

Forman, North Dakota
June 16, 2026

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Present were Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Chairman, Wade Anderson, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp and Jason Arth. Also present were Tia Bopp, Auditor and Duane Peterson, Human Resources Director. Also, in attendance was Richard Ruch.

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

Motion to accept the agenda with additions. (Johnson/Anderson) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2026 meeting as presented. (Anderson/Bopp) Motion carried.

Duane Peterson, Human Resources Director, appeared at the meeting to discuss the vision insurance. Vision insurance is paid by the employees 100%. The vision insurance that BCBS offers is North Dakota Delta and is being recommended by Peterson. The insurance is given at a group rate, but paid by the employee 100%. The network with Dental Vision is very large. Peterson feels that Delta Vision is a good option and would like to have the commission bless having Blue Cross talk to the group about both dental and vision.

The road department would like to hire a young person to pick some rocks and clean the shop. They are looking at a 14-15-year-old person to do this from Milnor. Permission needs to be obtained from the parents and that has been obtained. Waswick explained that the reason for wanting to do this is there are big rocks on a road by DeLamere. Suggestion is that this person would work at \$15.00 an hour to stay in line with the office help in the Treasurer's office. The person will not be driving anything. Road Supervisor, Faber will be out there supervising the person.

Peterson left the meeting at 9:17.

AI Center Zoning was discussed. Continued discussions will happen.

Masonry bids from General Construction for the chimney, parapet wall and the front steps was the next topic for discussion. Motion to accept Ted Keller's masonry bid. This expense will be taken out of courthouse building improvement and building maintenance lines. (Johnson/Bopp) Discussion. After discussion a modification to the motion was made to take expense out of courthouse building improvement and capital improvements lines. The state's attorney office remodel will have to be postponed until next year. (Johnson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. The auditor will notify the contractor to proceed and also verify if they have had time to look at the health department building and request him to look at the sheriff's exterior door. Additionally, while the contractor is here, he will work to close the gap where the sheetrock was cut for the window replacement project.

Motion to do the ad the same as last year for the county fair in black and white. (Johnson/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Rural Attorney Recruitment Program information was shared. No action will be taken presently.

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering and Tim Faber, Road Supervisor arrived at the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Tarping of gravel trucks was brought up for discussion. One gravel trailer is equipped with a tarp, but tarping is not a requirement. General direction was given to have the drivers be cautious when meeting vehicles.

There have been some inquiries made by residents about applying dust control on roads where anticipated increased travel will be seen to avoid the construction area at the future site of the roundabout. After much discussion and after learning that the ND DOT will not be participating in any expense relating to dust control, it was decided that dust control will be left up to the individuals themselves and the county will not be participating in the expense associated with it. The ND DOT advised that there will always be at least one lane open during the construction phase, although there will be wait times. If a landowner does proceed with dust control at their own expense, it was advised that they contact the road supervisor prior to application so they can blade the road prior to application and then subsequently they would not blade where the dust control has been applied.

A farmer has expressed to a commissioner concern about a drain tile by Crete. The farmer is stating the marsh land is increasing on his land as a result of the drain tile. The farmer said he has discussed this with fish and wildlife. The land is not currently in production, but he wants the problem, he claims the county created, fixed before it is put back into production. Commissioner Arth is going to pull some maps that he will share with the Board so they can evaluate the size of the marsh land over a period of time.

