

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2026. Present were Chairman Jerry Waswick, Commissioners, Wade Anderson, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp and Jason Arth. Also present was Tia Bopp, Auditor.

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 as amended. (Bopp/Anderson) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2026 meeting. (Anderson/Johnson) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2025 budget adjustments as listed below. (Johnson/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

County Board	\$99,112.40	TO	\$100,606.00
Treasurer/Recorder	\$186,928.95	TO	\$192,226.14
Clerk of Court			
Cares Act Funds	\$13,800.00	TO	\$13,803.65
Park	\$169,022.37	TO	\$414,330.30
Insurance Reserve	\$121,798.00	TO	\$129,132.20
Emergency Management			
Service	\$54,250.00	TO	\$54,716.01
Road and Bridge	\$1,735,300.00	TO	\$2,191,782.11
Federal Aid Road	\$1,260,000.00	TO	\$1,882,176.21
Disaster Asst./FEMA	\$0	TO	\$3221.25
Historical Society	\$10,700.00	TO	\$11,142.79
Senior Citizens	\$78,400.00	TO	\$80,489.81

Windows – Jerry is going to ask Tim to put barricades around them for protection.

It was stated that our website must be ADA compliant by April 2027.

Discussion from the five county meeting was held. A jail was a big topic of discussion. As the five counties, a committee is going to be formed. The committee will consist of the five county sheriffs and a member of the commission. The Falk, South Dakota, jail was one that the group said they were looking to pattern after. Wade summarized what we saw at the tour at Northland Sire, Inc.

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

Road graders being returned to the shop was the next topic for discussion. No policy was found in the minutes specifically relating to the graders. Arth explained that it was the first year he was on the commission when Dave Jacobson was on the commission and he made the point that he wanted to have the graders back at night and employees punching in at the shop. Waswick stated there is no policy. Arth feels that the road supervisor and the portfolio holder should coordinate on that. Waswick states his intent is to have the guys come to the shop and punch in and then go to the grader where it is parked. This will be discussed in the spring.

High visibility clothing was discussed previously. Jerry is going to refer this to the personnel board. He talked to the Association of Counties and stated that all that is required is a vest. However, because of previous history in Sargent County, he suggested parkas that are class 3 type R. Tim wanted to purchase a start up set of clothing for each employee and pay for it out of his gravel budget and use funds he receives for doing work for the water board to reimburse his gravel budget.

Pickup purchase was next to be discussed. Tim doesn't have quotes. He said everyone wanted a fleet number but we don't have one. The county doesn't have a fleet number. Scott summarized some information he had found when talking to Billion Auto. They are out of Sioux Falls and don't charge ND sales tax. Wade indicated that Stoult Motor has an inventory mark down as well being advertised on the radio. Scott found several on line that were ¾ ton and were around the \$40,000 with a fifth wheel plate already installed.

Tim looked at a sand truck at ACME but wouldn't buy that. He wants to buy the tailgate sander and put on the dodge.

To put radios in all the vehicles we need to buy three more. We do have some handhelds. The radios aren't working yet as the state radio hasn't got the repeaters set up yet. It was suggested using the handhelds in the vehicles that don't presently have a fixed radio.

Motion to appoint Lucas Siemieniewski and Roger Zetocha to the water board with terms ending December 31, 2029. (Johnson/Arth) Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to appoint Bob Ptacek, Sandy Hanson, and Michael Mahrer to the JDA board with terms ending December 31, 2028. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried.

Motion to sign the letter to the NDDOT regarding federal funding for the bridges that are being removed, namely Bridges 41-117-22.0 and 41-131-12.2 under project BRJ-0041(021); PCN 23724. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to sign the authorize the Chairman, Auditor, State's Attorney and Road Supervisor to sign the Maintenance Certification County Federal Aid Project. (Arth/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the purchase of the cabinet for the server out of the courthouse security line item.. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor provided a quote for crack sealing on County Road 10 from Lot Pros, Inc. Motion to accept the estimate from Lot Pros for \$13,400 to be taken from Prairie Dog funds. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tim provided a quote for a mower from Lillegard for \$9129. We are presently renting this and the rent would be applied to the purchase price. Bobcat of Gwinner wants to trade our present mower in and needs an additional \$9000 to boot. Tim indicated he has been working with the waterboard and proceeds from that work could be used to offset the purchase price of this. Tim would like the 80 inch. Motion to purchase the 80 inch mower from Lillegard for \$9129.00 using funds received from the water board for work the road has done for the water board. (Arth/Bopp) Tim stated he has \$10,000 coming from waterboard. Wade indicated he wanted to see the old one for sale. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

JDA was the next topic. Jerry will talk with Sandy to get updates on activities going on with the JDA. The houses are presently priced at \$368,000. There are about ten businesses on loan and everyone is in good standing. It was shared that there is a new business in Gwinner opening in the old Bohnekamp Construction building.

Next commission meeting is February 17th and neither Jerry or Lyle will be here. Jerry won't be back until February 23rd.

Discussion of equipment needs upcoming.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13.

JERRY WASWICK, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP –AUDITOR