

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

Approve September 4, 2007 minutes as corrected. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous)

Chairman Anderson appointed Commissioner Walstead and Commissioner Wyum and Road Supervisor Engquist to prepare and present a proposed policy/remedy for gas use in county vehicles by November 20, 2007.

Mike Walstead reported on the repairs that are underway on the courthouse rotunda and cornice. The re-painting project should be completed this week.

Approve September payroll in the sum of \$ (#'s) and all bills presented. (Waswick/Wyum, unanimous)

57823-57833 Health District Expenditures		1167.84
57834 Forman City	Water, sewer and garbage	133.05
57844-57849 Weed Board Expenditures		5465.91
57840/57842-57862 Human Service Expenditures		14343.93
57863 Alltel	Sheriff's cell phone	131.40
57864 BW Seven Seas Inn	Lodging	220.00
57865 BP Amoco	Car wash	7.99
57866 Buhl's	Cleaning service	163.40
57867 Chunky's Standard Service	Vehicle expenses	49.80
57868 Darlene Colbert	Meals	20.00
57869 Comfort Inn	Lodging	220.00
57870 DRN	Phone service	732.68
57871 Farmers Union Oil Co.	Gas and supplies	916.78
57872 Gov't Mgmt Group	Job description evaluation	140.00
57873 Gwinner One Stop	Gas	221.78
57874 Sandra Hanson	Travel	73.80
57875 Hardware Hank	Supplies	45.60
57876 Sherry Hosford	Travel	68.51
57877 Lorraine Jacobson	Coroner travel and fees	554.80
57878 Lexis-Nexis	Publications	56.40
57879 Pam Maloney	Travel	62.65
57880 Martinsen's	Supplies and equipment	264.82
57881 NDACO	Registration	195.00
57882 Boiler Inspection Program	Fee	20.00
57883 Office Depot	Supplies	315.20
57884 Otis Elevator	Annual maintenance fee	1056.12
57885 Quill Corporation	Fax supplies	59.96
57886 SE Crime Conference	Dues	10.00
57887 Steins	Paper products	179.07
57888 Teller	Publishing fees	823.51
57889 US Express Inc.	25.09 ton coal	1938.30
57890 Michael Walstead	Travel	37.44
57891 Jerry Waswick	Travel	98.10
57892 AW Diesel Service	Repairs	364.92
57893 Arrowhead Transport	Pea rock	8564.63
57894 Auto Value	Repairs	24.58
57895 A1 Radiator Sales	Repairs	1064.93
57896 Barga, Inc.	Road repairs	8637.75
57897 Bernard Mahrer Construction	Pea rock	15045.36
57898 Crandall Construction	Gravel, clay, riprap and pea rock	107767.25
57899 Dakota Improvement Inc.	Co # 3/FEMA	4044.54
57900 Farmers Union	Repairs	23.70
57901 Flint Hills Resources	MC-3000	57059.42
57902 Forman Repair	Repairs	159.90
57903 General Equipment	Repairs	3520.08
57904 Lorenz Mfg.	½ cost of Box scraper	370.00
57905 McLaen's Service Inc.	Tires	212.70
57906 Nelson International	Repairs	128.16
57907 Power Plan-RDO	Repairs	90.30

57908 Melvin Ridder	Tire rim	60.00
57909 Sweeney Brothers	Repairs	30.96
57910 Whitestone Hill Twp.	1/3 cost of culverts	2577.73
57911 Z & S Dust Control	Mag-chloride	2747.44
57912 B & K Electric	AC wiring for courtroom grant	1096.48
57913 Barnes Co. Corrections	Prisoner Board	770.00
57914 CPU	Data processing charges	871.22
57915 Dickey County	HS/ICS-300 class	850.00
57916 DRT	911 contracts and updates	255.00
57917 Hardware Hank	HS training supplies	126.02
57918 HP Company	Supplies	353.50
57919 ITD	WAN access, antivirus and LERMS	526.00
57920 NDACo	Wireless 911 fees	1173.60
57921 ND Dept. of Ins.	Premium	47.76
57922 NDSU	Registration	60.00
57923 Nick of Time	ISC 400 course & Shelter and Evacuation	1358.34
57924 Qwest	911 contracts	191.88
57925 Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	45.00
57926 SC Insurance	Premium	98.00
57927 Starion Bond Service	GO bonds interest and fees	14783.00
57928 Walock-Johnson Ins.	Premium	35.00

The Board proceeded to conduct the final hearing on the 2008 County Budget.

Wendy Jacobson, Director, SC Human Services met with the Board to request some reductions to the 2008 Human Service budget. Ms. Jacobson indicated a reduction in the Independent Living line item as well as the contingency fund. Approve changes as recommended by the Human Service Director. (Wyum/Waswick, unanimous)

RESOLUTION NO. 1

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

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 2008 in the amount of \$1500.

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

Voting nay: None

Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Commissioner Wyum offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Orn:

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Board to make appropriations for the current year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008 of money in specific amounts for all offices, officials, improvements, roads, bridges, etc., which are supported wholly or in part by the county,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sargent County commission approve and adopt the 2008 Budget.

Roll call vote:

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

Voting nay: None

Resolution was adopted.

The following is a summary of the taxes to be levied for 2008:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
BUDGET REQUEST	732,197	3,895,028	4,627,225
BUDGETED TRANSFERS OUT		0	0
CASH RESERVE	85,040	602,668	687,708

SUBTOTAL	817,237	4,497,696	5,314,933
ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE (12-31-07)	163,110	1,139,548	1,302,658
ESTIMATED TRANSFERS IN		185,000	185,000
ESTIMATED REVENUE	286,325	1,607,326	1,775,659
TOTAL RESOURCES	449,435	2,931,874	3,263,317
LEVY REQUIRED	367,802	1,565,822	1,933,624
ALLOWANCE FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS	17,198	60,678	77,876
TOTAL AMOUNT LEVIED	385,000	1,626,500	2,011,500

Sandy Hanson and Don Baglien, FEMA met with the Board. Mr. Baglien presented information on the county's disaster assessment. He is tracking 19 townships and 3 cities plus several county road sites for a total of approximately \$250,000. Sandy also asked about county equipment rates and the need to review and update. She provided a copy of FEMA rates for the Board's information. This will be reviewed with the road supervisor later today. The FEMA trailer that was acquired for disaster use will be kept until spring and then a decision made on whether to offer for sale.

The public hearing for the Dakota Micro CDBG application was scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Tracey Anderson, Lake Agassiz Regional Council, Charissa Rubey, Geneseo and Lyle Bopp, States Attorney were present at the meeting. Ms. Anderson informed the Board that she missed the publication deadline for the hearing. It has been rescheduled for October 2, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Charissa Rubey handed out a summary of traffic counts on County 10, 12 and 14 taken in 1991 and 2007. Ms. Rubey does not feel these counts are correct and requested a recount on these roadways. Ms. Anderson explained the CDBG application process and also the Resolution of Sponsorship for the project.

Commissioner Wyum moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF SPONSORSHIP

Be it resolved that the County of Sargent will act as the sponsoring unit government for the project entitled Dakota Micro Expansion to be conducted during the period of October 15, 2007 through October 31, 2009.

The Chairman is hereby authorized to apply to the North Dakota Division of Community Services for Community Development Block Grant funding of this project on behalf of the County of Sargent on September 18, 2007.

I certify that the above resolution was adopted by the County Commission of the County of Sargent.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Signature

Signature

Title

Title

Date

Date

Commissioner Walstead seconded the resolution. Roll call vote. Voting Aye: Anderson, Walstead, Orn, Wyum, and Waswick. Voting Nay: None. Resolution was adopted.

Discussed vote by mail and comments received by the public. Many favorable comments were received. Motion to approve the vote by mail process for the 2008 elections as permitted and authorized by the North Dakota state law. (Walstead/Waswick, unanimous) This process will provide for one polling place in the county courthouse on Election Day.

The Board reconvened at 12:05 for lunch.

The Board recessed at 1:00 p.m.

