

Forman, North Dakota
May 3, 2022

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 8:05 a.m. with the following members present: Jason Arth, Mark Breker, Scott Johnson and Richard Ruch. Lyle Bopp was not present. Also present was Pam Maloney, 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. (Ruch/Johnson) Motion carried unanimously.

Approve April 19, 2022 minutes as presented. (Breker/Ruch) Motion carried unanimously.

The auditorium demolition has been completed and the site is being filled by the road department.

Commissioner Bopp arrived at the meeting at this time.

The road department job descriptions were discussed at this time. Gallagher had needed some clarifications so Commissioner Bopp and Road Superintendent Faber had made some revisions to the job descriptions initially sent in. Motion to amend the motion made February 1, 2022 to send in the job descriptions of Operator II, Operator III and Road Foreman to read Operator II, Operator III and Road Superintendent for review. (Bopp/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Hamlin Cemetery was briefly discussed. The landowner will be invited in to the next meeting to discuss it.

Motion to approve the Employee CDL Contract effective immediately. (Bopp/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The auditor was instructed to use a 6.25% cola increase for budgeting purposes, based on the average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Employment Cost Index (ECI).

Approve Gaming Site Authorization for the American Legion Bullis Post #84, Lidgerwood for Pull Tab Dispensing Device, and Electronic Pull Tab Device, at their site at the Geneseo Bar and Grill, Geneseo, from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. (Ruch/Breker) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Tim Faber, Road Supervisor; & Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering; arrived at the meeting. Mr. DeVillers proceeded to read the bids for County Roads 3,4,10 & 12 Mill & bituminous Overlay Projects received from bidders online. Bids were received from Central Specialties, Inc, Knife River Materials, Mark Sand & Gravel, and R J Zavoral and Sons, Inc. Motion to accept all bids for review. (Ruch/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously Mr. DeVillers will compile a bid tabulation for review at the next meeting.

Melissa Seykora, NDSU Extension Ag and Natural Resources (ANR) Agent; and, Cindy Klapperich, NDSU Extension Family and Community Wellness (FCW) Agent; reported on the activities of the County's Extension Service office personnel from January through March 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. Klapperich has been involved with numerous projects involving county residents, including: Nutrition, Food Safety and Health Education, Human Development/Family Science Education; and Leadership & Community Engagement Education. She also provided weekly news columns, social media posts, and worked on many 4-H activities. She is looking ahead to Building Tomorrow's Leaders classes, 4-H Consumer Decision Making, and Worksite Wellness Programs. Ms. Seykora had worked with numerous projects including: the Sargent County 4-H Crop Judging, Southeast Beef Update, Design Your Succession Plan, Southeast Crop Market Update & Private Applicator Pesticide Training. She has also participated in soil conservation meetings, 4-H roller skating, Annual Performance Review, Spring Fever Garden Forums, Fair Board Meeting and 4-H Communications Arts Contest. Moving forward she will be working on Galactic Quest 4-H STEM Challenge, Bulb Bonanza and Progressive Agriculture Safety Day. The commission thanked them for their service and dedication to the public.

At this time, Ms. Klapperich stated that she will be resigning from her position on June 2nd, 2022. The commissioners thanked her for her years of service to the citizens of Sargent County and wished her well in the future. She was a great asset to the county and she will be missed.

No bids were received for the 2015 John Deere 672GP Motor Grader Motion to trade the motor grader in on the 2022 JCB 4220 Fasttrac Tractor for the amount of \$153,500. (Ruch/Bopp) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Arth, Bopp, Johnson and Ruch. No – Breker. Motion carried.

Pat Olofson, Sargent County Historical Society/Museum Curator; arrived at the meeting. She had provided a 2021 financial statement to the board and also a budget for 2022. She stated that there would be an article coming out in a national magazine, Toy Trucker and Contractor, about Kenny Bartl & the toy Bobcat donation along with the story of Bobcat & the museum and what it has to offer.

Wendy Willprecht, Emergency Manager/911 Coordinator; Brian Tayer, Ray Smith and Jack Rasmussen, Sargent County Ambulance-Milnor Squad; arrived at the meeting. Mr. Tayer first presented his quarterly report to the board. The Milnor Squad has been busy training and writing grants for funding. They have had forty-three runs so far this year. Further discussion was held regarding the EMS Advisory Board's request for two new employees. The county can only levy 10 mills for EMS purposes at this time, per the measure passed in June, 2002. This would only allow approximately one & a half mills additional funding for EMS at this time, which could possible fund one new employee, beginning in 2023. Motion to put the measure on the General Election ballot in November, to increase the mills for EMS from ten mills to fifteen mills per NDCC 57-15-50 (Ruch/Bopp) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Arth, Breker, Johnson and Ruch. No – Bopp. Motion carried.

Motion to approve two Applications for Drainage Work within County Road Right-of-Way from John Quandt to 1) clean out permitted drain along the north side of County Road #3 for 2,200 feet east of the Dickey County line or 114th Ave SE along the South side of Section 18-130-58 – Jackson Township; and 2) Clean the north side of Section 19 or south R/W of county Road #3 for the rest of the mile of this permitted drain along the north side of Section 19-130-58 – Jackson Township. (Ruch/Breker) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion to approve an Application for Drainage Work within County Road Right-of-Way from Jon C Anderson for ditch leaning along the south & west side of Section 30-129-54 – Weber Township. No culvert changes needed. (Ruch/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept Landon Evenson's resignation and advertise for a road equipment operator with a application deadline of May 20th. (Ruch/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ruch brought up that an individual has plugged a culvert on a county road. He and Tim Faber, Road Superintendent, will talk to the individual first & if the culvert remains plugged, the state's attorney will send a letter to them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

JASON ARTH – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PAM MALONEY – COUNTY AUDITOR