

Forman, North Dakota
January 20, 2026

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Present were Chairman Jerry Waswick, Commissioners, Wade Anderson, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp and Jason Arth. Also present were Tia Bopp, Auditor; and Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Waswick at 9:00 a.m.. He led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda with amendments. (Johnson/Anderson). Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2026, meeting. (Anderson/Bopp) Motion carried.

Chairman Waswick provided an update of the windows after having a conversation with Ted Keller.

Motion to approve the budgeted transfers for 2025. (Johnson/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Budget adjustments will be tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding making a couple line items within the road budget for clarity, namely the Prairie Dog funds and also funds obtained from the Federal Aid monies that were required to be moved into the Road and Bridge fund if not spent by the end of 2025.

HR Director, Duane Peterson arrived to have discussion regarding dental insurance. Wade made a motion to allow Duane to look into other dental insurance options. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve county deed to Minisha and Donta Willis for five parcels in Cogswell. The parcel numbers are 27-8343000; 27-8385000; 27-8392001; 27-8344000; and 27-8345001. (Anderson/Johnson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor arrived at 10:23 a.m.. Damon DeVillers, Tyler Birchem, and Trevor Anderson from Interstate Engineering arrived at the meeting at 10:39 a.m..

Bridges were the first topic of discussion with the Interstate Engineering team. Sargent County was selected for flex funding. The question needing answered was how we are going to bid the project. The two bridges to be removed are 41-117-22.0 and 41-131-12.2. Motion to go through DOT for bridge removal projects/flex funding bidding. (Johnson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to call for RFP for construction engineering services on BRJ -0041(021) contingent upon approval of the plans, specs and bidding through the ND DOT. (Bopp/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Sargent County was awarded funding for reconstruction of the White Lake bridge. The estimated costs for the preliminary engineering are approximately \$150,000. Motion to accept the Bridge 41-132-18.0 project wherein the county will pay the approximate \$150,000 for preliminary engineering costs and the balance will be covered by flex funds. Said costs will be covered with monies previously referred to as federal aid funds. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on road projects that should be looked at for the upcoming year.

Pickup quotes were brought in by Tim. Tim stated he was told with the government discounts we would be able to buy new just as reasonable as used. He would like to proceed with the new pickup that is in Lidgerwood for approximately \$67,000. Discussion on the quotes and what the need is for the county. Tim was requested to get three quotes on a ¾ ton and a ½ ton both in gas or diesel and also different makes i.e. dodge, ford, and chevy for consideration at the next meeting.

Last meeting quotes were provided for a new semi trailer. Those quotes were for a belly dump and a cross dump. Tim brought in some additional quotes he had received since the last meeting. Motion to buy the Midland belly dump trailer for a purchase price of \$58,050.00 from I-29 Trailer Sales in Fargo. (Anderson/Arth) Voting in favor were Bopp, Arth, Anderson and Waswick. Voting no was Johnson. Motion carried. This expense is to be paid out of the equipment line of the road budget.

Tim explained the mower that they have been using has went through three hydraulic motors. The warranty is about to come off the present mower. They have only had the mower for 1-1/2 years. Tim

was requested to obtain a quote from Bobcat for a new one and a quote from Lillegard for a Prime branded mower and present at the next meeting.

Tim was requesting to purchase safety clothing for the road department. Total cost would be about \$3,000.00. Again, it was requested for Tim to provide additional quotes.

Motion to call for sealed bids for supplies for the upcoming year. (Johnson/Anderson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to move Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney, to an E81/Step12/Year 22 based on her increased work load and with the addition of another deputy. (Arth/Anderson) Voting yes were Anderson, Johnson, and Arth. Voting no were Bopp and Waswick. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the sand spreader which occurred at the previous meeting. Tim had looked at a spreader at ACME and it was not a commercial one. This is again being tabled until the next meeting.

Sheriff Travis Paeper spoke about the new deputy he hired. Travis will start her at a step 1 and then after training she will move to a step 2.

Motion to pay the January payroll in the amount of \$329,639.40 and the bills presented. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

89770-89778		Health Dept Expenses	1,640.76
89780		JDA Expense	245.06
89781-89787		Various Ambulance Squad Expenses	2,143.05
89790	City of Forman	CH/Road Water/Sewer/Garbage	225.42
89791	Ottertall Power Company	Electricity	3,309.01
89792	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	3,797.06
89794-89795		JDA Expenses	912.74
89796	ND Post Board	Sheriff Dues	45.00
89856-89866		Health Dept Expenses	2,278.04
89906		Weed Control Expenses	10,865.74
89809	Amazon	Xmas Party Prizes	134.10
89810	Arth, Jason	Commission Travel Reimbursement	110.00
89811	Avid Hawk	Web Services	45.00
	Barnes County Correction		
89812	Center	Prisoner Board/Ambo	2,959.00
89813	Brooks, Silvia	CH-Cleaning Service	140.00
89814	Cenex Fleet	Sheriff Travel	48.19
89815	Central Business Systems	Copier Supplies/Rental	272.39
89816	Central Grocery	CH-Supplies/Road-Batteries	16.23
89817	Cogswell Countryside	Xmas Party Meal	1,209.60
		Tech Support/Cable, Jacks Install/1 Year	
89818	Computer Express	Backup Software	3,639.73
89819	Crossroads Electric	Health -Furnace Maintenance	313.04
89820	Dakota Plains Cooperative	Sheriff/Health Travel	919.73
89821	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	916.85
89822	ESRI	ARC GIS Renewal	700.00
		CH Stretch Wrap/Tarp/Tarp Strap/Ice	
89823	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	Scraper/Extension Cord/Ice Melt	335.06
89824	Galls	Sheriff-Uniform Boot/Belt/Gloves/Holster	511.74
	Information Technology	Off Prem	
89825	Department	Connectivity/WAN/Office/Adobe/NetMotion	1,893.05
89826	Innovative Office Solutions	Auditor-Toner/Calendars	267.01
89827	KLG	Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan Update	3,971.51
89828	Lexis Nexis	ND Century Code Book	174.61
89829	Loffler	Sheriff-Copier Overage	12.32
89830	National Ass'n of Counties	County Dues 2026	450.00
89831	ND Ass'n of Counties	County Dues 2026	7,809.00
89832	ND Ass'n of Counties	Worker's Comp Premium-2026	28,407.65

89833	ND County Auditor's Ass'n	Auditor/Treasurer Dues 2026	400.00
89834	ND County Commissioner's Ass'n	Dues 2026	1,725.00
89835	ND Recorders Ass'n	2026 Dues	500.00
89836-89837	ND State Radio Communications	LETS Terminal Oct-Dec/License Renewal Fee	263.00
89838	Office of Attorney General	SCRAM 24/7	515.00
89839	Peterson, Duane	HR-Phone Reimbursement	150.00
89840	PharmChem	PatchKit/Sweat Patch Analysis	31.95
89841	Pitney Bowes	Postage Meter Contract	150.00
89843	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	85.00
89844	Sargent County Treasurer	County Taxes	1,663.57
89845	SENDCCA	County Dues 2026	400.00
89846	Spellerberg, Briana	Xmas Party Prizes	41.99
89847	Streicher's	Sheriff-Gloves/Pmag	147.94
89848	Stryker Sales, LLC	Single Electrode Kits	425.00
89849	The Sargent County Teller	Help Wanted Ads	300.00
89850	Tyler Technologies	ERP Pro Support	3,120.00
89851	Uniform Center	Deputy Uniform-OC	379.99
89852	Verizon	Sheriff Mifi Cards	240.06
89853	Vestis	CH/Road Rug Cleaning, Supplies	459.62
89854	Wild Rice Soil Conservation	Extension Rent	550.00
89855	WorkEasy	Time Keeping Software Renewal	3,465.00
89861	A W Diesel	Rd-#126 Valve Stems, Tires/#125 AC Hose Repair/#127 Throttle Sensor/Brad's Truck-HYD Fittings	3,187.83
89868	Bobcat of Gwinner	Rd-Bobcat Wet 1000CCA, Coupler	271.36
89869	Bopp, Tia	Rd-Vehicle Title Lien Holders Removed	78.00
89870	Butler Machinery	Rd-Cat Contracts/Brackets	1,418.03
89871	Dakota Water Solutions	Rd & CH 5 Gallon Water Jugs	80.00
89872	DMC Wear Parts	Rd-Road Rage Scarifier	16,245.00
89873	Faber, Tim	Rd-Travel Reimbursement	349.50
89874	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	Rd-Torx T30	4.29
89875	General Equipment	Rd-Wiper Blades	48.54
89876	Hansen Lumber & Hardware	Rd- Clamps/Paper Towels/Window Washers/Thread Tape/Zip ties	103.86
89877	Interstate Engineering	Rd-#14 Traffic Counts/SL Road Estimates/HBP Patching Plans/Inslope Project Plans/Seal Coat, Crack Sealing Plans	15,886.25
89878	John Deere Financial	Rd-Skid Shoe/Hydraulic Hose/Hy-gard	988.69
89879	Lot Pro's, Inc.	Rd-Crack Sealing	5,624.00
89880	Lyle Signs, LLC	Rd-No Engine Breaking Signs	186.03
89881	Plunkett's Pest Control	Rd-Pest Control	72.22
89882	RDO Power Plan OIB	Rd- Grader Window/Urethane	761.90
89883	Rutland Oil Company	Rd-Fuel/Gas/Hydraulic Oil/DEF/Powerguard	2,769.20
89884	Sign Solutions	Rd- Solar Assist Sign	280.24
89885	Southside Automotive	Rd-Pressure Line Hose/Halogen Bulb	37.88
89886	TON Construction	CH-Scissor Lift Rental	400.00
89887	Visto's	Rd-Mop/Paint Rollers/Solvent/Paint Brush/Blow Gun/Brush/Solder Iron/Paint Liner	187.33
89888	Gulleeson, Jennifer	Weed Control Travel Reimbursement	134.40
89889	ND State Radio Communications	911 Fees-Aug-Oct 2025	22,083.51
89890	NDSU	Ext-Table Runner/Farm Record Book	248.00
89891	NDSU Ext Service-Budget Office	Ext-Seykora Salary	6,418.96

89892	Seykora, Melissa	Ext-Travel Reimbursement	123.25
89893-89905		Various Ambulance Squad Expenses	3,629.84
89907-89914		Health Unit Expenses	620.40
ACH	JP Morgan	Various Department Expenses	2,326.39

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m..

 JERRY WASWICK, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

 TIA BOPP –AUDITOR