

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

Approve minutes of September 2, 2008 meeting as corrected. (Walstead/Wyum, unanimous).

Approve September payroll in the sum of \$141,701.78 (nos. 2376-2443 and 59675-59685) and the bills submitted. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous):

59568	Forman City	Water, sewer, garbage	\$ 165.30
59574-59580		Health District Expenditures	819.17
59581 & 59583-59595		Human Service Expenditures	5789.20
59596	Alliance Management	Employee Handbook Support	250.00
59597	American Express	Purchasing card expenses	1116.84
59598	Buhl's	Cleaning service	141.75
59599	Darlene Colbert	Travel	156.50
59600	Comfort Inn	Preble lodging	220.00
59601	DRN	Phone service	730.95
59602	Dyste's	Supplies	27.48
59603	Election Systems	Ballot coding and layout	4915.48
59604	Hardware Hank	Supplies	44.79
59605	Lexis Nexis	ND Court Rules	57.65
59606	Pam Maloney	Travel	126.50
59607	Mid-States Wireless	Sheriff-batteries	440.00
59608	NDACO Resources	FAX cartridge	71.60
59609	Donald C Olson	Tree removal	500.00
59610	Otis Elevator	Annual Service Contract	1116.04
59611	Quality Inn & Suites	Maloney lodging	110.00
59612	Quill Corp	Supplies	445.60
59613	The Sargent County Teller	Publishing	539.74
59614	Stein's Inc.	Liquid soap	53.58
59615	Streicher's	Sheriff-holster & knife	61.98
59616	U.S. Express	11.2 ton coal	1069.70
59617	Gerald Waswick	Travel	36.00
59618	A W Diesel Service	Repairs & tool	224.90
59619	Bernard Mahrer Const.	Pea rock & gravel	22862.11
59620	Bituminous Paving	4.3 ton asphalt	223.60
59621	Bladow Machinery	Mower repairs	150.00
59622	Central Specialties	36.39 ton hot mix	2729.25
59623	Crandall Construction	Gravel hauling	144627.44
59624	Ekstrom Repair	Repairs	2299.91
59625	Forman Repair	Repairs	306.78
59626	The Home Shop	Road-hearing protect	116.70
59627	Johnston Fargo Culvert	12 culverts & 10 bands	6055.22
59628	Kinetic Leasing	Lease payment & fee	9696.00
59629	Kustom Machine	Repairs	303.71
59630	Martinsen's Home Center	Road-repairs	38.36
59631	ND Dept of Insurance	Tank coverage	150.00
59632	Nelson Bulk Oil	Fuel	6090.54
59633	Southeast Propane	Propane	106.79
59634	Z&S Dust Control	Mag-Chloride	37048.44
59635	Zep Sales & Service	Supplies	212.10
59636	Computer Professionals	Staff support	906.07
59637	Lisa Dawson	Travel expense	403.71
59638	DRN	911 contract	259.00
59639	Economy Oil	Sheriff-gas	70.41
59640	Farmers Union Oil	Gas	864.25
59641	Gwinner One-Stop	Gas	458.11
59642	Julie Hassebroek	Travel	540.18
59643	ITD	WAN	452.20
59644	Minn-kota Comm.	2006 Homeland Security-install base	799.00
59645	NDACO	911 service costs	2017.20
59646	NDDOT	FAS project SC-4111(065)	68088.59
59647	NDSCS	Hanson registration	290.00

59648	Official Payments	Web tool	165.00
59649	Positive Promotions	DARE	276.40
59650	Qwest	911 contract	191.88
59651	Richland Co. Corrections	Prisoner board	275.00
59652	Starion Bond Services	Interest/fees	13448.50
59653	Stutsman County	Semi-annual AS400	1380.00
59654	WSI	Volunteer premium	109.20
59655-59657		Weed Board expenditures	2895.96

Authorize the treasurer to write off and submit to ND Unclaimed Property Division the following uncashed checks: (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous).

#26494	Mandy Hintsch	1-20-2006	\$40.00
#54927	NACCHO	6-9-2006	\$55.00

Julie Hassebroek, Extension; Mike Campbell, Sargent Central School; and Sandy Hanson were in attendance for the 10:00 a.m. 2009 Final Budget Hearing. Mike Campbell encouraged the board to set the taxable valuations as high as allowed by the state. Mr. Campbell had questions on the Keystone Pipeline valuation impact on School District, Township and County valuation and about the possibility to negotiate the method in which the involved school districts get their payments. He was asked to do the legwork in getting this information. Approve adding a Milnor Airport Authority line item to the Job Development Authority budget for 2009, only in the amount of \$3000 for enhancement and improvements only and not maintenance, and reduce the Economic Development/Miscellaneous line item from \$73,740 to \$70,740. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous).

