

Forman, North Dakota  
September 1, 2009

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Jerry Waswick, Mike Walstead Bill Anderson, Maurice Orn, and Steve Wyum. Absent: None. Also present: Holly Jessen, the Sargent County Teller.

Motion to approve the August 18, 2009 minutes as corrected. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous)

Wendy Jacobson, Human Service Director met with the Board to discuss the 2010 budget and concerns with unknown expenditures and appropriations regarding a retirement in that department. The levied amount was reviewed and determined to be adequate for 2010.

Mike Walstead, courthouse commissioner reported on repainting the dome. A company inspected the dome and will provide an estimate.

Norm Preble, VSO, informed the Board that he is planning the Sargent County's Veteran's Day celebration program and meal which will be held on November 11, 2009, in Forman.

Staff restructuring items were reviewed by the Board as well as job classifications and pay grades for county employees. Joan Lee, Recorder and Gina Hillestad, Treasurer were invited to the September 15 meeting to discuss a job training plan.

The Board reviewed an Application for Abatement and Settlement of Taxes from Robert Dick for property located on the South 116.49 feet of Lots 1-2-3, Block 10, Eastside Addition, Forman City for 2007, 2008 and 2009. Mr. Dick stated that the residential property's true and full value exceeds the market value. Forman City denied the application. Concur with Forman City. (Anderson/Waswick, unanimous)

Travis Paeper, Sheriff and Norm Preble, Tax Director/VSO met with the Board to discuss transferring VSO duties to the Sheriff's Dept. At the current time with the department short a deputy; Sheriff Paeper felt that he favored a joint venture with Ransom County. His department scheduling is very unpredictable and he fears this could create a disservice to the veterans in Sargent County.

Travis Paeper also informed the Board that the Sheriff's Dept. plans to hire another deputy by October 1, 2009.

Tom McKinnon, Ransom County Veterans Service Officer arrived at the meeting and indicated that he is willing to assume the responsibilities of Sargent County VSO. Mr. McKinnon added that in order to learn all the benefits available for veterans you have to be actively handling cases dealing with veterans. National certification is required and the state is hoping they can host a class in North Dakota. At the present time several ND VSO's are not certified. If the proposed Agreement between Ransom and Sargent Counties is approved, Mr. McKinnon would remain a Ransom County employee and Sargent County would reimburse Ransom County for 25% of the expenditures. Other items discussed included work schedule, meeting with legion posts and phone service. The Sargent County Commission scheduled a conference call with Ransom County Commission for September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to further discuss this agreement.

Fairboard members Ken Forster and Dennis Goltz along with Chairman Jerry Waswick reported on the 2010 fair and indicated that the balance is still in the black after the fair bills have been paid. Financially they are in good shape. The project planned for this fall is to tin the walls of the horse barn, install a walk-in door and install 2 overhead doors. The board has materials bid but waiting for a labor bid. They will utilize \$6300 allocated through

the county general fund. All buildings except the auditorium have been repaired. A separate account for preservation of the auditorium has been set up. The 2010 fair will be the fourth weekend in July. The Fairboard met after the 2009 fair and discussed ideas for changes to the next fair. Other concerns discussed included the hay bid for the fairgrounds. Fairboard members agreed to decrease the amount bid by Michael Willprecht by \$50 because some of the area to be hayed was utilized during the fair. Also concerned about access to the fair buildings and doors not kept locked.

Received notice from ND Department of Transportation (NDDOT) that Bridge 129-19 is only 16 feet in length and thus was removed from the NDDOT inventory in the late 1970's. NDDOT recommended that Sargent County contact a consulting engineer firm capable of providing bridge inspection. Steve Wyum informed the Board that Sparky Engquist, road supt. reinforced the bridge this spring. The bridge needs the abutments replaced and Sparky has contacted two contractors for estimates.

The Board recessed at 11:55 for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m. following the Park Board meeting.

The Sargent County Water Board informed the Commission that they will contribute 50% of the local construction cost for the crossing located on County No. 10 approximately 2 miles south of Rutland.

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

Authorize Chairman to sign the Semi-Annual Report for Dakota Micro Inc. Expansion. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve applications and grant permits for Sunday Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages to the Geneseo Bar and Grill, Geneseo, ND, for a 12-month period and also a Dance Permit for twelve months. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve Application and grant a permit for a Special Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at a Special Event for the Forman Golf Course to serve an appreciation supper and beverages at the Delahoyde Pioneer Seed facility located in the NE1/4-13-130-56 on September 15, 2009. (Orn/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve the 2010 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$5,607,209. (Waswick/Anderson. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Orn to discontinue the use of mag-chloride on roadways and place the money spent in the gravel fund. Seconded by Jerry Waswick. Discussion followed on the use of mag-chloride and the benefits. Mr. Orn feels that everyone pays taxes and doesn't live on a gravel road to receive this benefit. He feels if they want mag-chloride on their road, they should have to pay for it. After further discussion the question was called. Roll Call: Aye: Orn. Nay: Walstead, Anderson, Waswick, Wyum. Motion defeated. The question was called on adoption of the 2010 Preliminary Budget. Roll Call: Aye: Wyum, Waswick, Orn, Anderson, Walstead. Nay: None. Motion carried. The final budget hearing is set for Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room, Sargent County Courthouse.

Approve Application and grant a permit for a Special Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at a Special Event for the Sebens Pheasant Inn, Milnor, ND for a benefit for suicide prevention (Pam Murack Memorial Four Wheeler Run) at 13946, 86<sup>th</sup> St SE, Milnor (Edwin Erickson farm) on September 12, 2009. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve application for charitable gaming permit # SC2009-02 by Suicide Prevention Awareness of Fargo to conduct raffle at the Edwin Erickson farmstead, 13946 86<sup>th</sup> St SE, Milnor on Saturday, September 12. (Anderson/Waswick - Unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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STEVEN WYUM - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR