

Forman, North Dakota
January 6, 2026

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. Present were Chairman Jerry Waswick, Commissioners, Jason Arth, Lyle Bopp, Wade Anderson and Scott Johnson via electronic means. Also present were Tia Bopp, Auditor; Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; and Mark Breker.

Chairman Waswick called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda with adjustments. (Anderson/Bopp) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from December 16, 2025. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried.

Old Business:

Neil Weaving arrived. The windows have arrived. Originally, they thought the windows on the north side were the wrong size due to the way they were measured. Ted Keller said the windows they are replacing now are to go from brick to brick. The south side windows were done jam to jam to preserve the interior works. The windows are the correct size for doing brick to brick installation. Discussion will need to be had with Ted Keller. Neil also had the masonry contractor look at the chimney because it is cracked. We are waiting on a bid for repairing that.

Short recess was taken for technical difficulties.

Motion to appoint Lyle Bopp to the RSR zone. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried. Motion to appoint Jerry Waswick and Scott Johnson to the JDA board. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried. Motion to appoint Scott Johnson to the health board. (Arth/Anderson) Motion carried. Motion to appoint Wade Anderson and Scott Johnson to the planning commission. (Bopp/Arth) Motion carried. Motion to appoint Wade Anderson to the weed board. (Arth/Bopp) Motion carried. Motion to approve the senior citizen contract. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried.

Melissa Seykora arrived and gave her quarter four report. Enrollment is increased from previous years. She outlined events that have transpired in the last quarter of 2025.

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

Tim Faber arrived at the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

The 2015 Chevy pickup that has a blown engine was discussed. An engine has been purchased from Hopewell Salvage and will be installed by Mason Olson. The highway department will utilize the pickup until the park needs it.

Discussion was held regarding the Vestis service at the highway department shop.

Road conditions and winter weather were also a topic of discussion. Sheriff Paeper is the one that makes the decision on whether to close the courthouse or not with collaboration with the Commission. Employees are free to go home if they feel the weather is hazardous. Employees will need to use their vacation time unless the courthouse is closed.

Motion to deposit the checks received from the auction proceeds of highway equipment from Steffes Auction and a check from the water board for work the highway department completed into the road department and use said funds towards the purchase of a pickup for the highway department. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. This led to discussion on what type of pickup would be purchased. Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, presented quotes for a one ton pickup. Faber will get three used quotes for pickups that have 20-30,000 miles and a maximum purchase price of \$50,000. Faber will provide quotes to the Auditor for distribution to the commission.

Discussion on a gravel trailer. The County rented one from Morris Trucking in 2025 at a cost of \$9853.00. Tim was looking to purchase one. The price for a new cross dump trailer is \$56,450.00. The cost for a new belly dump trailer is \$58,050.00. Motion to purchase the Midland belly dump to come out of the equipment line item for \$58,050.00. (Arth/Bopp) Discussion on having more quotes for consideration before making a decision. Motion tabled until next meeting when more quotes can be provided. Tim is to get two more quotes before the next meeting.

The County was given a pickup sander from the City of Forman. After inspection of the pickup sander, it was determined it would not be cost effective to fix it. Rates to spread sand for those requesting it,

could be anywhere from \$250-\$325/hour based on some quick research. There would be a set rate and would be done upon request. The proposed sander would be mounted to the dodge dump truck. The total cost would be \$11,490 prior to installation.

Motion to purchase one set of road rage extensions for the eight foot scarifier for \$2000.00. (Bopp/Anderson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to purchase one ten-foot scarifier at the purchase price of \$12,500, which wouldn't require extensions. (Bopp/Arth) Roll call vote was taken. Voting yes were Bopp, Arth and Waswick. Voting no was Anderson.

Faber stated that neither shop heater has been installed yet. He also reported that Dustin Kuchar was on his way to Lisbon with a maintainer to get a new set of tires.

There are two positions open on the Silver Lake Park Board. Advertising will be done to fill those positions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m..

JERRY WASWICK, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP –AUDITOR