#### RESOLUTION NO. 1

Commissioner Anderson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commission Waswick:

WHEREAS, the Lake Agassiz Regional Council strives to assist in the planning and economic development of Sargent County and Lake Agassiz Regional Council as a whole, and

WHEREAS, planning and economic development are the objectives of the Board of Commissioners of Sargent County,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Sargent County approves and supports the planning and economic development program and budget of the Lake Agassiz Regional Council during the Fiscal year 2009 in the amount of \$1500.

Voting aye: Walstead, Anderson, Wyum, Waswick, Orn.

Voting nay: None

Resolution was adopted.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2

Commissioner Anderson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Walstead:

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Board to make appropriations for the current year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009 of money in specific amounts for all offices, officials, improvements, roads, bridges, etcetera, which are supported wholly or in part by the county.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sargent County commission approve and adopt the 2009 budget.

Voting aye: Walstead, Anderson, Wyum, Waswick, Orn.

Voting nay: None.

Resolution was adopted.

The following is a summary of the taxes to be levied for 2009:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
BUDGET REQUEST	783,940	3,648,878	4,432,818
BUDGETED TRANSFERS OUT		185,000	185,000
CASH RESERVE	119,555	917,763	1,037,318
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>903,495</b>	<b>4,751,641</b>	<b>5,655,136</b>

ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE (12-31-07)	145,105	1,357,822	1,502,927
ESTIMATED TRANSFERS IN		185,000	185,000
ESTIMATED REVENUE	383,390	1,534,289	1,917,679
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>528,495</b>	<b>3,077,111</b>	<b>3,605,606</b>
LEVY REQUIRED	375,000	1,674,530	2,049,530
ALLOWANCE FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS	15,000	59,328	74,328
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT LEVIED</b>	<b>390,000</b>	<b>1,733,858</b>	<b>2,123,858</b>

Sandy Hanson, DES/911, reported on the Emergency Management Fall Conference held in Minot, and the outlook for Homeland Security funding and cooperation within regions. Sargent County received a PSIC Grant totaling \$85,060.00 which can only be used for communication equipment for the county and its entities.

David Kozok Jr. was introduced as the new sheriff deputy to be stationed in Gwinner City.

Mark Gainor, Milnor Airport Authority, discussed the need for financial support for their projects of extending the runway and new lights. The commission informed him of the change to the 2009 JDA budget allowing up to \$3000 support for improvements or enhancements to the Milnor Airport. Bills will have to be submitted for County Commissioners' approval. An agreement identical or similar to Gwinner City's will have to be presented for approval to include the Milnor Airport in the Sargent County Airport Authority levy for tax years starting 2010.

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, joined the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Sargent County received a refund from Dental Service Corporation in amount of \$7921.20 representing 5.25 months of dental premiums paid either by the Comprehensive Medical Insurance (CMI) Fund as an employee benefit, or by employees as a payroll deduction. Upon recommendation from Lyle Bopp, motion was made to place the entire check into the CMI Fund. (Wyum/Anderson, unanimous).

Authorize Chairman and Auditor to sign Kinetic Leasing 5-year agreement for \$43,200 effective September 1, 2008, at 5.25% to purchase two Walk 'n' Roll packer/rollers. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous).

Lyle Bopp and Holly Jesson left at noon.

Sparky Engquist, Road Supt., reported on progress of County Road #4, #1, and #14 projects. Upcoming work plans for the fall are removal of bridges, installation of culvert, and graveling. The auditor is to forward to Lake Agassiz the cost data on the County #14 base-one project.

Joan Lee, Sandy Hanson, Julie Hassebroek, Lisa Dawson, Darlene Colbert, Lacey Severson, and Holly Jesson joined the meeting. Commissioners Waswick and Wyum reported on the changes to the proposed county restructuring plan. There was much discussion and questions about the actual cost saving in reduced hours, the cross-training, and moving of offices and employees. Some employees complained that their Department Heads had not informed them of the proposal, and that they were first informed of the proposed change in their hours and retirement dates by reading it in a news article. The Commission will accept employee input but request that it be done professionally with long-term budget solutions being considered. There will be time set aside on the agenda at the next three meetings before the final proposal is presented to the rest of the Board in November. Lyle Bopp returned to the meeting during this discussion. He stressed the importance of preserving and maintaining the services for Sargent County residents within the county.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Maurice Orn – Chairman

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Elaine D Anderson – Deputy Auditor