None. Resolution was duly declared carried and adopted.

Tammy Schillinger, representing Community Services, met with the Board at their request to discuss placement of community service workers. The Board would like to see more placements at Silver Lake Park to work on various projects. The Deputy Matron has agreed to work with Parole and Probation. If other arrangements are necessary, someone must call Tammy directly to let her know what needs to be done. The Board will prepare a list of sites for Tammy for future workers.

The Board received a request for a donation to the Sargent Central Envirothon Team to attend competition in Maryland. The Board congratulates the team and wishes them well on their trip but the county does not have a budget for such requests nor is there funding available.

Authorize removal of a computer (#1287) and a Royal Typewriter (#0041) from the inventory. (Smith/Wehlander, unanimous)

Approve cost share of a 36"x38' culvert for Weber Township to be placed between Section 13/24-129-55. (Wehlander/Anderson, unanimous)

The Board resumed work on the 2003 budget and will offer department hearings on August 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

RAY BROCKMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR