

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:50 a.m. with the following members present: Mike Walstead, David L Jacobson, Jerry Waswick, Bill Anderson and Steve Wyum. Absent: None. Paige Cary, the Sargent County Teller was also present.

Approve minutes of September 6, 2011 meeting as corrected and August financial statement. (Anderson/Jacobson, unanimous)

Bill Anderson presented a Resolution in support of the retention of the seven United States Postal Service Post Offices now located in Sargent County, in the incorporated cities of: Cayuga, Cogswell, Forman, Gwinner, Havana, Milnor and Rutland and be it further resolved that the Sargent County Commission opposes closure of any of the aforementioned Post Offices. Motion to adopt the Resolution and forward copies to the North Dakota Congressional delegation, the North Dakota Governors Office, the Divisional Postal Office and the local legislators. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Lyle Bopp, States Attorney arrived at 10:25 a.m.

Approve September payroll in the sum of \$157,070.49 (Nos. 6184-6240 and 64806-64818) and the following bills: (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

64770	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	1,406.90
64771	Ransom County	VSO Expense	708.95
64772-64783		Health Unit Expenses	6,571.00
64784	City of Forman	Water, Sewer, Garbage	131.30
64796-64805		Health Unit Expenses	6,402.31
64819-64835		Human Services Expenses	12,277.45
64853	AASK	Guardian Ad Litem	71.80
64854	Anderson, Jesse	Tree Clean-up	1,200.00
64855	Big D Communications	Head Set	129.80
64856	Bopp, Mark	Stump Grinding	620.10
64857	Buhl's	Cleaning Services	156.75
64858	Carpet Connection	Carpet Cleaning	1,235.00
64859	Chunky's Standard Service	Sheriff Travel	87.90
64860	Code 4 Services	Radio Repair	826.00
64861	Dahlstrom Funeral Homes	Coroner Services	100.00
64862	Dakota Plains Co-Op	Gasoline	1,404.12
64863	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	833.94
64864	Dyste's	Supplies	18.14
64865	Ed's Place	Gasoline	33.11
64866	FP Mailing Solutions	Postage service	128.85
64867	Gwinner One-Stop	Gasoline	595.34
64868	Hardware Hank	Supplies	95.55
64869	Hill's Furniture & Floor Covering	Carpet	837.15
64870	Information Tech. Dept.	Lerms User Fee	50.00
64871	Institute of Local Government	Continuing Education	285.00
64872	LexisNexis-Matthew Bender	Century Codes	115.65
64873	McLaen's Service	Car repairs	160.10
64874	NDAAO	Registration	30.00
64875	NDACo	Registration	205.00
64876	Otis Elevator	Repair & Contract	2,011.39
64877	Quill	Office Supplies	468.56
64878	Roger's Plumbing & Heating	Bathroom repairs	160.30
64879	Sargent County Teller	Printing/Publishing	358.60
64880	Total Cellular& Computer Express	Scanners-Sheriff's Dept.	1,596.00
64881	Waswick, Jerry	Travel	61.20
64882	A W Diesel	Equipment Repairs	2,059.67
64883	Al's Metal Work, Inc.	Seals & Bolts	158.26
64884	B & K Electric	Gas Pump Repairs	387.85
64885	Bargen Inc.	Asphalt & Oil	61,572.00
64886	Bernard Mahrer Construct, Inc.	Gravel	369.04
64887	Dakota Improvement	Gravel	3,413.04
64888	Ekstrom Repair	Equipment Repairs	385.12
64889	Environmental Dust Control, Inc.	6509 gallons	30,488.22
64890	Forman Repair	AC Fitting Splicer	12.99
64891	General Equipment & Supplies, Inc.	Grader pick	921.70

