

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met on August 5, 2025, at 9 a.m. at the Sargent County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp, Jason Arth, and Chairman, Wade Anderson. Also in attendance were Tia Bopp, Auditor; and Jayne Pfau, State’s Attorney.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2025 and July 22, 2025 commission meetings as amended. (Johnson/Bopp) Motion carried.

Discussion was held on meetings and motions. If something is to go in effect, it needs to be stated in a motion. Discussion also took place regarding the purchase of items and how reimbursement should be handled for purchased items so it doesn’t negatively affect department budgets. Discussion was held on the funds used to purchase mastic for County Road 10.

Motion to approve the Farmer’s Market to be held on the courthouse lawn on August 6, 2025 from 4-7 p.m. (Waswick/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve and sign the Progressive Estimate #1 Final for the Rubberized Creak Sealing Project CMC 4100 (025) for Northwest Asphalt Maintenance. (Waswick/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint LaJuana Hayen as the delegate to the NDACO for the conference in October. (Arth/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

No action was needed to be taken Floodplain Management Responsibilities as nothing has changed.

Neil Weaving, Custodian, arrived at the meeting to give his update. He agrees with the Farmer’s Market on the courthouse lawn. He had received a quote for carpet cleaning and will do some more inquiring about the vendor to see if they are insured. Discussion was also had on what snow removal products can be used in the parking lot.

Motion to pay the ambulance bills as presented. (Johnson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

SARGENT COUNTY NORTH DAKOTA

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING MOBILE HOMES
AND FARM PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Jason Arth that from this date forward, mobile homes brought into Sargent County must be affixed to the real property in order for any farm exemption to apply and all previous mobile homes currently receiving a farm exemption are grandfathered in. The motion was seconded by Scott Johnson. The Board approved the motion.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2025.

Approved:

Attest:

Wade Anderson
Sargent County Commission Chairman

Tia Bopp
Sargent County Auditor

A recess was taken from 9:46 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. Upon reconvening, Jayne Pfau, State’s Attorney, provided an update on the opioid settlement agreements being proposed. Motion to opt into the settlement of the Purdue Pharma and to remain in the Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus settlement. (Bopp/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. No

action needs to be taken to stay in the Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus settlement.

The grievance procedure involving the park board employee was brought up again by Pfau. She told the commission they are the ones that need to make the recommendation on who should be appointed to meet with the grievant in step two of the policy. Motion to refer the grievance to The Village for investigation and recommendation a part of step two of the current policy. (Bopp/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Trent Mahler, Sargent County Ambulance Coordinator, arrived at the meeting at 10:01 a.m. and provided his quarterly report for the Forman Squad. His main need is staffing. Mahler left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

A recess was taken from 10:08 a.m. to 10:14 a.m. Upon reconvening, Commissioner Bopp gave an update on the Drain 8 meeting, which was held the previous night in Rutland. The Water Board presented some options to those in attendance. The plan going forward is to conduct a study of the Drain.

Morgan Blair, Coroner, arrived at the meeting at 10:30 a.m. to give her quarterly report. She has had 10 cases since June of 2024. She indicated she is still looking for a larger vehicle and will be looking into identification badge options. Blair left the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Duane Peterson, Human Resources Director, arrived at the meeting at 10:37 a.m. He was present to discuss NDPERS 1419. Peterson left the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

A recess was taken from 10:57 a.m. to 11:03 a.m.

Trent Mahler, Ambulance Coordinator, Wendy Willprecht, EM/911 Coordinator, Dickey-Sargent Water Resource District, Ryan Johnson, Gwinner First Responders, and Brian Tayer, Milnor Ambulance (via phone) arrived at the meeting. Brian provided his quarterly report for the Milnor squad. Gwinner First Responders had budgeted for reimbursement for their volunteers. Based on year-to-date numbers under the proposed pay plan, the amount being paid to volunteers would be \$3625.00. The proposal is to pay \$25 per responder per run and an additional \$10 if they go on to the hospital. The group left the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Travis Paeper, Sheriff, Tim Faber, Road Supervisor and Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering all arrived at the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

DeVillers summarized the remaining change order for the parking lot. Although there were several change orders in the project, the overall project came in less than what was projected. Motion to approve and sign the Semi Final and Final Balancing Change order for the Courthouse Parking Lot Reconstruction and Lighting Project. (Bopp/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

WADE ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN

TIA BOPP –AUDITOR