

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Present were Commissioners Jason Arth, Wade Anderson, and Scott Johnson via media. Absent were Jerry Waswick and Lyle Bopp. Also present was Tia Bopp, Auditor.

Vice Chairman, Jason Arth called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wendy Schmiess, EM/911 Coordinator, arrived stating she had sent out the Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions Declaration. She also sent out instructions on how controlled burns are to be called in. Motion to accept the Fire Emergency and Burn Restrictions Declaration for Sargent County, North Dakota (Anderson/Johnson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Yagow, Treasurer/Recorder/Clerk of Court, arrived at the meeting. She gave a report of accounts through January 31, 2026. She explained the breakdown of accounts, interested earned, special assessments, taxes outstanding, etc. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. (Anderson/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Yagow explained the 2024 and 2025 court case breakdown. This determines what we get paid for the state contract for that portion of Clerk of Court salary. Total cases for 2024 were 782 and total for 2025 were 565. Fulltime employee reimbursement will go from .47 to .43. This contract covers all of Amy Bogart's, Chief Deputy Clerk of Court, salary and a portion of Yagow's salary. Motion to continue with the Clerk of Court services contract for the 27-29 biennium. (Anderson/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes for the 2/3/2026 meeting. (Anderson/Johnson). Motion carried.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented (Johnson/Anderson) Motion carried.

Motion to still move forward with the server cabinet at the higher pricing. (Anderson/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Application for a Local Permit or Restricted Event Permit for the SC Trap League. (Anderson/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the February payroll in the amount of \$324,220.96 and the below bills pending Scott's initialing later today. (Anderson/Johnson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

89915-			
89924		Ambulance Squads' Expenses	2,444.97
89925	Southside Automotive	Rd-2007 Chevy Repairs	644.04
89927	City of Forman	CH/Road Water/Sewer/Garbage	223.32
89928	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	4,256.75
89929	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	3,595.43
89932		Weed Control Expenses	285.00
89933-			
89936		JDA Expenses	13,914.38
88937-			
88945		Health Unit Expenses	2,060.82
89946	Asche, Karen	Sheriff-Overpayment	65.00
89947	Avid Hawk	Web Services	45.00
89948	Bopp, Tia	County Car Gas	43.10
89949	Code 4	2025 Squad Car Equipment	2,655.39
89950	Computer Express	Tech Support	1,600.00
89952	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	965.85
89953	Forman Lumber and Fireworks	Sheriff Padlock	23.98
89954	Gall's	Sheriff Uniforms	212.99
89955	Gordy's Grill and Fill	Sheriff Car Wash	20.00
89956	Hayen, Lajuana	Tax Training Travel Reimbursement	68.00
89957	Home Shop, The	Fire Extinguisher Inspection Off Prem Connectivity/WAN/Office/Adobe/ Net	379.30
89958	Information Technology Dept.	Motion	1,936.35
89959	Innovative Office Solutions	Auditor/Tax/Sheriff/HR Office Supplies	611.35
89960	Jacobson Plumbing Heating & Excavating	Park Winterize/CH Repair	1,154.40