64892	John Deere Financial	Filter Element	51.00
64893	Johnston Fargo Culvert, Inc.	Culverts	10,126.86
64894	Kustom Machine	Shaft Yoke	128.75
64895	Mark Sand & Gravel	Gravel	1,212.10
64896	Martinsen's Home Center	Tools & Supplies	41.66
64897	Midstates Equipment & Supply	Dust Control agent	3,428.24
64898	Napa Auto Parts	Repairs	65.88
64899	Rutland Oil Company	Fuel	10,647.72
64900	Swanston Equipment Corp.	Filters & Thermostat	270.27
64901	CRA Payment Center	Repairs	281.53
64902	Welton's Tire Service	Tires	753.00
64903	Wil's Body Shop	Rim & Tire	25.00
64904	Arrowhead Transport	Gravel	9,125.00
64905	Century Link	911 Contract	191.88
64906	Computer Prof. Unlimited, Inc.	Staff Support	946.00
64907	Crandall Construction	Gravel	59,819.00
64908	Dickey Rural Telephone	911Contracts/Updates	263.00
64909	Hassebroek, Julie	Office Supplies	7.44
64910	Information Tech. Dept.	WAN	467.40
64911	Lisbon Area Health Services	Blood Alcohol	40.00
64912	Martinsen's Home Center	Fairgrounds Supplies	392.53
64913	NDACO	911 Wireless	866.80
64914	ND State Radio Comm.	State Radio Contract	510.34
64915	ND Workforce Safety & Insurance	Volunteer Coverage	109.20
64916	NDSU Extension Service	Payroll & Meals	15,548.52
64917	Office of Attorney General	SCRAM	515.00
64918	Peterson, Brenda	SCRAM	61.20
64919	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	1,045.00
64920	Starion Bond Services	GO Bond Interest & Fees	9,035.00
64921	Universal Services	Office Supplies	464.40
64922	Wells Fargo Business Credit	Equipment	343.71
64923-64930		Weed Board Expenses	2,030.94
64931	Ransom County	VSO expenses	681.74
64932	Otter Tail Power Co.	Electricity	1,024.20

The Board proceeded to work on the 2012 budget. Approve the 2012 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$6,260,032. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous) A public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the commissioner's room, Sargent County Courthouse, Forman.

Mike Bassingthwaite, Interstate Engineering; Sparky Engquist, SC Road Supt.; Mark Breker, Jim Bosse and Richard Engst, Sargent County Water Board members; Bill Gaukler, Lidgerwood; and Cari Wefel, Wahpeton met with the Board to further discuss the proposed Park Lake Outlet crossings on County Road # 14 south of Geneseo. The Richland-Sargent Joint Water Board is requesting additional culverts through Co. # 14 and Richland-Sargent # 1 Drain (RS#1) between Section 1 and 2-129-54 LTL. To comply with the minimum Stream Crossing Standards (SCS) as defined by North Dakota statutes, the plan for which approval is requested is to remove a 36 inch culvert currently in the county road and replace it with five (5) 48" culverts with flap gates to hold water back when the drain is running full at an estimated cost of \$62,000. These five culverts will have 63 square feet of opening compared to approximately 54 square feet of opening at the next crossing downstream. According to North Dakota law, the Richland/Sargent Joint Water Board is responsible for 60% of the cost of this project, and Sargent County (road authority) is responsible for 40% of the total cost of the project. Even though the downstream drain as it currently exists does not have the capacity to handle the full flow through the culverts and the water will very likely spill over the banks of the drain, the statutorily imposed Stream Crossing Standards do not take that into consideration. According to Bill Gaukler the water has gone down considerably since the last meeting and is still dropping. Motion to proceed with the project. (Wyum/Walstead, unanimous)

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, Inc. arrived at the meeting and discussed Bridge 123-20 (Hoistad Bridge) with the Board of Commissioners and the Water Board. The project will not be let for bids this fall. February 2012 is the next available bid letting that would allow completion of the project in 2012. Alternate # 6 has been recommended for the bridge replacement project, which is a 16 foot by 7 foot square concrete box culvert. This appears to be adequate to handle the flow from the structures located upstream according to DeVillers. Structures located downstream are sufficient to handle the flow.

Russ Martinson and Scott Mund, Hall Township Board of Supervisors met with the Board to discuss Bridge 135-5.0 that is seriously deteriorated and should be marked impassable. Sparky Engquist reported that this is a FEMA site and waiting for inspection. Both Martinson and Mund would like to be contacted when FEMA does the inspection to be present at the site. In the meantime the township will mark the road closed and place barriers on both sides of the bridge. There is a roadway to the east that is passable. Damon DeVillers was instructed to contact the Fargo District Office to request an inspection of this bridge for the sufficiency rating.

Damon DeVillers presented to the Board copies of the 2011 Emergency Repair Site information which has been submitted to NDDOT for Sargent County. The total amount for all sites is \$6,992,269.

Sparky Engquist introduced Jim Hill, a sales representative from RDO Equipment Co. A proposal was presented to replace the County's existing backhoe loader with a new 2011 John Deere 410J backhoe loader. Discussion followed on lease purchase agreements and the need for more information. Tabled.

Grant permission to the County Treasurer's Office to write off one uncashed check that is more than two years old. (Check No. 27319, dated 7/3/08 to NDDOT for \$57.00) (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Appoint Jerry Waswick as a delegate to the North Dakota State Fair Association to attend the annual meeting in Minot on November 15. (Walstead/Jacobson, unanimous)

Approve County Deed to William R. O'Brien and Elaine M. O'Brien, Havana, ND for Lot 1, Block 11, Nelson's Addition to the City of Havana for \$335. (Anderson/Wyum, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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JERRY WASWICK – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR