

Forman, North Dakota
March 17, 2026

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Present were Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Wade Anderson, Lyle Bopp and Scott Johnson. Absent was Jason Arth. Also present were Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Duane Peterson, HR Director; and Tia Bopp, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Waswick at 9:02 a.m. and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Duane Peterson, HR Director was present to discuss dental insurance plans. There seems to be some interest in possibly switching to a company that offers orthodontia and implant coverage.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting at 9:36 a.m..

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 3rd meeting. (Anderson/Johnson). Motion carried.

Windows were discussed. It was suggested that Jason call Ted Keller and let him know they are tipped over.

Motion to publish the right of way notice in the paper. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Tim questioned who is going to mark all the right of ways once we get the map back from Interstate Engineering.

Motion to approve the polling hours from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election day. (Bopp/Johnson). Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Pam Maloney as election inspector and authorize the auditor to appoint someone in case of an emergency. (Anderson/Bopp) Motion carried.

Question on whether we want to send out for an RFP on insurance. We will leave it alone unless someone inquires on being able to bid it.

Motion to approve the Application for Drainage Work Within the County Road Right of Way submitted by Darren Hoistad. (Anderson/Bopp). Motion carried.

There is another opioid settlement. Motion to approve the State's Attorney to sign up for the settlement. (Johnson/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion turned to Kraft Slough. On the southwest side there are people driving through the ditch to get to the lake. Faber will talk with the state to see who is going to maintain that or what needs to be done so it can be fixed and made safer for those using the same for access.

Faber is here on behalf of the road. He provided several quotes for equipment he would like to review and discuss. The quote for a utility tractor from Bobcat was the lowest of the utility tractor quotes. He said he didn't get a quote from John Deere. He does have a quote for a Massey Ferguson through Caterpillar. Additionally, he has priced out trailers. Faber has found a semi in Oakes. In preparation for the graveling this year, he would like a truck, trailer and a payloader. Faber doesn't think we have enough in our budget to do a payloader. Previously he was looking for a payloader for \$75,000. Faber would like to possibly have a payloader and put it on a five-year loan. The Commission would like to stay away from loans. Faber would like approval to spend up to \$30,000 on a semi that he is looking at from Oakes Truck and Trailer. He has found other trucks that are considerably cheaper that he would like to go look at. The road department would like to haul approximately 2000 loads of gravel this year which is how he justifies the request. It is more efficient to haul with two semis than one semi and a plow truck. In 2025 the department rented a gravel trailer for extra capacity. Faber's intent would be to have three people in semis and two people in maintainers. Commissioner Johnson is concerned that we do not know what we are spending on gravel and the costs of all materials in general are going up. Waswick stated we have a road crew that has work to be done and wants to do the work and a commission that won't give them what they need to do the work. Anderson stated we have been buying equipment. There being no motion made or permission given to purchase any additional equipment, Faber will need to go look at equipment, test drive semis and then return with firm quotes for the board to reconsider. In regards to the utility tractor, Faber does think that the Massey Ferguson is a pretty good tractor. Waswick requested we give Faber some clear direction.

Motion to pay March payroll in the amount of \$334,782.33 and the bills presented. (Bopp/Anderson)
 Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. *Listed are the bills that were approved during the
 March 3rd and March 17th meetings and subsequently paid.*