89961	Lee's Service Inc.	Sheriff Oil Change	82.00
89962	Loffler	Sheriff Copier Overage	21.17
89963	ND Association of Counties	Sheriff Special Ops Fund County Share	400.00
89964	NDEMA	EM Dues	50.00
89965	ND Sheriff's & Deputies Association	Sheriff Annual Dues 2026	400.00
89966	NDACO Resources Group	Smart Zone Feb & Mar 2026	100.00
89967	Office of Attorney General	Scram 24/7	465.00
89968	Office of State Auditor	Audit FY 2022/Non Audit Services	7,985.50
89970	Otis Elevator Company	CH Elevator Repair	1,833.00
89972	Schilling, Samantha	Tax Training Travel Reimbursement	68.00
89973	Secretary of State-State of ND	Fairgrounds Annual Report	15.00
89974	Sidwell	Tax-Mapping Services	8,100.00
89975	The Sargent County Teller	Legals/Board Openings Ads/Help Wanted	1,128.70
89976	Tyler Technologies	Auditor-School ERP Pro Training	120.00
89977	Uniform Center	Sheriff-Deputy Uniforms	1,061.96
89978	Vanguard Appraisals, Inc.	Tax-Archive Module	2,380.00
89979	Verizon	Sheriff-Mifi Cards	240.06
89981,			
89982	AW Diesel	09 Mack Plow, 06 Plow Trucks Repairs	9,940.07
89983	Auto Value Wahpeton	Rd- File, File Handle, GL Mag Bar	26.44
89984	Bobcat of Gwinner	Rd- Oil Filter/Bobcat Rental	632.22
89985	Butler Machinery	Rd-Cat 140 Contract	208.42
89986	Dakota Water Solutions	Rd & CH 5 Gallon Water Jugs	114.00
89987	DMC Wear Parts	Rd-Step Bolts	270.00
89988	Faber, Tim	Rd-Travel Reimbursement	250.85
89989	Forman Lumber and Fireworks	Rd-Sealant	9.99
89990	General Equipment & Supplies	RD-HRNS, Rear Main	35.20
89991	Hansen Lumber & Hardware	Rd-Wire Rope Clamp	15.87
89992	I-29 Trailer Sales, Inc.	Rd-2026 Midland Trailer	58,050.00
89993	Minn-Kota Communications, Inc.	Rd-In-Vehicle Radio Charger	265.50
89994	ND Association of Counties	Rd-D & A Annual Fee	264.60
89995	ND Association of County Engineers	Rd-Membership Dues/Conference Fee	175.00
89996	NDLTP-UGPTI	RD-Supervisor Conference	25.00
89997	Parts Supply Inc.	Rd-Oil Stabilizer/Glass Cleaner/Fuel Additive/Oil filter/Air Filter	351.31
89998	Plunkett's	Rd-Pest Control	72.22
89999	Rutland Oil Company	Rd-Gas/Fuel/Powerguard	4,216.25
90000	Southside Automotive	Rd-Kenworth Relays/Oil/Oil Filter/Gloves	113.71
90001	Swanston Equipment	Rd-Kenworth Safety Lights	523.08
90002	Vestis	Rd-Shop Rug Service	241.66
90003	Visto's	Rd-Multimeter/Paint/Clevis Hook/DbI Clevis/Link/Cable Ties/Rad Cleaner//Paint Rollers/Brush/Tray/Weatherstrap/Contact Cement	443.56
90004	Amazon Capital Services	Ext-Envelopes/Pens Organizer Stand/ Foot Rest	122.36
90005	Seykora, Melissa	Ext-Agent Travel Reimbursement	297.50
90006-			
90013		Ambulance Squads Expenses	1,884.72
90014	Dakota Plains Cooperative	Sheriff/Health Unit Gas	841.23
90031-			
90039		Health Unit Expenses	829.10

Duane Peterson, HR Director, arrived to talk about the park manager position. There are three applications. Duane is looking for some direction on how to proceed. Arth suggested having the chairman of the park board and the chairman of the commission be involved with interviewing.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting. Faber was notified someone had complained about a tree that is close to the road going through Geneseo as well as a fence south of Geneseo that is believed to be too close to the road.

Faber has looked at and test drove a ¾ ton pickup at Dakota Chrysler in Wahpeton. It would include installation of the 5th wheel ball. The pickup is a gas RAM 2500 Tradesman crew cab 4.x 4. Purchase price is listed at \$51,603.50. Motion to purchase the Dodge ¾ ton from Dakota Chrysler for \$51,603.50 with the proceeds of the Steffes sales and water board work with the balance being paid from the equipment line. (Anderson/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Faber reported he had gotten the new mower, and the motor is already out of it. The request has been to take it back to Garfield, MN for motor replacement.

Faber further reported that cat blade is down in Hankinson being repaired due to a seal leaking. Faber also stated he would like to trade the 45 hp Case tractor for something bigger. Faber also stated that Lot Pros is working on trying to get a time scheduled to do the crack sealing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

JASON ARTH, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP –AUDITOR