

Forman, North Dakota
September 3, 2002

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: W.E. Smith, Karen Anderson, Steve Wyum, Ray Brockman and Donald Wehlander. Absent none.

The Board discussed issues concerning the Sargent County Fair activities. They also talked about road issues and drainage concerns.

The Board reviewed information on the 2003 budget. Approve 2003 Preliminary Budget in the amount of \$4,451,390. The final budget hearing will be conducted on September 17, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. (Wehlander/Anderson, unanimous)

Approve a step increase effective October 1, 2002 to all eligible employees. (Wyum/Wehlander. Roll call. Yes: Wehlander, Smith, Anderson, Wyum and Brockman. No: None. Motion carried)

Norm Preble, Tax Director, met with the Board with updates from the State Board of Equalization. There were no additional changes for Sargent County but the official notice has not been received.

Jean Thielman, Sargent-Ransom Senior Services, informed the Board that the Forman meal program has been moved to the Fairview Apartments and today is the first day. They hired a new cook in Cogswell and rehired the site manager from Forman who will pick up the meals and bring them to Forman as well as pick up those who need rides. The owner of the Fairview Apartments has been very helpful in providing space for the meals as well as availability for other meetings and activities. She explained the Fargo Park District's part in the Sargent Senior Service program. Jean is working on the transportation program and hopes to provide rides to the various cities in the county for seniors to do their shopping.

The Job Development Authority met last week with Lake Agassiz Regional Council regarding economic development. There are matching monies available from LARC to assist businesses. There is a 3:1 match program and another at 6:1 match. The request is for \$25,000. There is the possibility that the monies may not be repaid to Sargent County depending on the origin of the loan. The interest is prorated at 60% to LARC and 40% of the amount to the pool. Motion to transfer budgeted amount of \$25,000 from Capital Improvements to JDA for their use in economic development for 2002. (Wyum/Wehlander. Roll call. Yes: Smith, Wehlander, Anderson, Wyum and Brockman. No: None. Motion carried)

Doc Nelson and Roz Amerman, custodians, presented price estimates to the Board for installing a door between the social service offices. The estimates for cutting, removing, cleaning up the opening in the wall, installing the door and the cost of the door is \$2506. This does not include re-routing the wiring for telephone and computer. Tabled. The tree in front of the courthouse on the south side of the sidewalk was discussed and suggested a partial trim of the tree. Discussed purchasing a generator for the courthouse and Doc will get some estimates.

Approve August 20, 2002 minutes as corrected. (Smith/Wyum, unanimous)

The Board received an invitation from the Milnor and Forman ambulance squads to attend a brainstorming meeting on the future of ambulance services. The meeting will be held at Forman City Hall on September 10 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

RAY BROCKMAN - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHERRY HOSFORD - AUDITOR

