

Forman, North Dakota
July 5, 2023

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 with the following members present: Wade Anderson, Mark Breker, Lyle Bopp, and Scott Johnson. Also present was Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; and Pam Maloney, County Auditor. Jason Arth was absent. Mary Engst, Sargent County Teller, was present through technology

Chairman Mark Breker called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended. (Johnson/Anderson) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the June 20, 2023 minutes. (Anderson/Bopp) Motion carried.

Brian Tayer, Sargent County Ambulance-Milnor Squad, arrived at the meeting on behalf of Trent Mahler, Sargent County Ambulance-Forman Squad, as a conflict had arisen for Mr. Mahler. The Forman Squad is in need of funds, as they don't have enough in their checking account to pay the volunteers this quarter. Motion for a one-time pay-out of \$10,000 from the EMS fund to the Forman Squad. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners set informational public meeting dates for the process of moving the Auditor and Treasurer/Recorder/Clerk of Court to appointive rather than elective positions. The dates set were August 1 at 10:00 a.m. and October 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Our IT support would like the server moved from the custodian's room to a closet under the stairs in the elevator addition. There is power in the closet, but he would like the server to be on a separate breaker, if possible. The commissioners would like to quote before doing any work there.

Motion to appoint Representative Alisa Mitskog to the RSR Human Service Zone per recent legislative change. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Approve the adoption of the RSR Human Service Zone budget in the amount of \$4,000,174.52. (Anderson/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Michelle Denault, Human Resources Director, arrived at the meeting, on behalf of Melissa Seykora, NDSU Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Agent. She is requesting that Amber Mathison, NDSU Support Staff, be granted comp time rather than getting paid out overtime for July. Ms. Mathison will be putting in several hours of extra time before, during and after the fair, and had planned to use that comp time for her wedding in September. Motion to grant comp time in exchange for paid overtime for the month of July for Amber Mathison. (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director, arrived at the meeting. She is requesting authorization to contract with Sidwell to run scrips to clean up duplicate parcel issues within the GIS program. It will take approximately 1-2 hours at a rate of \$160/hour. Motion to pay Sidwell for up to two hours time at a rate of \$160/hour to run scrips to clean up duplicate parcels. (Johnson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence was received from CHS Dakota Plains regarding propane summer fills and prepayment options for the road department and Silver Lake Recreation Area. Motion to get the summer fill at both places, and to prepay 907 gallons at the park and 500 gallons at the shop. (Johnson/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor; Michelle Denault, Human Resources Director; & LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director; arrived at the meeting for the purpose of selecting a voting delegate for the NDACo conference in October. Nomination for LaJuana Hayen. (Johnson) Motion that nominations cease and

a unanimous ballot be cast for LaJuana Hayen. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the Sargent County Road Permit application and if any changes should be made on the form. Ms. Pfau will make the revisions suggested and bring to the next meeting for approval and adoption.

A former permittee has not followed the protocol set forth in the Sargent County Road permit that was issued to him. Ms. Pfau was requested to draft a letter to Mr. Anderson giving him thirty (30) days to consult with Interstate Engineering regarding his project and any engineering fees incurred will be paid by Mr. Anderson.

Commissioner Bopp has sent a letter to Hall Township regarding the culverts on 150th Ave SE and has requested a response by July 18th.

Mr. Faber reported that the curve work on County Road #1 by Willprecht's is done.

He also stated that there are lots of black spots he would like to gravel. He can start with the bigger areas and Commissioner Johnson will advise him on how much he can do depending on the June financials.

The chevron signs purchased from Kidder County will be placed on County Road #10 south of Rutland along Drain #8.

Repairs/replacement of the white Ford diesel pickup and one of the snowplow trucks will be on hold until next year.

Bob Orn, Stirum, arrived at the meeting to discuss further the high water problem in the Stirum area. They are waiting for Interstate Engineering for a final consult, but are hoping to fix the problem by switching out some culverts on County Road #1. The commissioners have requested that an agreement be drawn up that can be signed by the all the landowners that could be affected once the plan has been decided.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:28 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. The commissioners reviewed 2024 department budgets for the rest of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

MARK BREKER – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PAM MALONEY – COUNTY AUDITOR