

Forman, North Dakota
March 3, 2026

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Present were Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Wade Anderson, and Jason Arth. Present via media were Lyle Bopp and Scott Johnson. Also present were Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Tia Bopp, Auditor; Wendy Schmiess, EM/911 Coordinator; and LeeAnn Even, Milnor City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Waswick at 9:00 a.m. and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve agenda with additions. (Arth/Anderson) Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2026, meeting as presented. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried unanimously.

LeeAnn Even, Attorney for the City of Milnor, was present regarding a floodplain ordinance. Sargent County is presently not in a floodplain. Tyler Spomer, National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Manager for the State of North Dakota, is requesting cities to have a floodplain ordinance and require a manager. Attorney Even is requesting the county be the administrator as the city doesn't meet the criteria to be the administrator. Wendy Schmiess, EM/911 Coordinator, stated the county isn't participating in any floodplain programs as the county isn't considered to be in a floodplain, but had been encouraged by Spomer to stay as a participant in the NFIP in order to stay informed of any changes. Even is hesitating on having Milnor adopt the ordinance. Even stated there is some question whether the City of Milnor has a floodplain ordinance that potentially would have been put in place as far back as 1986, however, documentation indicating the ordinance was truly passed by the City of Milnor has not been located. After further discussion, it is the agreement between those in attendance to recommend not adopting the ordinance.

Motion to sign the certification of township general fund balances as of 12/31/2025. (Arth/Anderson) Motion carried.

Motion to sign the letter to the state court administrator regarding clerk services for the 2027-2029 biennium. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion to sign the Fire Emergency and Burn Restriction Declaration for Sargent County dated February 17, 2026. (Arth/Anderson) Motion carried.

Motion to proceed with Avid Hawk for creating an ADA website beginning January 1, 2027. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion to sign the Application of Local Match for Bridge Inspection/Load Rating for PCN 23408. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion to sign the Application for Local Permit or Restricted Event from CHS/Great Plains Food Bank. (Arth/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

The next order a business was an abatement request from Adam and Nancy Wrage on Parcel 319581000. LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director and Bobbi Maly, Deputy Treasurer, arrived at the meeting to offer input. After discussion and the order of events, a motion was made to deny the abatement request filed by Adam and Nancy Wrage. (Arth/Anderson) Motion carried. Hayen and Maly left the meeting. Commissioner Scott Johnson left the meeting at 9:42. a.m.

Discussion on the expiring contract with G & R Controls. Motion to stay with G & R Controls if no price change on their contract. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the pay frequency of bills to avoid late charges. Bills received and through the vouchering process will now be presented to the commission at each meeting. This will hopefully alleviate any issues with late payments.

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering arrived at the meeting at 9:50.

Discussion turned to the JDA. It was reported the JDA had recently met, there are electricity bills for each of the spec homes as well as taxes. The JDA will be taking a more aggressive approach at promoting and selling the two remaining homes in the coming year.

Members of the road department, Tim Faber, Supervisor, Dustin Kuchar, Asst. Supervisor, Brad Griggs, John Mlnarik and Larry Bohnekamp arrived at the meeting.

DeVillers provided a proposal for road work for the upcoming season. Faber and DeVillers will drive around the county after the meeting and prioritize the list.

Faber provided a bid from Lot Pros for mastic for 5 miles of coverage on county road 10 and 1-1/2 miles on county road 14 into DeLamere. Motion to accept the bid from Lot Pros to do the mastic crack repair which will come out of Prairie Dog funds. The estimate was for \$31,450.00. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

Bridge removal projects are currently out for bidding with the state. The county will need to get an RFP out for construction engineering. Motion to call for an RFP on project BRJ-0041-(021) PCN 23724. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

The county was awarded flex funds to replace White Bridge-project is 41-132-18.0. A contract for preliminary engineering will be needed. This project will be ready for replacement in 2027.

Faber handed out a five-year plan proposal for the road department that the group had put together. Faber was instructed to get multiple estimates for each piece of equipment he would like to be considered for purchase. Faber indicated he was looking at a semi and payloader that he saw advertised on marketplace over by Elbow Lake. Faber stated he wants to move on the utility tractor as he has needs for its use right now. Faber would like to get a 73HP tractor stating the 55 HP presently owned is too small for what they would need to do. Faber also noted that road restrictions were put on February 27, 2026. The road department and DeVillers left the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Motion to approve bills. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

There will be a non-agenda all employee meeting at 9:00 a.m. on April 7th in the community room.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

JERRY WASWICK, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP –AUDITOR