

Forman, North Dakota
May 20, 2025

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 9 a.m. Those in attendance were Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp, Jason Arth and Chairman, Wade Anderson. Also in attendance were Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Tia Bopp, Auditor; and Daniel Pearson, Rutland Township Chairman.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda with additions. (Arth/Bopp). Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2025, meeting. (Waswick/Arth). Motion carried.

Daniel Pearson, Chairman of Rutland Township was present to request cost share on culverts. He had met with the Water Board and will be contacting Interstate Engineering regarding a hydraulic study. Motion to approve the request for culvert cost share for 3 culverts and a 2 foot band upon completion of a hydraulic study. (Waswick/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Pearson left the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

The window replacement topic was again discussed. Commissioner Waswick notified the Board of Commissioners that the windows do not qualify for the energy block grant. This project had been put on hold pending the office remodel of the State's Attorney's office. Motion to proceed with Proposal #2 on the window replacement bid from Ted Keller of General Roofing and Construction for a total of \$42,822.61. This proposal includes replacing three windows in the mid-section of the second floor on the north side of the courthouse and the window that is currently failing. (Arth/Waswick). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to sign the Notice of Awards for the Bituminous Seal Coat and Crack Sealing on County Roads 3, 7, 10 & 12 -- Project No. ER25-00-036 and In Slope Flattening on County Road 12 -- Project No. ER25-00-021. (Arth/Johnson). Upon roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding computers purchased for the Commission. One is not being used, but will be used for the Tax Director as her computer has been faulty and been sent in for repair on multiple occasions.

Motion to approve a Sargent County Road Permit to Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative for installation of buried fiber optic telecommunications facilities along and/or across County Roads 10, 3 and 12. (Johnson/Arth). Upon roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on time and location of the County Equalization Meeting. The location will be at the Forman City Hall in anticipation of more attendees than what the Commission meeting room can hold.

Grant information was also received from Damon at Interstate Engineering. More information from Damon will be requested. It appears the grant is not for the 10 largest cities or counties.

The next 5 county meeting will be held on July 10th. More information will be shared once it becomes available.

HB 1602 allows the county to move away from the NDPERS DC plan. It was requested that the Human Resource Director look at possible options through Nationwide.

Motion to update the value of the livestock building to what Walock Johnson Insurance has for replacement costs on the Blanket Statement of Values with NDFT. (Bopp/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor's office requested to be closed on Jun 5th for training. The Tax Director's office will be closed on Jun 16th for training.

A recess was taken from 9:50 a.m. – 9:58 a.m.

Upon reconvening bills were reviewed. Clarification was requested on engineering costs tied to specific projects. The engineering costs and materials will come from the same funds as the project work. Motion to pay the bills and payroll in the month of May for a \$308,920.24. (Bopp/Johnson). Motion carried unanimously.

	Health Unit Expenses	2,521.26
	JDA Expenses	1,666.85
City of Forman	CH/Road Water/Sewer/Garbage	218.69
Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	3,266.22
Ransom County	VSO Benefits/Salary	2,744.32
	Ambulance Squads Expenses	1,343.75
	Health Unit Expenses	6,100.83
	Health Unit Expenses	428.50
	Weed Control Expenses	14.00
Alcohol Monitoring Systems	GPS Monthly Fee	100.00
Anderson, Wade	Commissioner Travel Reimbursement	292.32
Avid Hawk	Website Services	45.00
Cenex Fleet	Sheriff/GFR Travel	126.81
	Tech	
Computer Express	Support/Software/Laptops/Toughbooks/Supplies/Printers/Desktop	25,834.97
Dacotah Paper	Copier Paper	1,167.90
Dakota Plains Cooperative	Sheriff/Tax/Health Travel	732.23
Dakota Water Solutions	CH 5 Gallon Water Jugs	56.00
Dickey Rural Networks	Electricity	938.17
Forman Lumber and Fire	Custodian Supplies	374.76
G & R Controls	Boiler Repair/Maintenance Contract	5,405.00
Gordy's Grill & Fill	Sheriff Car Washes	71.00
Hayen, Lajuana	Travel Reimbursement	123.90
Information Technology Department	WAN Access/Netmotion/Office365	1,304.80
Innovative	Commissioner Office Supplies/Copier Supplies	583.22
Johnson, Scott	Commissioner Travel Reimbursement	443.80
Johnson, Bryan	Phone Reimbursement	150.00
Lee's Service Station	Sheriff Squad Car Oil Change	81.00
Loffler	Sheriff Copier Overages	36.67
ND Community Corrections Association	Dues/Insurance	209.50
ND County Recorder Association	Treasurer Dues	500.00
NDACO Resources Group	Smart Zone	50.00
Nelson, Caleb	CH Painting	3,481.69
Office of Attorney General	SCRAM 24/7	450.00
Richland County Jail	Prisoner Board	170.00
Rutland Oil Company	Sheriff Gas	1,370.21
Southside Automotive	County Car Repairs/Sheriff Oil Change	1,594.54
The Sargent County Teller	Publishing Legals	1,737.74
Verizon	Sheriff Mifi Cards	240.06
Vestis	CH/Road Rug Cleaning Service/Supplies	697.41
Waswick, Gerald	Commissioner Phone/Travel Reimbursement	602.13
Wild Rice Soil Conservation	Extension Rent	550.00
Yagow, Cindy	County Car Wash/Travel Reimbursement	65.00
NDSU Agriculture Communication	Ext-50% Computer Cost Share	653.17
NDSU Extension Ag Budget Office	Seykora Payroll	6,213.05
Sargent County Treasurer	Extension Postage	16.68

