

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:45 a.m. with the following members present: Jason Arth, Lyle Bopp, Mark Breker, Scott Johnson and Richard Ruch. Also present was Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Pam Maloney, Sargent County Auditor. Mary Engst, Sargent County Teller, was present through technology.

Chairman Jason Arth called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended. (Breker/Bopp) Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the March 1, 2022 minutes as presented. (Breker/Johnson) Motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners will not be holding individual department meetings as scheduled. It was decided to plan one big employee meeting to be held at the next meeting, April 5th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Sargent County currently levies a total of 25 mills for road levies. Current levying authority beyond 10 mills will be expiring with the 2024 tax year and a majority vote is required to continue a maximum levy of 30 mills for Road & Bridge. Motion to put the question on the Primary Election Ballot to allow the Sargent County Commissioners to have the authority to levy up to 30 mills in the County Road & Bridge Fund, per NDCC Chapter 57-15-06.7(5). (Breker/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Approve March payroll in the sum of \$215,584.37 and the following bills. (Johnson/Bopp). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

83263-93274		Health Unit Expenses	4,477.00
83287	Forman City	Water/Sewer/Garbage	191.36
83288		Human Service Expense	20.00
83289	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	5,623.20
83291	Wex Health Fees	FSA Admin Fee	5.00
83295	AMS, Inc.	GPS Rental	100.00
83296	Aramark	Cleaning Services	284.71
83297	Avid Hawk, LLC	Software Services	45.00
83298	Axon Enterprise Inc.	Spare Cartridge Battery Pack	436.15
83299	B&K Electric	Disconnect Auditorium Power	150.00
83300	Bopp, Mark	Snow Removal	103.00
83301	Cenex Fleet - Voyager	Sheriff/Health Travel	75.44
83302	Counties Providing Tech.	Tech Support	2,510.00
83303	Dacotah Paper Co.	Copier Paper	1,360.34
83304	Dakota Plains - CHS	Sheriff/Health Travel	1,025.13
83305	Dakota Water Solutions	5 Gal Water Jugs	30.00
83306	Dell Marketing	Software- Auditor Laptops	583.60
83307	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone Services	1,102.05
83308	Forman Drug	Sheriff/Courthouse Supplies	54.27
83309	Forman Lumber	Courthouse Supplies	100.78
83310/83311	Gordie's Grill & Fill	Sheriff Travel	60.00
83312	Gwinner One-Stop	Sheriff Gas Purchases	728.95
83313	Hayen, LaJuana	Draft Stopper	38.88
83314	The Home Shop	Fire Extinguisher Insepection	426.15
83315	Information Tech Dept.	Wan Access/Teletype Rental	766.45
83316	Innovative Office Solutions	Auditor Printer Toner	202.99
83317	Jacobson Plumbing & Heating	Courthouse Water Issue	1,847.86
		Tax Director/Sheriff Copier	
83318	Loffler	Contracts	752.15
		5 County Meeting/Election	
83319/83320	Maloney, Pam	Conference	105.70
83321	NDEMA	Emergency Management Dues	50.00
83322	ND Workforce Saftey	Community Service Volunteer	250.00

		Coverage	
83323	NDACO Resources	Road Dept. Laptop Dec - Feb Telephone & GoToMeeting	1,306.21 251.98
83324	Pfau, Jayne		
83325/83326	PharmChem	SCRAM 24/7 & Drug Testing	157.25
83327	Quill.com	EMS Office Supplies	403.34
83328	Radisson	Sheriff Travel	86.40
83329	Richland County Jail	Prisoner Board	55.00
83330	Sargent County Fair Ass'n	2022 Allocation 75%	29,779.97
83331	Schilling, Wyatt	Sherrif Gas Purchase	45.00
83332	Southside Auto	Sheriff's Vehicles Maintenance	136.07
83333	Turtleback	Radio Accessories	339.55
83334	Tyler Technologies	Software/Training	18,840.00
83335	Verizon	Sheriff MiFi Cards	200.09
83336	The Village Family	2022 EAP Contract	1,500.00
83337	Weaving, Neil	Courthouse Supplies	89.88
83338	Wild Rice Conservation	March NDSU Extension Rent	500.00
83339	Information Tech Dept.	Wan Access-Human Services	20.00
83340	A W Diesel	Snowplow Truck Repairs	5,720.78
83341	Central Grocery	Road Lunch/Supplies	41.06
83342	Fantasy Furniture	Road Dept Fridge	579.00
83343	Forman Lumber	Mailbox Repair	2.56
83344	Houge, Tyler	Mileage	145.04
83345	John Deere Financial	Spray Paint/Hose Fitting	216.86
83346	Kustom Machine, Inc	Snow Plow Parts	1,354.25
83347	Lisbon True Value	Small Tools/Power Tools	1,072.08
83348	Little Falls Machine	Mack Truck Repairs	295.92
83349	Sign Solutions	Road Sign Shipping	277.30
83350	Southside Auto	Mack Truck Repairs	1,527.55
83351	Sturdevant's	1998 Chevy Pickup Repairs	137.58
83352	Visto's Carquest	Packers Repairs	3,562.75
83353	Central Grocery	Ext-Office Supplies	9.40
83354	Dickey Rural Networks	911 Trunks	231.00
83355	Gwinner First Responders	February LEPC Meeting Supplies	228.28
83356	ND Ass'n of Counties	911 Fees	754.50
83357	NDSU Dept 3310	Ext-Business Cards/Envelopes	64.45
83358	Sargent County Treasurer	Ext-Postage	34.06
		Ext-Office Supplies/Support Staff Development	806.50
83359	Visa		
83360-83369		Health Unit Expenses	1,628.31

Doug Straus, G & R Controls, arrived at the meeting. He provided information and pricing for an alternate heat source for the courthouse. A single boiler that would tie in to the existing system would cost approximately \$99,000 and a three boiler system would cost about \$148,000. The commission questioned which would be more cost effective: to purchase a backup propane system or going off "off-peak" and paying straight electricity rates. Mr. Straus will contact Ottertail Power Company to get a cost comparison between the two and bring additional information back to the next meeting.