DeVillers provided the Construction Agreement for the Silver Lake road project. Wetlands will need to be verified again. The next step for this project would be to sign the agreement. The County is getting \$500,000 SRF grant money towards this project. Local cost of \$380,000+ is going to be partially offset by doing some of the work by the county road department instead of contractors. This project is slated be done in 2027. The project encompasses about 1.7 miles. Motion to sign the Engineering Agreement for the Silver Lake Road Project. (Arth/Bopp) Discussion. Concern was expressed if the County would have the money next year to complete the project. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to sign Notice to Proceed and Construction Agreement with Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp a/k/k ASTECH Corp for the Mastic Crack Seal & Repair of County Road 2, 4 & 12 Project, in the amount of \$486,000. NDE26-03-020.01. (Anderson/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Devillers further stated he had looked at the culverts by Darren Hoistad’s. He did a hydraulic study and provided some alternatives. Presently only two culverts are there. There is a 54-inch and a 48-inch. The road will also need to be raised. Additionally, an old bridge will need to be removed as well. DeVillers will get more information of options and pricing to present at the next meeting.

Faber shared the new maintainer is in Moorhead with anticipated delivery in the next week. The department is continuing to do blading and graveling.

Motion to pay the June payroll in the amount of \$337,081.59 and the bills presented. (Johnson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. *Below is the listing of all the bills paid in June as approved at both the June 2nd and June 16th meetings.*

90456	Buck's Paving	CR#4 Asphalt	35,000.00
90457	Election Systems & Software	Test Deck/Publication Ballot Creation	1,190.00
90458	Otis Elevator Company	Fuel/Logistics Surcharge	175.00
90459		JDA Expense	200.00
90461	City of Forman	CH, Road W/S/G	262.94
90462	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	2,250.73
90463	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	2,564.50
90466-	Dakota Plains Cooperative	Sheriff, County Car, Health Gas	1,067.20
90467			
90469-		Ambulance Squads Expenses	3,170.64
90476			
90484	Avid Hawk	Web Services	45.00
90485	Bogart, Amy	Clerk of Court Travel	401.40
90486	Brian's Repair & Auto Parts	Sheriff-Oil Change & Maintenance	143.00
90487	Cenex Fleet	Sheriff Gas	185.00
90488	Computer Express	Tech Support	1,600.00
90489	Dakota Water Solutions	CH, Rd 5 Gallon Water Jugs	122.00
90490	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone Services	999.76
90491	Election Systems & Software	Ballots	1,558.40
90492	Everspring Suites-Bismarck	Treasurer Travel	220.00
90493	Forman Drug	Drug Tests	105.52
90494	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	CH-JB Weld/Hose Cap/Tape Measure/Flags/String Line/Torx Screw/Gloves/Miracle Grow/Mulch	177.15
90495	G & R Controls	Inflationary Increase/Boiler Repair	284.40
90496	Geneseo Upholstery & Windshield	Sheriff Windshield Replacement Deductible	250.00
90497	Gordy's	Sheriff Car Washes	60.00
90498	Graham Tire Aberdeen	Sheriff Tires	552.00
90499	Information Technology	Off Prem	1,936.95