90040	Dakota Plains	Sheriff/Tax/Health Gas	509.18
90041	U.S. Postal Service	Auditor Envelopes	1,793.45
90042	Dakota Chrysler Center	Road-2026 Ram 2500 Purchase	51,603.50
		Road-Drill Bit	
		Set/Oil/Filters/Chain/Torch/Tape	
90043	Napa Auto Parts-Lidgerwood	Measure/2016 Chevy Starter/Wire Kit	861.45
90044-			
90058		Various Ambulance Squad Expenses	3,617.06
90060-			
90061		JDA Expenses	1,787.45
90063	City of Forman	CH/Road Water/Sewer/Garbage	222.94
90064	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	4,282.42
90065	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	2,564.50
ACH	JP Morgan	Various Department Expenses	4,302.63
90067		JDA Expenses	10.00
90068-			
90076		Health Unit Expenses	1,202.01
90078	Advanced Business Methods	Copier Contract & Overages	530.05
90079	Avid Hawk	Web Services	45.00
90080	Bopp, Tia	Auditor Travel Reimbursement	58.00
90081	Bosse, Lindsay	Auditor Travel Reimbursement	58.00
90082	Brian's Repair & Auto Parts	Sheriff-2021 Squad Car Oil Change	99.25
90083	Cenex Fleet	Tax Director Travel	35.86
90084	Code 4	2025 Squad Car Upfit	6,041.39
90085	Computer Express	Tech Support/Server Setup	3,493.00
90086	Dakota Water Solutions	Rd & CH 5 Gallon Water Jugs	96.00
90087	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone Services	992.32
90088	Everspring Suites	Auditor-Election Training	440.00
90089	Gall's	Sheriff-PBT Straws	238.99
90090	Gordy's	Sheriff Car Washes	64.00
		Off Prem	
90091	Information Technology Dept.	Connectivity/WAN/Office/Adobe/NetMotion	1,936.95
90092	J&M Printing	Sheriff-Business Cards OC	71.80
90093	Loffler	Sheriff-Copier Overage	22.87
90094	ND Clerks Association	Treasurer 2026 Dues	100.00
90095	ND Dept. of Human Services	Sheriff-Prisoner Medical	1,425.71
90097	Office of Attorney General	SCRAM 24/7	420.00
90098	Peterson, Duane	HR-Phone Reimbursement	100.00
90099	PharmChem	Sheriff-Drug Screen Tests	31.95
	Sanford Health-Occupational		
90101	Medicine	Sheriff-Pre-Placement Exam	105.00
90102	Sargent County Treasurer	Postage	8,048.73
		Sheriff-OC Tire Repair/JW Service Call/TP	
90103	Southside Automotive	Oil Change	650.26
90104	The Sargent County Teller	Printing & Publishing	672.15
90105	Tyler Technologies	Aud-School ERP Pro Training	3,600.00
90106	Verizon	Sheriff Mifi Cards	240.06
90107	Vestis	CH/Road Rug Cleaning, Supplies	689.70
90108	Walock-Johnson Insurance, Inc.	Road-2026 Ram 2500 Full Coverage	536.00
90109	Wild Rice Soil Conservation	Extension Rent	550.00
90110	A W Diesel	Rd-Hydraulic Hose/Fittings/Spring	171.34
		Rd-Hydraulic Fluid/Brush Cutter Blade	
90111	Bobcat of Gwinner	Replacement	982.21
		Rd-Cat 150 Snow Wing Install/Cat 140	
90112	Butler Machinery	Contract Hours	17,792.13
90113	Central Grocery	Rd-Office Supplies	12.38

90114	Faber, Tim	Road Travel Reimbursement	337.85
90115	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	Rd-Ice Melt/Paint Brushes	42.56
90116	Grotberg Electric	Rd-Baseboard Heater Install	931.25
90117	Interstate Engineering Minn-Kota Communications, Inc.	Rd-Discussion of Bridge Funds/County Projects/Pavement Markings	17,536.25
90118	ND DOT Financial Management Division	Rd-Endura Charger/Mounting Bracket	199.02
90120	Plunkett's	Rd-Bridge Inspection/Load Rating	3146.55
90121		Rd- Pest Control	72.22
90122	Rutland Oil Company	Rd- Fuel /Gasoline/Grease/PowerGuard	4,491.66
90123	Rutland Township	Rd-Culvert Cost Share	3,332.12
90124	Southside Automotive	Rd-2015 Chevy Tire Repair/Air Brake Tubing/2015 Chevy Tire Repair	60.27
90125	Visto's	Rd-Torch Propane/Paint Roller/Goggles/Safety Paint/Pintle Hitch & Mount/Batteries/Socket	453.69
90126	Welton's Tire Service	Rd-Payloader Tire Repair	395.00
90127	Forman Fire Department	911/EMS Meeting Meal	412.47
90128	Innovative Office Solutions	911/EMS Office Supplies	93.43
90129	Sargent County Treasurer	Ext Postage	109.70
90130	Schmiess, Wendy	911/EMS Binders	44.97
90131	ND Association of Counties	Rd-D&A Onsite-RC	28.00
90132- 90134		Various Ambulance Squad Expenses	1,168.13
90135	U.S. Postal Service	Auditor-Envelopes	122.00
90154- 90173		Health Unit Expenses	15,421.47
ACH	JP Morgan	Various Department Expenses	6,016.66

Recess from 10:20 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Meeting called back to order at 10:34 a.m.

LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director, arrived at the meeting to discuss sales analysis in relation to property values. After review and adjustments, the ratio values being proposed are the following: residential 93.6%, commercial is 92%, and ag is 99%.

Hayen further reported Samantha Schilling is expecting and will be on maternity leave June, July and most of August.

Dates to remember were reviewed. The board stood in recess until 11:00 a.m..

The meeting reconvened for bid opening at 11:04 a.m. Bids opening began with gravel. Bear Creek arrived at 11:30 am and was not able to submit their bid due to late arrival. Motion to accept all gravel bids. (Johnson/Anderson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. No bids were received on mixing and drying. Motion to accept the bituminous bid. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Gasoline, Fuel and LP were the last of the bids to be opened. Motion to accept all gas and fuel bids. (Anderson/Bopp). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. No bids were received for LP.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

JERRY WASWICK, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP –AUDITOR