

Forman, North Dakota
November 8, 2024

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, November 8, 2024 at 9 a.m.. Commissioners in attendance were Wade Anderson, Jason Arth and Chairman Scott Johnson. Absent were Mark Breker and Lyle Bopp. Also in attendance were State's Attorney, Jayne Pfau; Auditor, Tia Bopp; and Human Resources Director, Duane Peterson.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve the minutes from the 10/15 meeting. (Arth/Anderson) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the 10/29 meeting. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried.

Motion to sign the Memorandum of Commitment for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to sign county deed to David and Robin Witkowski. (Arth/Anderson) Motion carried.

Waterboard inquired about an update to the payment owed to Drain 7.

Extension Office is offering a lead local workshop. Motion to approve reimbursement for registration fees for any county employee who takes the training and time away will be considered training hours. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The 5 County Meeting will be held December 12th at the Lariat Bar in Rutland. Social hour will start at 5:00 p.m. with the meeting starting at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to sign the Wild Rice Soil Conservation District lease agreement for the extension office for the upcoming year. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve 901 Sargent County Procurement Policy. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to sign and extend the Fire Emergency & Burn Restrictions Declaration for Sargent County, North Dakota extending the restrictions until rescinded or December 31st. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to remove Teddie Lee from all signature cards at Stock Growers Bank and add Lindsay Bosse to the same accounts. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Sign Progressive Estimate 4 for the Sargent County Courthouse Parking Lot Reconstruction and Lighting Project. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Bryce Carlson with the Job Development Authority (JDA) arrived at the meeting at 9:26 a.m. and updated the Commission. There are currently nine loans out to various businesses and all businesses are current on their payments. Two people have taken advantage of the Career Builders program. Two of the three houses are still for sale. Bryce left the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

A short recess was taken. The meeting reconvened at 10:02.

HR Director Peterson was present and outlined for the Commission the changes that are coming for the NDPERS program with the new year. He also talked about the possible Assistant Ambulance Coordinator Position. More discussion will take place regarding this with the current Ambulance Coordinator.

Motion to sign the Semi Final (2) and Final (3) Progressive Estimate of Work Completed in regard to the Bituminous Seal Coat and Patching Project for county road 14. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept two separate Applications for Drainage Work Within County Road Right of Way with the agreement applicant will pay any engineering costs tied to the projects. One application was

received from Trent Stein and one was from Will Rust. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to sign Maintenance Certification County Federal Aid Project for the North Dakota Department of Transportation. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Credit cards for all departments was briefly discussed. State’s Attorney Pfau will work on a policy for the same before cards will be ordered and dispersed.

Ambulance Coordinator Mahler joined the meeting via phone. Mahler provided the quarterly updates for both the Forman and Milnor squads.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m..

SCOTT JOHNSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP – COUNTY AUDITOR