Willprecht, Wendy	EMS Travel/Firefighter Meals	263.20
	Ambulance Squads Expenses	15,823.71
A W Diesel	#105 Exhaust Temp Sensor/#125 Throttle Pedal	922.10
Bear Creek Gravel	Gravel CR #1, 5, 14, 2, 2A, 3, 6	4,034.25
Bobcat of Gwinner	Bobcat Tire/Hub Assembly/Coolant	507.27
Bohnenkamp Construction	Lazer/DepthMaster/Tripod/Depth Survey Stick	2,500.00
Butler Machinery	#116 Contract/Filters/#119 A/C Repair	2308.50
Colonial Enterprises, Inc.	Remotes/Installation	870.00
Computer Express	Copier Ink/Paper	939.90
Dakota Water Solutions	Road-5 Gallon Water Jugs	16.00
Forman Lumber and Fire	Sawzall Blade	6.99
Hansen Lumber & Hardware	Stakes/Hammer Tacker/Flags	352.93
IBBG Lawncare, LLC	Shop Mowing	50.00
Interstate Engineering	Engineering Services	31,710.07
Lycox Enterprises, Inc.	Retriever/Grader Mount	21,300.00
Midstates Equipment & Supply	Polyskin	35,845.63
Napa Auto Parts	16" Chain/Oil Filter	66.24
Newman Signs, Inc.	Date Decals/Stickers	48.30
Plunkett's	Pest Control Program	69.44
Rutland Oil Company	Road Gas/Fuel/Oil	12,089.59
Southside Automotive	Repair Parts & Labor	1,426.22
Team Lab	Fine Road Patch	1,029.00
TraCat Used Equipment & Trailer Sales	#131 Trailer Hub Repair	1,261.64
Tri-State Truck Sales, Inc.	Pick Up Truck	18,000.00
Visto's	BG Boots	179.95

Sheriff, Travis Paeper arrived at the meeting at 10:15 a.m.. NDSU Extension Melissa Seykora arrived at the meeting at 10:23 to request approval to hire a casual, non-exempt hourly employee to work through the summer months primarily helping with 4H and the fair. Motion to hire Claire Wehseler for a casual, non-exempt hourly position through the summer months. (Arth/Waswick). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on a reimbursement check received for prisoner board after a prisoner had been sentenced. Motion to amend Sheriff's budget for \$2476.06, the same amount of the repayment of prisoner board. (Arth/Waswick). Discussion was held. The motion was tabled to allow State's Attorney Pfau time to review the same.

Sheriff Paeper also addressed the Commission in relation to his frustration with the RSR Zone. Commissioner Bopp had received communication from RSR Zone Director, Lynn Flieth outlining a conversation she had with Sheriff Paeper. Sheriff Paeper summarized an incident that had occurred over the weekend. There has been on going frustrating building with relations between the Sheriff's Department, the State's Attorney, and the RSR Zone. Sheriff Paeper explained he wants to have dialogue to get resolution on the relationship with the Zone. Commissioner Bopp will set up a meeting with the RSR Zone Director, Flieth; Sheriff, Paeper; State's Attorney, Pfau; Chairman Anderson; and himself to initiate some resolution to the ongoing frustration the Sheriff and State's Attorney feel. Sheriff Paeper left the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Road Supervisor, Tim Faber, arrived at the meeting at 11:08 a.m.. Mr Faber had not received a quote yet for the road restriction signs. It was suggested that maybe signage should be done in sections of the county in order to spread out the cost. Mr. Faber also presented the Commission with a bid for replacing a culvert on County Road 10 south of Rutland. Motion to accept the bid from Marshall Braaten with any change orders being approved by the Commission prior to being completed. (Arth/Johnson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to reclassify Larry Bohnenkamp as a full-time temporary employee with an end date of October 15th to allow him to get up to 40 hours per week. (Waswick/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Faber also inquired if an agreement should be drawn up for the clay the County is purchasing from a resident. The owner of the clay is also wondering if he can be paid for a portion of the clay upfront. State’s Attorney, Pfau will work with Interstate Engineering to understand if a contract is going to be drawn up by Interstate or whether the County should handle the agreement.

Upcoming dates to remember were reviewed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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WADE ANDERSON - CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP – COUNTY AUDITOR