Commissioner Arth has visited with someone with the Summit Carbon Solutions regarding an informational meeting in Sargent County about the CO2 pipeline. There is a possibility of a meeting at the end of March or the beginning of April.

Motion to approve the agreement between Sargent County and Ransom County for Sharing Veteran's Service Office pending the effective date change to February 15, 2022.

Motion to approve the Tyler System Management Services Quote/Agreement for an annual amount of \$2,500. (Johnson/Breker) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve a Raffle Permit to CHS Dakota Plains Ag, Gwinner for a raffle to be held March 31, 2022 at CHS Dakota Plains Ag, Gwinner. (Bopp/Breker) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the following Flood Emergency Declaration provided by Wendy Willprecht, Emergency Manager. (Breker/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Sargent County, North Dakota Flood Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, the heavy snow received in the winter of 2021-2022, created an unusually high snowpack in Sargent County; and

WHEREAS, the impending spring melt, creates significant potential for severe spring flooding, including overland flooding and stream flooding; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these damages threaten the health, well-being and public safety of Sargent County citizens; and

WHEREAS, the potential damage to public and private property and roads are beyond normal anticipation and budgeted funds; and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 winter storm response has required the County, Townships and Cities to expend public works and emergency funds, presenting challenges for financing anticipated flood fight operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sargent County Commission declares a flood emergency and orders the activation and utilization of the Sargent County Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices to monitor the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, alleviate hardship, and to limit the hardship and impact of this emergency upon the citizens of Sargent County, North Dakota. Through this declaration the Sargent County Commission does release the use of the Sargent County Emergency Funds for the purpose of use in response and recovery of the public infrastructure in Sargent County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all local government agencies and departments are directed to provide protection to the citizens of Sargent County during this event and limit where possible the hardships and impact of said emergency.

DATED at Forman, North Dakota this 15th day of March 2022.

Motion to approve the ND Game and Fish Department Vendor Online Licensing Service Contract for March 15, 2022 through April 30, 2023. (Bopp/Breker) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting.

The board proceeded to open bids for furnishing supplies for the year beginning April 1, 2022, and ending March 31, 2023, as advertised. All bids submitted, including exact wording and amounts, are available for inspection at the office of the county auditor. Bids submitted as follows:

GRAVEL: Crandall Construction Inc., Cayuga; William Beaver, Forman; Bernard Mahrer Construction Inc., Rutland; Lesmeister Gravel, Inc, Lisbon; Mark Sand and Gravel Dakota Co., Fergus Falls, MN; Bear Creek Gravel, LaMoure; Froemke Excavating, Lisbon; and, Enderson Construction, Inc. Gwinner. Bear Creek Gravel and Froemke Excavating bids were not recorded as bid conditions were not met.

MIXING & DRYING BLACKTOP SURFACING: No bid received.

BITUMINOUS MATERIALS: Flint Hills Resources, West Fargo, ND.

GASOLINE, FUEL, & LP GAS: Rutland Oil Co., Rutland, and CHS Dakota Plains Ag, Valley City.

Motion to accept all recorded bids. (Bopp/Breker) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on abandoning a tile easement in Sections 18 & 19 of Shuman Township The road has been built up sufficiently so the tile is no longer necessary and the landowner would like to take control of the tile. Motion to abandon the tile easement and turn it over to the landowner. (Bopp/Ruch). After further discussion, vote was tabled until the next meeting to garner more information.

Further discussion was held on eliminating one of the maintainers and purchasing a tractor. The auditor was asked to send an email to all the counties in the state asking if there would be interest in purchasing a 2018 JD 672G Motor Grader rather than using it for trade value. If there is interest, the motor grader will be advertised for sale.

Motion to approve the Sidwell GIS Mapping Services Contract. (Breker/Ruch) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to send a letter to the Supreme Court regarding the vacancy that will be created in the Southeast Judicial District due to the Honorable Mark T Blumer choosing not to be a candidate when his term expires December 31, 2022. The State's Attorney will compose a letter expressing the necessity of the position for effective judicial administration in the Southeast Judicial District. (Bopp/Breker) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on an Application for Drainage Work Within County Road Right-of-Way received from Chris Mathias to tile approximately 40 acres in the W1/2 of NE1/4 of Section 9-131-57 (Harlem Township), using a pump outlet that needs to enter the county road ditch to enter Drain #11 one-half mile west of the pump. Decision tabled pending Sargent County Water Resource Board approval and more information.

The commission requested that the State's Attorney send a letter to landowners on County Road #3 east of Rutland that it has been determined that their fencing is in the county road right-of-way and will need to be moved. Said right-of-way is 33 feet from the center of the road.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

JASON ARTH- CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PAM MALONEY – COUNTY AUDITOR