

Forman, North Dakota
September 5, 2023

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 with the following members present: Wade Anderson, Lyle Bopp, Mark Breker, and Scott Johnson. Also present was Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; and Pam Maloney, County Auditor. Jason Arth was absent. The 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 August 15, 2023 minutes. (Johnson/Anderson) Motion carried.

The auditor provided information regarding the usage of the county fleet vehicle. The board would like some further information before making a decision on whether the vehicle is needed. The auditor will do some further research.

The State's Attorney drafted and mailed a letter of support to the Clerk of the North Dakota Supreme Court encouraging the retention of Judgeship #1 in the Southeast Judicial District that was requested at the last meeting.

Approve the following resolution and move for its adoption: (Bopp/Anderson) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Anderson, Bopp, Breker, and Johnson. No – None. Absent and not voting: Arth. Motion carried.

COUNTY OF SARGENT RESOLUTION FOR SARGENT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the 49th Legislative Assembly passed the "North Dakota Disaster Act of 1985: (NDCC 37-17.1) enacting an emergency management law embodying all aspects of disaster/emergency preparedness for all types of hazards which could seriously affect this city; and

WHEREAS, the law mandated the formation of local disaster organizations responsible to provide effective response and recovery capabilities to reduce the loss of life and property of our citizens from the effects of disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS, the law provides that each county shall maintain an emergency management organization that serves the entire county, and each city shall provide an emergency management organization of its own, or it shall participate in the county wide emergency management organization; and

WHEREAS, the State Law requires the cities and counties to notify the North Dakota Department of Emergency Management of the manner in which their jurisdiction is securing an emergency management capability,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Sargent will be a participant in the Sargent County Emergency Management Agency.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2023.

A letter was received from the Court Facilities Advisory Committee regarding the Court Facility Improvement Grant funds. Deadline is December 31, 2023. Commissioner Bopp will talk to Ms. Toepke regarding ideas for the application.

Wendy Willprecht, Emergency Manager/911 Coordinator, arrived at the meeting. Commissioner Johnson presented meeting notes from a meeting with NDDOT and Gwinner City regarding the intersection of Highways 13 & 32. He presented some facts regarding the intersection, NDDOT's recommendation,

costs and next steps for the project. The NDDOT is recommending a roundabout for this intersection, stating that it will drop speed limits down, improve the flow of traffic & will increase safety for all travelers. They also stated that it will be a multi-lane roundabout & will be able to accommodate vehicles and trucks of all sizes. Costs will be covered by 90% federal/10% state cost share. This project will take two years of development and NDDOT would like the county and Gwinner City to support the project. Motion to send a letter of support for the proposed project study for the intersection of Highways 13 & 32. (Anderson/Bopp) Roll Call Vote: Yes – Anderson, Bopp and Johnson. No – Breker. Absent & not voting – Arth. Motion carried. Commissioner Breker would like NDDOT to come to a commissioner meeting to discuss the project further.

LaJuana Hayen, Sargent County Fair Board, arrived at the meeting. She provided the commission with a financial statement through September 4, 2023 showing revenues from the annual fair. She also stated that they have secured two bands for the fair to be held July 25-28, 2024 and have been in contact with the rodeo company, as well.

Wendy Willprecht, Emergency Manager/911 Coordinator; Tim Faber, Road Supervisor; Dan Delahoyde, Michael, LaJuana, Garrett & Elliott Hayen, and Paul Mathews, County Residents; arrived at the meeting to discuss the potential County Road #2 Tiling Project. Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, arrived during the discussion. Mr. Faber stated that Richland County and Steele County has tiled many miles of county roads with great results. Garrett Hayen asked if there would be a valve for shutoff, if necessary. He also wondered if a tiling project has ever been done where there is a natural spring that runs all year long. The Hayen family is worried about additional water on their property. It was suggested that if Mr. Delahoyde is considering tiling his yard, that he should do that first, to see if additional tile work is needed on the county road. Mr. DeVillers will do further analysis regarding downstream flow. The commission will make a decision at their next meeting whether or not to move forward with the tiling project.

Terry Wehlander, Hall Township Supervisor, arrived at the meeting to further discuss Sargent County Site 1 under disaster #4717 that had been found to be ineligible for FEMA funds. This was the area where the culverts are worn out and need replacement on 150th Ave SE in Hall Township on the Richland County line. He stated that they are having a township meeting on September 18th for township residents' input regarding the road. He also stated that there are Richland County residents that are also concerned about the potential culvert removal/road closure. Further discussion will be held after the township has their meeting.

Commissioner Anderson, on behalf of Dorn Malpert, asked about the parameters regarding his application for ditch cleaning. The auditor provided the complete application form which details the parameters requested.

Commissioner Anderson, on behalf of Todd Stein, asked about putting a cap on a culvert on land he is renting. Mr. Stein should schedule a time on the agenda to come in & discuss the matter.

Mr. Faber provided another quote for crack sealing different county roads, which will be a project for next year. He also stated that the sealcoat projects on County Roads #4 & #12 are completed.

The auditor received an email from Walock-Johnson Insurance Company regarding an Errors & Omissions policy. The county does not have an Errors & Omissions policy – they have a Governance Liability policy which would be for the defense of boards, directors or officers working for others.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

MARK BREKER – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PAM MALONEY – COUNTY AUDITOR