The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Bill Anderson, Steve Wyum, Maurice Orn and Jerry Waswick. Absent Mike Walstead

Wendy Jacobson, Director, SC Human Services, met with the Board to discuss Independent Living Services (ILS) program. This new budget line item deems it necessary to amend the 2006 budget to include the new ILS program. Authorize the amendment to the 2006 budget for the ILS program with the figures presented by the Human Service Director for the ILS. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Approve August 15, 2006 minutes as corrected. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Discussed replacing the conference phone in the commissioner's room. Minn-kota Communications, Wahpeton provided a system quotation for a Polycom Sound Station 2 for \$560 plus installation. Tabled until return call from DRN.

Sparky Engquist, Road Supt. met with the Board to discuss road projects. Grinding has begun on the projects and he indicated the need to apply an initial application of the Base 1 before winter and the final application and seal coat will be done next year. Approved. Sparky also requested another full-time employee. Escalating oil and fuel costs having greatly increased road construction costs and Sargent County recently rejected a contractors low bid for a federal aid project. Sargent County commissioners, Sparky Engquist, Road Supt. and Interstate Engineering, Inc. thoroughly studied utilizing the county road crew to undertake several new road construction and seal coat projects also bridge and culvert installations. They concluded that very significant savings can be achieved. In order to accomplish these additional projects efficiently and on a timely basis more manpower is needed. Motion that Martin Bommersbach be reclassified as a full time employee Grade 6, Step 9 effective October 1, 2006. (Wyum/Anderson. Roll call. Aye: Wyum, Anderson, and Waswick. Nay. Orn. Motion carried)

Approve payment of the following bill:(Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)55558 Crandall Construction26,289.5 yds. Crushed Gravel stockpiled68,352.70

Norm Preble, Tax Director/Veteran's Service Officer reported to the commission on the CAMA computer program. It is a slow process but he and the Treas. Office have begun inputting data for the cities. Norm plans to attend the VSO Fall Conference in Fargo in 2 weeks. Bill Anderson asked about the upcoming Veteran's Day Program. Motion to recognize the county veteran's by sponsoring a Veteran's Day Program on November 11, 2006 and that the County Veteran's Service Officer be in charge of coordinating the program. (Anderson/Orn, unanimous)

Mark Breker, Chairman, Sargent County Water Board met to explain the project on County # 14 south of Geneseo which crosses over Drain No. 3. FEMA has inspected and prepared a project worksheet for the repairs and the Water Board sent a letter requesting an improved project from FEMA to replace two existing corrugated metal pipe with one 12 foot wide by 5 foot high reinforced concrete box culvert installed at a skew. The engineer has indicated a turn around time of 3 weeks to get the approval to proceed with the repairs to this project. The Board visited with Sparky Engquist on coordinating the work to get it done this fall upon approval by FEMA.

Colleen Sundquist, SC Health Unit Administrator, met with the Board to review the various programs that are implemented through the County Health Dept. She provided handouts explaining each program and funding sources.

The Board recessed at 12:15 for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 2:15 p.m. following the Sargent County Park Board meeting.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at the meeting.

Patrick Nygaard, Jamestown/Stutsman County Development Corporation met with the Board to discuss a transportation study proposal for Spiritwood Energy Park. The park consists of a 100-million gallon/year ethanol plant, major expansion of the existing Cargill Malt Barley plant and construction of a Co-Generation plant. NDDOT has committed to 80% of the funding of the study of the highway needs and Stutsman County, Great River Energy/Cargill/Newman Group, Barnes and Steele County have agreed to participate in the cost share of the study. He is seeking a letter of support from Sargent County and other surrounding counties with a small monetary commitment so that they can show transportation infrastructure with regards to renewable energy projects is a priority in this region.

Board members felt that this proposal should be presented to the SC Job Development Authority for their review and consideration. Mr. Nygaard will contact SCJDA.

Jim Kolle, Dan Jacobson and Jim Gallagher, Gwinner Farmers Elevator met with the Board to discuss an agreement for corn storage at the county fairgrounds. They have done this the last two years and would like to do it again and are asking permission from the commission. The Board suggested a donation to the fairboard and the possibility of placing the corn at a different location to eliminate placing any corn on the roadway that goes into the fairground. The road supt. will provide an alternate location for storage. The States Attorney will prepare the agreement.

Maurice Orn left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Rescind Sargent County 2006 Fire Proclamation dated July 18, 2006 as recent rainfall has improved conditions. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve annual weed mowing notice and authorize publication. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve appointment of Neil R. Anderson, Mayor, Forman City to the Sargent County Job Development Authority Board as recommended by the Forman City Council. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous) Term is three years.

Approve and support resolution opposing the Shared Parenting Initiated measure and urge all citizens to study this issue and recognize its impacts on children, families, our county, and our State before going to the polls in November. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Approve appointment of the following persons as election inspectors for the upcoming 2006 General Election. Precinct No. 1-Shirley Mund, Milnor; Precinct No. 2-Bonnie Larson, Gwinner; Precinct No. 3-Denise Dockter, Cogswell; Precinct No. 4-Vivian Kosmatka, Forman and Precinct No. 5-Renee Cramton, Rutland and polling place hours open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in all five precincts. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous) Jerry Waswick will serve as Chairman on the County Canvassing Board on November 13.

Approve out-of state travel for Lorraine Jacobson, County Coroner to attend the Minnesota Medical Examiners Workshop in Minneapolis on October 3 & 4, 2006 (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

The Board proceeded to review the 2007 Preliminary Budget. Approve 2007 Preliminary Budget in the amount \$4,595,896. The final budget hearing was set for Tuesday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the commissioner's room, Sargent County Courthouse. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

JERRY M. WASWICK – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD – AUDITOR