

Forman, North Dakota  
October 7, 2025

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met on October 7, 2025, at 9 a.m. at the Sargent County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Jason Arth, Lyle Bopp and Chairman, Wade Anderson. Attending through media was Scott Johnson. Also, in attendance were Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Tia Bopp, Auditor; and a foreign exchange student who accompanied Commissioner Waswick.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda with amendments. (Bopp/Arth) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 16, 2025, with an amendment. (Arth/Bopp) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Application for Drainage Work Within County Road Right-of-Way submitted by Boyd Brummond. (Bopp/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Application for Drainage Work Within County Road Right-of-Way submitted by Todd Willprecht. (Waswick/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

No action will be taken on applying for a court facilities grant at this time.

Chairman Anderson appointed Commissioner Bopp to be the commission delegate to the ND State Fair Association meeting to be held in Minot in November.

The commission agreed with the request for an all-employee non-agenda meeting to be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to set the purchase prices for the forfeited land sale for the total owing for the three years while leaving the three previously owned by the County at the purchase price of \$25.00. (Waswick/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to sign the letter of engagement with the Office of the State Auditor. (Waswick/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Motion to approve final estimate for seal coats completed by Morris Seal Coatings. (Arth/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to extend Larry Bohnenkamp's status for one year as full-time temporary to October 15, 2026. (Waswick/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to call for road grader bids. (Arth/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Ed Erickson Jr. arrived at the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Ericksons have met with the water board, and the water board agreed with the cost share on culverts for the project they are doing on County Road 1. Ericksons will need to go through the township to order the culverts. The township has approved a one third cost share for this project as well. Motion to approve a one-third cost share from the County for one 64 x 43 culvert 50 feet long. (Arth/Waswick) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the mastic crack repair on County Road 10 to be paid out of the federal aid road fund. (Arth/Waswick). Motion carried unanimously.

LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director and Samantha Schilling, Chief Deputy Property Tax and Assessment Director, arrived at the meeting at 10:01 a.m. LaJuana handed out the State Board of Equalization letter. The directive from the state is to increase total taxable value by thirteen percent on residential property from \$174,706,090 to \$197,417,882. The \$174,706,090 was when the county was at 80% tolerance. The \$197,417,882 was what the Tax Director originally submitted to the state. One property in Gwinner is to decrease the true and full value from \$243,800 by 5% to an approximate true

and full value of \$230,416 on parcel 31-9679000. Additionally, we will need to remove the vacant farm residence and farm buildings from the tax rolls with the farm residence application now on file on parcel 18-5406000. An appeal in Cogswell was not entertained as it did not complete all the proper steps to file an appeal.

Motion to approve the final budget as presented with a total appropriation of \$9,474,879.70. (Johnson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, stated he will have an updated equipment list of items needing to be sold for approval at the next meeting.

Motion to trade a 2004 International with a blown engine to McIntosh County for a wing for the 150 Cat road grader. (Arth/Waswick) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, arrived at the meeting at 10:51 a.m. DeVillers reviewed the estimates he put together on the various bridges and cost shares for the bridges that made the NDDO T's semi-final list on flex funding. He will now submit the final estimates back to the NDDOT for their final consideration.

Josh Albaugh with TRT and Scott Wirtjes with AGP arrived at the meeting to discuss the issues we are having with County Road 14. There have been discussions with the truck drivers regarding speed and the need to slow down to try and prevent further damage to the road. They indicated they would like to see some additional signage added. They explained when they are hauling there are three trips a day made to the Fargo area. These gentlemen have concerns with the gross vehicle weight being dropped by the Commission to 80,000 pounds. The road was engineered for 105,000 gross vehicle weight. Scott from AGP indicated he would pay for speed limit signs. Motion to adjust the County Road 14 weight limit to a maximum vehicle weight of 105,500. (Waswick/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Anderson left the meeting at 11:33. Vice Chairman Waswick took over presiding.

DeVillers updated on projects being done in the county. We do have 37,000 pounds of mastic material left over. Special Road Fund projects are now open for applications. The maximum you can get is \$500,000 and it is an 80/20 split. DeVillers will update the estimate for the Silver Lake road project and send back to the group for review. In regards to the flex funding applications that were submitted, DeVillers reported there were 410 applications submitted and those award letters will be sent out in December.

Motion to approve out of state travel for Tim Faber and Bradley Griggs to attend the road conference in Sioux Falls. (Arth/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Melissa Seykora, NDSU Extension Agent, was present to give her quarterly report. This is National 4H Week. Melissa presented a Proclamation for signatures. Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Sargent County Proclamation provided by NDSU Extension agent Melissa Seykora. (Arth/Johnson) Upon roll call vote motion carried unanimously. Resolution duly declared adopted.

### **Sargent County Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, since 1902, America's 4-H program has served all youth ages 5-18; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of 4-H is to create supportive learning environments for youth and adults to reach their full potential as capable, confident, caring citizens of good character, compassion and integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, 4-H strives to identify and provide hands-on projects, activities, educational events, and community service opportunities for youth to be fully engaged with head, heart, hands, and health, to learn by doing, acquire knowledge, develop life skills and form attitudes that will enable them to become self-directed, productive, contributing members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, adult volunteers and family members play an integral part in the success of 4-H youth development experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, 4-H is the youth development program of North Dakota State University, and is implemented locally by Sargent County Extension along with the help of 4-H volunteers, who are outstanding men and women in their communities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sargent County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and celebrates October 5-11, 2025, as National 4-H Week in Sargent County, and,

encourages all Sargent County citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact it has made and continue to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

Resolution adopted at the regular meeting of the Sargent County Commission at the Courthouse in Forman, North Dakota, on this 7th day of October, 2025.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

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WADE ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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TIA BOPP –AUDITOR