

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 9 a.m.. Commissioners in attendance were Wade Anderson, Jason Arth, Mark Breker, Lyle Bopp and Chairman Scott Johnson. Also in attendance were State’s Attorney, Jayne Pfau; and Auditor, Tia Bopp; Gwinner Resident, Jerry Waswick.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve the agenda with additions. (Breker/Anderson) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2024, meeting. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried.

Motion to deny the Application for Abatement or Refund of Taxes requested by the Gwinner Community Development Corporation (GCDC) regarding property ID No. 31-0304 located in the City of Gwinner on the basis that the GCDC was not the legal owner of the property in 2023. (Bopp/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Drain application terms were briefly discussed.

Credit card policy was tabled.

Discussion moved to the burn ban. Motion to lift the burn ban. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve beer and liquor license for 2025 to Jeremy Daggett, Dilly’s Bar and Grill, Vivian Township, Stirum. (Andreson/Arth) Tabled briefly to allow State’s Attorney Pfau time to review the application.

The Commission moved to reviewing the bills presented.

Darrel Pherson, John Blanchard, Casy Bopp, Joe Carney, Mike Gaukler, Alvin Craig, Curt Ficenec and Dawn Gaden arrived at the meeting at 10:00 a.m. for the annual tax sale. Properties were auctioned individually and sold to the highest qualified bidders thereon. Motion to approve the sale of the following properties and issue county deeds to the successful bidders: .29 acre parcel in the NW 1/4 Section 9, Township 132, Range 53 – starts at the NE1/4 of Lot 1, Block 6, east 128 ft; south at a right angle 100 ft; west at a right angle 128 ft; north 100 feet to the beginning in 9-132-53 for \$250 to Curt Ficenec of Fargo, North Dakota; Lot 9 and the West ½ of Lot 8, Block 2, Original Addition, Cayuga City for \$1000 to Julie Marshall of Burlington, North Dakota; and Lot 9 and the East 15 feet of Lot 10, Block 1 of Dada’s First Addition, Cayuga City for \$61.72 to John Blanchard and Shelly Blanchard of Fargo, North Dakota. (Anderson/Breker) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

A short recess was taken.

The meeting reconvened at 10:19.

Discussion then returned back to the tabled motion regarding the Application for Retail Beer and Liquor License for Jeremy Daggett. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Trent Mahler, Ambulance Coordinator and Duane Peterson, Human Resources Director, arrived at the meeting at 10:26 to discuss the application and possible hiring of a part-time assistant ambulance coordinator. A motion was made to hire a part-time ambulance coordinator at a salary of 60% of B23, step 1 with prorated benefits. (Anderson/Bopp) After discussion, this previous motion was rescinded by Commission Anderson. After additional discussion a motion to hire a temporary part-time ambulance coordinator at a salary of 60% of B23, step 1 with only state mandated benefits was made. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Mahler and Peterson left the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Motion to approve the payroll for November in the amount of \$286,637.15 and the bills presented. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