Jim Gallagher and Dan Jacobson representing the Gwinner Farmers Elevator Corporation met with the Board to discuss an agreement to temporarily store corn outside on the ground at the Sargent County Fairgrounds. The elevator agreed to keep corn off the roadway and not interfere with the ingress, egress or use of any buildings and facilities. Approve said agreement commencing on October 1, 2007 and terminating on March 1, 2008. (Waswick/Orn, unanimous)

Board members discussed the upcoming Veteran's Day Program. Motion to recognize the county veteran's by sponsoring a program on Veteran's Day 2007 and that the County Veteran's Service Officer be in charge of coordinating the program. (Orn/Waswick, unanimous)

Reviewed a draft of 911 expenditure guidelines that are under consideration by members of the Emergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee.

A county open forum was discussed and a motion to proceed with another forum on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at the Rutland Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous) Notices of said forum will be mailed to Rutland, Cayuga and Havana cities and the surrounding townships.

The Court Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee notified counties of the fourth round of grants for court facilities improvement and maintenance projects. Chairman Anderson appointed courthouse commissioner Mike Walstead, States Attorney Lyle Bopp, Recorder Joan Lee and Court Recorder Cindy Keller to a committee to determine the needs of Sargent County.

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Eng., Inc., Sparky Engquist, Road Supervisor, David and Charissa Rubey, Geneseo met with the Board to discuss upcoming road projects. Mr. DeVillers presented the SC Highway Improvement Program for 2007-2010. Discussion followed on the project locations and proposed work to each roadway. The Board voiced concern on projects that are being postponed and also traffic counts and agreed to obtain some traffic counters and place on the roadways that are considered for improvements. Commissioner Wyum made a motion to propose the following projects for the 2008-2009 FAS plan: 1)Base 1 and 5" of gravel on south 5.5 miles of gravel on Co. # 14; mill and blend existing 2.5 miles of pavement with 2" of gravel to ND 11 on Co. # 14, 2)Class 5 aggregate with first seal coat on 6 miles of Co. # 1 from ND 32 east to Co. # 10A; 3)Class 5 aggregate with first seal coat on 7 miles of Co. # 7 from ND 32 to SD line; 4)Class 5 aggregate with first seal coat on 2.25 miles of Co. # 2 from 2 miles north of ND 13 to Ransom County line; 5)chip seal coat on north 6 miles of Co. # 12 from ND 13 south and 6)bituminous maintenance overlay on 3 miles of Co. # 4 from ND 13 south to Co. # 1. Commission Waswick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sparky Engquist updated the Board on road department issues including: culvert project by Milnor, 12 miles of chipping on Co. # 2, 4, 7 and 12, work on Co. # 7 on the state line, painting stripes on chipping project later this month, other bridge repairs and demonstration on a Case blade this week. Also discussed weed mowing notice, FEMA work and temporary employee. Approve \$11.25 per hour for Dennis Goltz for temporary work without benefits. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Approve road permit to Dickey Rural Network to reroute exposed cable across Drain No. 11 at 97th St. SE and 125th Ave. SE along Co. # 4. (Orn/Wyum, unanimous)

Discussed request from Jon Mund regarding installation of a sign in recognition of Milnor City's 125th Anniversary. The sign will be 1/2 mile north of Milnor on the west side of Co. # 10. Board members and the road supervisor agreed that the sign should not be on the county right of way and if it is on private property, they do not have any jurisdiction where it is placed.

June Fritzen, SC Historical Society reported that she met with the museum board and sent letters to the city mayors. She asked for input about activities for Sargent County's 125th Anniversary in 2008. Each community is considering her request and some have reported that they like the idea of having a celebration during the Sargent County Fair. Memorabilia ideas were discussed and suggested that any souvenirs ideas would be the responsibility of the county but the museum board would sell these items. Chairman Anderson stated that he feels the Historical Society should take the lead to arrange a celebration but Ms. Fritzen indicated that they do not have enough volunteers to organize this event. She did suggest a weekend tour of the courthouse and the museum which was a favorable proposition. Further discussion will follow at upcoming county commission meetings.

Motion to adjourn by Commission Orn and seconded by Commissioner Waswick.

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR