

Forman, North Dakota  
January 3, 2006

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

Approve December 20, 2005 minutes as presented. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous)

Mike Manstrom, Dougherty & Co. LLC phoned the Board to discuss the options available to the Board on bonding requirements. Lyle Bopp, States Attorney, arrived at the meeting to discuss legal issues. The Board discussed upcoming road projects and money available.

Norm Preble, Tax Director, informed the Board that productivity land values from the state look to be 4-5% compared to 8.9% in 2005. These numbers will be discussed during the county equalization meeting in June. Norm also indicated that some landowners have inquired about reducing the value of inundated land. He will send applications to those who have inquired for review in February.

Joe Kramer, NDACo updated the Board on the 3-County Technology Services Contract. Three hundred contract hours per county (Sargent, Ransom and Lamoure) are being allocated versus 192 for 2005, which should adequately meet our need for more hours. He will update the county technology plan and make recommendations and work on remote support for Sargent County through the state network.

Sparky Engquist, road supervisor, met with the Board as the commissioners reviewed upcoming road projects and discussed the pros and cons of proceeding with various projects.

Approve 2006 Sargent Senior Council Contract. (Wyum/Orn, unanimous)

Approve Games of Chance Permit SC 2006-01 to St. Mary's Altar Society for bingo on February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2006 at St. Martin's Church, Geneseo. (Anderson/Walstead, unanimous)

The Board reviewed the Commercial Blanket Bond for Sargent County of \$1,000,000. Sherry Hosford, County Auditor, was directed to contact the State Bonding Fund for additional coverage and also request information on fidelity bonds.

After further discussion on bond issues, proceed to work with Mike Manstrom, Dougherty & Co, LLC on bond issue proposal for highway purposes and present to the voters on June 13, 2006. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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JERRY M. WASWICK – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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SHERRY HOSFORD – AUDITOR