

Forman, North Dakota
July 5, 2022

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Jason Arth, Lyle Bopp, Mark Breker, Scott Johnson and Richard Ruch. Also present were Sharon Halmrast, Chief Deputy Auditor, and Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney. Lynn Kaspari, 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.

Approve June 21, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. (Bopp/Breker). Motion carried unanimously.

The Hamlin Abandoned Cemetery on the agenda was tabled until next meeting when landowners could be present.

Budget work continues as a few questions from commission arose. Auditor's office will send out requests for balance sheets and reports on how funding is being used to Milnor and Gwinner Airport Authority to be received by next commission date. Wild Rice Soil Conservation will be asked to attend next commission meeting to explain their budget request.

Commissioner Arth will be contacting Kevin Rodine about planting grass seed in the area along County Road #1 where drainage project was done.

Michele Denault, Human Resources Director arrived at the meeting. She gave a presentation on the upcoming dental insurance increases and presented an additional plan option. No motion made to change plans; therefore, policy will remain as is. Commission also addressed with her the request for her position to increase work week hours. This was tabled until departmental budget reviews.

Trent Mahler, Assistant Ambulance Coordinator arrived at the meeting with an update on Forman ambulance squad. Some income has been received, current bills have been paid and work on getting the Medicare revalidation is progressing. Commission thanked him for the updates and his time spent in doing so.

Motion to approve the 2022 Primary Election Canvass Board results. (Breker/Ruch). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve and have Chairman sign 2022 Township Road Miles Certification -766.75 miles. (Ruch/Johnson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of voting delegate to NDACo conference was tabled and Auditor's office will obtain delegate criteria and send out an email to those eligible for this position.

In regards to a call received from Gelinske about trees in the ditch near her residence in Delamere, Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney, advised the council that it was the responsibility of the landowner for removal of said trees. Commission then asked Pfau to further research the ownership and or right of way of the property located on County #14 in which the trees are on. Commission will wait for research results from Pfau.

Commissioner Ruch reported on Sargent County Water Resource meeting recently held. He states that the board will go through with the drainage project on Drain # 11, despite pending litigation. Drain #11 is still in the process of reassessment.

Commissioner Breker brought up his concerns with Account Receivable billings and procedure. Procedure was explained. He requested documentation of Forman Ambulance billing. Documents were presented.

Breker also inquired about whose responsibility it was for tree removal in an area along the intersection of County #3 and County #10 in Rutland which is causing a blind spot in the roadway. Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney will also research this location and inform Commission.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting. He informed council that work would be done next week on the clean-out of ditch and plugged culvert in Section 11, Jackson Township/County Road #2.

In addressing the issue of posting bridge 41-116-24.0 located 1 mile S and 2 miles W of Havana, He informed Commission that this bridge was in South Dakota and that Marshall County would handle such posting.

He also reported that dust control would begin next week on roads that landowners requested application and the road work done on County Road #4 is hardening and looking good. Faber brought in an estimate from Roadway Services, Inc. for asphalt crack sealing and provided a map of areas in the county in which this would be done. Commission asked for more information on the process of application to be presented at the next meeting before any decision could be made.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

JASON ARTH - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

SHARON HALMRAST – CHIEF DEPUTY AUDITOR