87719	Wex Health Fees	Admin Fees	22.75
87738-37743		Weed Control Expenses	763.10

87744-87745		Weed Control Expenses	950.08
87746-87763		Health Unit Expenses	10,809.31
87765	City of Forman	CH/Shop Water, Sewer, Garbage	219.30
87766	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	1,165.59
87767	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	2,577.87
87770	Wex Health Fees	Admin Fees	22.75
87771-87779		Health Unit Expenses	8,328.62
87796	Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc.	SCRAM 24/7	100.00
87797	Anderson, Wade	Travel-NDACo Conference	329.53
87798	Avid Hawk	Website Services	45.00
87799	Bopp, Tia	Travel-NDACo Conference/Election Costs	352.16
87800	Brian's Repair and Auto Parts	Sheriff-Travel	93.86
87801	Casual Livinhg	Uniforms	32.00
87802	Cenex Fleet	Sheriff-Travel	58.74
87803	Central Grocery	Building Maintenance/Office Supplies	64.88
87804	Code 4	Radio Repairs and Service	281.13
87805	Computer Express	Tech Support	3,000.00
87806	Crossroads Electric	Building Maintenance	276.50
87807	Dakota Plains Cooperative	Sheriff/Tax Director/Health/HR Travel	877.88
87808	Dakota Water Solutions	5 Gallon Water Jugs	104.00
87809	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone Services	992.61
87810	Election Systems and Software	Election Office Supplies	4,729.49
87811	Everspring Suites	Travel-Conference	1,386.00
87812	Faber, Tim	Travel-Road Conference	667.08
87813	Forman Lumber and Fire	Courthouse Supplies	66.02
87814	Glock Store	Sheriff Equipment	75.85
87815	Gordy's Grill and Fill	Sheriff Car Wash	82.00
87816	Hayen, LaJuana Anderson	Travel-Conference	306.08
87817	Information Technology Dept.	WAN Access/Netmotion Auditor/Sheriff/Weed/Copier	1,358.80
87818	Innovative Office Solutions	Supplies	283.78
87819	Interstate Engineering	County Road 14 Maintenance	6,666.70
87820	J & M Printing	Sheriff Office Supplies	277.96
87820	J & M Printing	Tax Director Office Supplies	155.24
87821	Johnson, Heidi	Phone Reimbursement	600.00
87822	Loffler	Sheriff Office Supplies	24.38
87823	Mehrer, Hilary	Election Miles and Per Diem	63.40
87824	Minn-Kota Communications, Inc.	Renewal of Call Signs	240.00
87825	ND Association of Counties	Convention Registration Fees	1,425.00
87826	ND Post Board	Bryan Johnson License Renewal	45.00
87827	NDACo Resources Group	SmartZone	50.00
87828	Office of Attorney General	SCRAM 24/7	310.00
87829	Office of the State Auditor	Examination Fees (Audit)	18,020.13
87830	Peterson, Duane	Cellphone Reimbursement	200.00
87831	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	2,641.19
87832	Rutland Oil Company	Sheriff Gas	841.50
87833	Sargent County Fair Association	2024 Appropriation	10,332.20
87834	Sidwell	Tax Software	5,273.06
87835	Streichers	Sheriff Equipment	257.73
87836	Swede's Plumbing	Main Street Building Repairs	129.64
87837	The Teller	Publishing Fees	2,371.34
87838	Tyler Technologies	Software	29,137.72
87839	Underground Vaults and Storage	Microfilm Storage	201.60
87840	Vanguard Appraisals Inc.	Tax-Training	2,480.00
87841	Verizon	Sheriff Mifi Cards	240.06

