

Forman, North Dakota  
December 2, 2025

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 9 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp, Jason Arth and Chairman Wade Anderson. Also, in attendance was Tia Bopp, Auditor.

Tia Bopp, Auditor, called the meeting to order to organize for 2026.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Nominate Jerry Waswick for Chairman, term ending on November 30, 2026. (Arth/Anderson) Motion that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Jerry Waswick. (Bopp/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Waswick accepted his election, and assumed control of the meeting as Chairman of the County Commission.

Nominate Jason Arth for Vice-Chairman, term ending on November 30, 2026. (Johnson/Anderson) Motion that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Jason Arth (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Waswick went through portfolio assignments.

Motion to set the first and third Tuesdays for monthly Commission meetings with the exception of the first meeting in November being held on Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> instead of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, due to election. (Bopp/Arth) Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the Auditor to pay utility bills and withholding taxes. (Anderson/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the Treasurer to invest county funds. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to designate Stock Growers bank as the official depository for Sargent County. (Bopp/Anderson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the following voting precincts for the upcoming 2026 elections and to designate Forman City Hall as the 2026 polling location (Arth/Johnson).

PRECINCT #1: Bowen Township, Brampton Township, Denver Township, Dunbar Township, Forman Township, Hall Township, Harlem Township, Herman Township, Jackson Township, Kingston Township, Milnor Township, Ransom Township, Rutland Township, Sargent Township, Shuman Township, Southwest Township, Taylor Township, Verner Township, Vivian Township, Weber Township, Whitestone Hill Township, Willey Township, Milnor City, Forman City, Cogswell City, Havana City, Rutland City, Cayuga City and Gwinner City  
PRECINCT # 2: Marboe Township and Tewaukon Township.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Sargent County will continue "Vote By Mail," with one polling place at Forman City Hall for city elections, the statewide Primary and the statewide General Elections.

Motion to approve the agenda with amendments. (Johnson/Anderson) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2025, meeting. (Arth/Anderson) Motion carried.

The windows are in and will be installed prior to Christmas. Chairman Waswick will work on lining up a lift.

Motion to approve the lease agreement with the Wild Rice Soil Conservation District for the upcoming year with the same terms and conditions as the current year. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Commission approved the Auditor's office in setting December's payroll for December 19<sup>th</sup> instead of December 26<sup>th</sup> to allow for more time to process before the holidays.

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

Motion to approve three deeds from the County to Marty and Dawn Turchin, John Manikowski and the City of Cogswell. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried.

Motion to put liability insurance on a county property in Rutland if the City of Rutland doesn't purchase the same. (Anderson/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the software that is being used by the County. Motion to approve additional training to be paid from the general fund. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 10:02.

Mike Keiper, representing the Forman Park Board and Vanessa Bayger, representing the Fair Board, arrived at the meeting to discuss with the Commission their combined plans on installing a sand volleyball pit at the fairgrounds. The cost will be split between both entities. The Commission thanked the two for their presentation and gave their blessing to proceed with the volleyball pit.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting at 10:10. He reported bids had been received on the equipment the county had put on an online auction through Steffes. Discussion was held regarding the clay that was procured from Harvey Bergstrom. Motion to pay Harvey for the 30,543 cubic yards of clay at the rate of \$2.00/year for a total of \$61,080.00 with the expense coming from the Prairie Dog funds. (Johnson/Arth) Upon roll call vote motion carried unanimously. Motion to purchase tires for the maintainer as long as they don't exceed \$12,000. (Arth/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place regarding pulling the plows off the county roads when visibility is zero.

Motion to approve an Application for Retail Beer/Liquor License from The Field dba the Schoolhouse and an Application for Local Permit or Restricted Event from the Cogswell Gun Club (Johnson/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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WADE ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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TIA BOPP –AUDITOR