

Forman, North Dakota  
January 3, 2023

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:05 a.m. with the following members present: Wade Anderson, Jason Arth, Lyle Bopp, and Scott Johnson. Also present was Pam Maloney, Sargent County Auditor.

Chairman Mark Breker called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended. (Arth/Bopp) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the December 20, 2022 minutes as presented. (Arth/Anderson) Motion carried.

Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney, arrived at the meeting.

The tower in Harlem Township was discussed further. There has been no contact back from Verizon. Commissioner Breker will contact Minn-Kota Communications to see if they have any interest in the tower and if not, the county will hire someone to take it down and/or offer it for salvage value/scrap value.

Discussion was held on installing radios back into the road department equipment. Commissioner Johnson has called for a quote and this will be discussed once the quote is received.

Emergency/weather closings was briefly discussed. Commissioner Johnson has a proposal that Commissioner Arth will review and discuss with Sheriff Paeper.

Mag Chloride application on county roads was discussed. Commissioner Johnson will reach out to surrounding counties to see what their policy is on mag chloride application.

Melissa Seykora, NDSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Agent, arrived at the meeting and reported on her activities in the County's Extension Service office from October through December 2022. A written report was delivered to each commissioner and to the county auditor. A copy of the report can be obtained from the Extension Office. Ms. Seykora had worked with numerous projects including: Wild Rice Soil Conservation District High Tunnel Workshop, Sargent County 4-H Club Officer Training, CCSP Tour/Shop Talk, Sargent County 4-H Leader Meeting & 4-H Awards Night and Holiday Plants Workshop. She has also participated in the Uffda Day Parade, 4-H Record Judging, District 28 Legislative Update, NDSU Extension Fall Conference, 4-H Volunteer Project Training & SCD Meeting Reports. Moving forward she will be involved in the Extension Advisory Council Meeting, County Commodity elections, private applicator pesticide trainings and 4-H Crop Judging weekly practices. The commission thanked her for her service and dedication to the public.

An interview date for RFP proposals will be set after consulting with Interstate Engineering.

Michelle Denault, Human Resources Director, arrived at the meeting. She had provided quotes from Eide Bailly, Dakota Dynamics and Gallagher Benefit Services for a salary survey. After discussion, it was decided that Ms. Denault would compile as much information as possible from the NDACo website and after reviewing that, the commission would decide whether to move forward with an outside salary survey and with which company.

Motion to approve Teddie Lee's request for a pet in the workplace for approximately two months. (Arth/Johnson) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Arth, Bopp, Breker & Johnson. No – Anderson. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson reported that he had received complaints regarding the snowmobile trail groomer leaving piles of snow on the county roads and across driveways. He has spoken with the chairman of the snowmobile club and the groomer and they have agreed to clean off leftover piles of snow if they are made aware of them.

Commissioner Breker asked about snow piles left in the county road rights-of-way. All landowners should be made aware that there should be no obstacles left in the county road rights-of-way as this is a violation of statute.

Commissioner Johnson reported that he had ordered a 200K heater unit from Triton Mechanical for the county shop and it will be installed mid-January.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting. Mr. Faber stated that the new motor grader attachment is working fairly well. He has also been working on intersection corners blowing & pushing the snow so the views are not obstructed. He is still waiting on the new snow blower attachment for the JCB tractor.

Motion to approve beer and liquor license for 2023 to Jeremy D Daggett, Dilly's Bar-n-Grill, Stirum, Vivian Township, but allowing minors only in the seating area and not at the bar. (Bopp/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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JASON ARTH– CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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PAM MALONEY – COUNTY AUDITOR