87842	Vestis	Courthouse/Road Dept Rug Service	446.94
87843	Walock-Johnson Insurance	Scheduled Property Insurance	38.00
87844	Inc.	Custodian Supplies	46.00
87845	Weaving, Neil	Nov/Dec Extension Rent	1,100.00
87846	Wild Rice Soil Conservation	Cellphone Reimbursement	600.00
87847	Willprecht, Wendy	Travel-Conference	320.08
	Yagow, Cindy	Red Pete #127 Tire	
87848	AW Diesel	Repair/Parts/Semi Trailer/Red Pete	
87849	Bear Creek Gravel	#125 Repair	3,253.48
		CR#2, 4, 14, 3 Crushed Gravel	2,303.95
87850	Bernard Mahrer Construction	CR#3, 5, Yard, Stockpile Crushed	
87851	Bobcar of Gwinner	Gravel	4,480.58
87852	Butler Machinery	Mower Repair	443.32
87853	Central Grocery	Caterpillar Repair	674.36
87854	Enderson Construction	Road Office Supplies	13.99
87855	Hansen Lumber and Hardware	CR#14 Fill Sand	3,633.47
87856	Lees' Service Station	Road Shop Maintenance	146.66
87857	Machine Design Inc.	Road Gasoline/Tires/Equipment	1,935.07
87858	Morris Seal Coat	Road Culvert Supplies	3,473.32
87859	Napa	CR #14 Repair	340,739.59
87860	Plunkett's Pest Control	Road Tools	424.29
87861	Rutland Oil Company	Shop Pest Control	69.44
	Sargent County Water	Road Fuel	10,147.55
87863	Resource District	Drain 7 Project	122,646.63
87864	Sign Solutions	Road Signs	2,563.69
87865	Southside Automotive	Road Equipment	2.96
87866	Visto's Carquest	Road Shop Tools	186.09
87867	Dickey Rural Networks	911 Trunk Rental	231.00
87868	Gast Construction	CH Parking Lot Project	88,434.77
87869	Hazard, Amber	Extension Travel/Training	255.60
87870	NDAAEA	Registration Dues(Melissa Seykora)	75.00
	NDSU Extension Budget		
87871	Office	Ext-Seykora Salary 3rd Qtr	5,178.34
87872	Seykora, Melissa	Ext-Travel	333.90
87873	The Teller	Ext-Publishing	52.50
87874	AW Diesel	Milnor Ambulance Oil Change	243.60
87875	AW Diesel	Gwinner 1st Responders Battery	168.25
87876	Bound Tree	Gwinner 1st Responders Equipment	106.16
87877	Christiansen, Peter	Education/Training	638.00
87878	CHS Dakota Plains Ag	Milnor Ambulance Gas	349.24
87879	CHS Dakota Plains Ag	Forman Ambulance Gas	152.67
87880	First Medic	Milnor Ambulance Intercepts	600.00
87881	Metro-Billing Services	Forman Ambulance Claims	600.00
87882	City of Milnor	Milnor Ambulance Cell Phone	61.96
87883	Oakes Ambulance	Forman Ambulance Intercepts	202.80
87884	Ottertail Power Company	Forman Ambulance Electricity	62.42
87885	RAD Stitches	Gwinner 1st Responders Equipment	85.00
		Milnor Ambulance License	
87886	Tayer, Brian	Fees/Postage	150.00
87887	The Teller	Milnor Ambulance Publishing	8.00
87899	Gwinner 1st Responders	LEPC Meeting Meal	211.36
87900-87910		Health Unit Expenses	2,137.46
ACH	J.P. Morgan Chase	Various Department Expenses	1,336.30

Road Supervisor, Tim Faber and Damon DeVillers of Interstate Engineering arrived at the meeting at 10:51 a.m..

Motion to approve Memo of Understanding with Marshall County, South Dakota regarding Bridge 41-136-24.1. (Bopp/Arth). Voting yes were Bopp, Arth, Breker and Johnson. Voting no was Anderson. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Application for Drainage Work Within County Road Right of Way received from Don Rust (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve Application for Drainage Work Within County Road Right of Way received from Elliott Hayen. (Anderson/Breker) Voting yes were Anderson, Breker, Arth and Johnson Voting no was Bopp. Motion carried.

Motion to have Interstate Engineering complete the Plan of Action forms for the bridges that are on the list of scour critical in Sargent County as requested by the NDDOT. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

T. Bopp shared with the commission correspondence she had received that the PSC had approved the Summit Carbon Solutions Project.

Discussion transpired regarding prioritizing road projects to be worked on in the next year with Interstate Engineering.

Faber informed the board he would like to see the Bridge 41-136-24.1 removed. Faber also provided the Board with quotes for a new pickup truck and a batwing mower quote. He indicated he was also interested in another snowplow truck, but the one he had been looking at had been sold. Faber shared with the Commission that there would be three snow plow trucks on the roads this winter.

Sheriff Travis Paeper arrived at the meeting at 11:15 a.m.. Paeper wanted to inform the Commission that the county would be seeing some reimbursement for housing and medical for two defendants that had been sentenced, but had delays, due to capacity, being moved to the state penitentiary.

Paeper also stated the LEPC is going to be putting together some verbage they would like to see on future burn bans.

Paeper left the meeting at 11:23.

Commissioner Johnson took time to thank Commissioner Breker for his service to Sargent County.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:23.

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SCOTT JOHNSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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TIA BOPP – COUNTY AUDITOR