	Dept.	Connectivity/WAN/Office/Adobe/NetMotion	
904500	Innovative Office Solutions	Auditor, HR Office Supplies	137.52
90501	Loffler	Sheriff Copier Overage Charges	27.38
90502	NCRAAO	Tax-Conference	350.00
90503	NDAAO	Tax-Membership Renewals	100.00
90504	ND Department of Human Services	Prisoner Medical Claims	52.78
90505	NDACO Resources Group	Smart Zone	50.00
90506	Office of Attorney General	SCRAM24/7	465.00
90507	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	680.00
90508	Rutland Oil Company	Sheriff Gas	2,250.85
90509	Sidwell	Web Hosting/Subscription	6,721.99
90510	Southside Automotive	Sheriff-Air Filter/2019 Squad Car Repair/Tire Mount, CH-Fuel Line	332.14
90511	The Sargent County Teller	Printing/Publishing	1,779.94
90512	Verizon	Sheriff Mifi Cards	240.06
90513	Vestis	CH/Road Rug Cleaning, Supplies	1,037.78
90514	Walock-Johnson Insurance Co.	Policy Renewal	21,422.00
90515	Waverly's	CH-Veteran's Memorial Landscape	247.56
90516	Wild Rice Soil Conservation	Extension Rent-June	550.00
90517	Wold, Jon	Sheriff Gas Reimbursement	50.08
90518	A W Diesel	Rd-05 Freightliner AC Repair/Air Leak, Truck Door Seal Repair	3,441.95
90519	Braaten, Marshall	Rd-Culvert Replacements	6,250.00
90520	Butler Machinery Co.	Rd-Cat 140/150 Contract Hours	183.29
90521	Dakota Chrysler Center	Rd-2026 Ram Oil Change	115.73
90522	DMC Wear Parts	Rd-HD Bit Board/Carbide Grading Bits	3,987.21
90523	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	Rd-Blade Cutter/Screw Hexcap	97.57
90524	General Equipment & Supplies	Rd-JCB Tractor-Service	2,655.44
90525	Hansen Lumber & Hardware	Rd-Chisel Set/Impact Socket/Carriage Bolts/Round Up	61.44
90526	IBBG Lawncare	Rd-Shop Mowing/Spraying	300.00
90527	J & M Printing	Rd-Vehicle Number Decals	188.02
90528	Jawaski Glass & Repair	Rd-2106 Chevy Windshield/Cat 150 Door Glass/ Replacement	800.00
90529	John Deere Financial	Rd-Bolt Lug/Bent Pin w/Clip/Hitch Pin	29.26
90530	LaMoure County Highway Dept.	Rd-Mag Chloride	1,750.00
90531	Lee's Service Station	Rd-Gas/Tires	787.13
90532	Locators & Suppliers Inc.	Rd-Safety Vests/Traffic Cones	414.72
90533	Midwest Dirtworks	Rd-Culvert Repair	2,793.51
90534	Minn-Kota Communications	Rd-Safety Lights & Radio Install	5,834.41
90535	Napa Lidgerwood	Rd-Antifreeze/ Oil	50.87
90536	ND DOT Financial Management Division	Rd-Bridge Inspection	835.26
90537	Newman Signs	Rd-Signs	465.19
90538	Parts Supply Inc.	Rd-Grease Gun, Fitting, Grease/Wheel Bearing	460.46
90539	RDO Equipment Power Plan OIB	Rd-Motor Grader Wiper Blades & Kit/Service	1,897.53
90540	Rutland Oil Company	Rd-Gas & Fuel	17,069.05
90541	Southside Automotive	Rd-Hub Cam Oil/2026 Ram Tire Repair/Spark Plug/Trailer Connector Socket	71.11
90542	Stock Grower's Bank	Rd-JCB 4220 Snowblower, 2020 John Deere Lease Payments	77,478.45

90543	Team Lab	Rd-Fine Road Patch	1,016.00
90544	Visto's	Rd-Paint/Roller Covers	204.95
90545	Waswick, Jerry	Rd-Salt/Sand Spreader	1,567.50
90546	NDSU	Ext-Computer Cost Share	732.90
90547	Sargent County Treasurer	Ext-Postage	93.90
90548	Teves Construction	CH-Window Installation	13,500.00
90549-		Ambulance Squads Expenses	9,841.55
90555			
90556-		Health Unit Expenses	8,416.94
90567			
90578	Schmiess, Wendy	EM-Training Mileage	275.50
90579	Alexandria Gravel Products	Rd-CR#8, CR#14, CR#6, CR#1 Gravel	38,710.01
90586-		Health Unit Expenses	2,018.63
90597			
ACH	JPMorgan	Various Department Expenses	2,370.31

Motion to opt in for any reimbursement from the Sargent Central Public School building levy if any taxes were paid. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

A reminder was given of the meeting in Hankinson regarding the Rural Healthcare Transformation which is open to the public.

Sargent County will be the host for the next five-county meeting. The group will target a meeting date in September and hope to host the meeting in Milnor once a date has been set and availability of meeting space confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

JERRY WASWICK, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP –AUDITOR