The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, David L Jacobson, Mike Walstead and Jerry Waswick. Absent: None. Also present was Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller.

Approve minutes of July 17, 2012 meeting as corrected. (Waswick/Jacobson, unanimous) Board members received a copy of the July 2012 Financial Report.

David Johnson, Forman met with the commission and discussed the geology of Sargent County and the potential for economic and tourism development.

Approve Games of Chance Permit # 2012-01 to Cogswell Gun Club, Cogswell, ND for a raffle to be held on September 9, 2012 at Cogswell Gun Club Trap Grounds. (Walstead/Jacobson, unanimous)

Approve reappointment of Nancy Glarum, Rutland, ND to the Sargent County Weed Board for a four year term. (Jacobson/Waswick unanimous)

Authorize the Chairman to acknowledge receipt and sign the Semi-Annual Progress Report for Dakota Micro, Inc. from Lake Agassiz Regional Council. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous)

El Zagal Viking Patrol, Gwinner presented two checks as donations to help support the people and organizations in our area. The checks were payable to the Sargent County Park Board for \$1,000 for the Park Pavilion and one to the Sargent County Fair Association for \$1,000.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff met with the Board to discuss replacing another vehicle for his department. The contemplated replacement vehicle he provided information on is a 2013 Ford Police Intercept AWD 4 door utility. Travis also provided information on pricing and trade-in or sale value of the currently owned 2009 Ford Expedition vehicle that the Sheriff's Department wishes to replace. Travis informed the Board that the State bid purchase price of the new vehicle is \$27,109 less \$15,500 estimated resale from 2009 vehicle. Authorize the Sheriff to purchase a 2013 Ford Police Intercept vehicle and sell the 2009 Expedition. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous) Travis also had information from State Radio regarding Intergraph CAD (computer-aided dispatch) and upgrading the current software with more features. Travis received notice that his department will be contacted soon to transport a prisoner back to Sargent County for an arrest warrant issued by Sargent County. Approve out of state travel for the Sargent County Sheriff's Dept. to travel to Sioux Falls, SD to transport a prisoner back to Sargent County (Walstead/Jacobson, unanimous)

Gina Hillestad, member of the Personnel Board informed the Board that the Personnel Board is recommending an annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2013 of 1.5%. Based on the Consumer Price Index of 1.8% and Employment Cost Index of 1.1%, the recommendation is for a 1.5% COLA. Motion to establish the 1.5% COLA recommendation from the Personnel Board for the 2013 salaries. (Wyum/Walstead, carried)

Motion to approve a one step increase for all eligible employees effective September 1, 2012 and to include a contingency fund in the 2013 budget for a one step pay increase for all eligible employees. (Jacobson/Waswick, unanimous) Also discussed awarding steps based on longevity, specifically for Auditor Sherry Hosford. Tabled until the August 21 meeting.

Motion to approve Games of Chance Permit #2012-02 to Pam Gulleson for ND for a raffle to be held at the Mike and Kristine Harris Farm, 11450 83rd St SE, Crete, ND on August 21, 2012 contingent upon the opinion of the Sargent County States Attorney that the County has the authority to issue such a permit. (Waswick/Walstead, unanimous)

The Board proceeded to work on the 2013 budget. Motion to increase the courthouse building and maintenance budget for 2013 from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to allow for additional funding for courthouse repairs. (Wyum/Waswick, carried)

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

BILL ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR