

Forman, North Dakota  
July 1, 2025

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 9 a.m. at the Sargent County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp, Jason Arth and Chairman, Wade Anderson. Also, in attendance was Tia Bopp, Auditor.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion to approve the June 17, 2025, minutes as presented. (Waswick/Johnson) Motion carried.

Nothing new to report on the search for a new snow plow truck.

Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney, arrived at the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

The fuel tank at the park was discussed briefly in regards to a meter being placed on it, however, there were other issues with the tank that also need to be resolved.

The new county car will be carbonized grey.

Payment of the waterboard bond was outlined.

Discussion was held around public comment during commission meetings. Ms. Pfau will share her recommended proposal with the Commission. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Ray Martinson arrived at the meeting at 9:13 a.m. to discuss Lake Agassiz's Regional Livestock Planning Grant. He hadn't heard anything since attending the meeting last year and was looking for an update. The Auditor's office just received an email from Program Manager, Mitch Calkins providing an update on the animal feeding operation study. More information will be shared with the County and a presentation with the consultant will be held on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting at 9:19 a.m. and Ray Martinson left the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Construction Agreement and Notice to Proceed for the project: Bituminous Seal Coat & Crack Seal on County Roads 3, 7, 10 & 12; Sargent County, North Dakota ER25-00-036. (Johnson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Semi Final Progressive Estimate No. 5, Final Progressive Estimate No. 6, and Final Balancing Change Order No. 3 for the Courthouse Lighting and Parking Lot Project were tabled until Interstate Engineering can be on site to discuss the same.

Discussion on township signs needing replaced and if the county can assist. Road project priorities was also tabled.

Custodian Weaving is working diligently on getting the newly seeded grass started. The watering and rotating of sprinklers are adding some extra time to his work week.

Motion to run the fair banner ad as has been done in previous years in the Sargent County Teller as long as the price is the same as previous years. (Waswick/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding upcoming budget work.

A recess was taken at 9:55 a.m. with the meeting reconvening at 10:02 a.m. Commissioner Bopp left the meeting at 9:55 a.m. Sheriff Paeper arrived at the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Sheriff Paeper was on hand to explain a Memorandum of Understanding that is being requested to be entered into with Ransom County for mutual aid. Motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Ransom County. (Johnson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Sheriff Paeper left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Duane Peterson, Human Resource Director arrived at the meeting at 10:06 a.m. Mr. Peterson outlined the Serve and Protect Reimbursement Program and also a Safety Management Program.

Next order a business was the following Resolution:

**SARGENT COUNTY NORTH DAKOTA  
A RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW FROM  
NDPERS 401(a)DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

A motion was made by Scott Johnson for Sargent County to affirm to North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System that Sargent County will be withdrawing from the **NDPERS 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan** and not offer the plan to eligible employees of Sargent County. The motion was seconded by Jason Arth. The Board approved withdrawing from the **NDPERS 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan** effective August 1, 2025.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2025.

Approved:

Wade Anderson  
Sargent County Commission Chairman

Attest:

Tia Bopp  
Sargent County Auditor

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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WADE ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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TIA BOPP –AUDITOR