

August 7, 2001  
Forman, North Dakota

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Smith, Ray Brockman, Donald Wehlander and Karen Anderson. Absent Steve Wyum.

Gloria Brummond, Oakes, Jack Lalor and Jesse Lisburg, US Fish and Wildlife met with the Board to discuss a quarter of land (NE1/4-9-132-58). Mrs. Brummond indicated that there is about 80 acres of land under water on this quarter. She has filed for the inundated. Norm Preble arrived and reported that the quarter has qualified for inundated reduction. USFW has a fee title purchase program that they do not actively pursue but Mrs. Brummond has asked USFW to purchase. The Board's opinion is they do not care who owns the land as long as the taxes are paid. The program through USFW offers a lump sum payment to the county in lieu of taxes based on  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 1% of the appraised value. The Board assured Mrs. Brummond that they would not object to the sale and would consider a proposal.

Approve July 17, 2001 minutes as corrected. (Anderson/Brockman, unanimous)

Discussed a Beer and Liquor license for Dawn Skog/No Name Bar for a one day license for August 18, 2001 through August 19, 2001 at 1:00 a.m. at a site located in the SE1/4-35-130-57 for a fee of \$100. Approve the license. (Brockman/Smith. Roll call: Yes Anderson, Brockman, Smith, and Wehlander. No none.)

Reappoint George Bishoff, Cogswell and Ronald Narum, Rutland to the Sargent County Weed Board for a 4-year term. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Sandy Hanson met with the Board to receive comments at a public hearing to consider the adoption of a resolution to permit the extension of existing 911 fees to wireless communications service. She reviewed the new law passed by the 2001 legislature, which allows the counties to charge wireless communications the same fee as landline communications. No one appeared at the hearing. Adopt the resolution for Proposed Wireless 911 Fees. A copy of the resolution is on file in the Auditor's Office. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Sandy reported that the Extension Service has approached the Fair Board about building office/storage space in the Exhibit Building for their department during the fair. The Fair Board told them they would not pay for any expenses and the Extension Service has informed them that they have obtained the materials and labor at not cost to the Fair Board. Sheriff Gates was called to the meeting to discuss location of the DARE booth in the Exhibit Building. The office/storage room will be 8'x16' and must be placed so it does not interfere with overhead door. Karen Anderson will coordinate.

Norm Preble met to explain a 2000-2001 ratio adjustment worksheet for commercial, residential and agricultural. He also placed a notice in the Teller that he will be updating and reviewing the rural residential property.

Approve 1/3 cost share for a 36-inch 4-foot extension culvert for Weber Township between Section 13/24-129-55. (Smith/Anderson, unanimous)

Gary Abel and Brian Mortenson, Minn-kota Communications, Sandy Hanson and Gina Hillestad met with the Board to present a bid for a new phone system for the courthouse. The units have many features and capabilities for future enhancements. The system is a Comdial DX-80 system at a total bid of \$12,550.00. The Board will discuss the proposal.

The Southeast Judicial District has prepared municipal contracts from the ND State Court Administrator's Office, which allows for certain municipal cases to be transferred to the state. Approve Milnor City and Gwinner City court contracts. (Smith/Brockman, unanimous)

A meeting was held to discuss the progress of the Silver Lake project. Those attending were Quentin Hoistad, Dan Jacobson, Randy Gjestvang, Larry Lindbergh, Easy Butler, David Rush and David Beaver. Easy Butler, Riparian Forester presented cost estimates for prices on trees. David Rush, Red River Riparian Board reported that there is a formal agreement for planting trees for projects with planting plans. They would cost share 60% of the total project. Larry Lindbergh, NRCS reported that the cultural resource survey has been completed and sent in and there is a question about the zone Silver Lake is located in that this has to be sent to another Board and will report back to NRCS. The COE permit would fall under a nationwide permit and would have about a 2-week turnaround time. Randy Gjestvang, State Water Commission, indicated that a sovereign lands permit might be required because the lake is a meandering lake and this is part of the requirements for the project. David Rush asked about other places to request cost-share and if the money isn't available should they proceed with the project. The Board agreed to proceed with the project regardless of the cost share.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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DONALD WEHLANDER - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR