

Forman, North Dakota
September 16, 2025

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met on September 16, 2025, at 9 a.m. at the Sargent County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Jason Arth and Chairman, Wade Anderson. Attending through media was Scott Johnson. Absent was Lyle Bopp. Also, in attendance were Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Tim Faber, Road Supervisor; and Tia Bopp, Auditor.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Board took a recess from 9:14 a.m. to 9:23 a.m.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended. (Johnson/Arth). Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minute from the September 2nd, and September 10th meetings. (Arth/Waswick)
Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Logan Erickson and Ed Erickson Jr. arrived at the meeting at 9:26 a.m. Ericksons were present to discuss complications they are finding with cleaning a ditch and getting the same back to the required 4-to-1 slope. There are culverts that are needing to be replaced and Ericksons are looking for a cost share from the County. Once Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, arrived at the meeting at 9:50, he was asked if he could review the recommended culvert sizes for this project and the hydrology study that was done. Ericksons left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Anderson had a request from some about having dust suppressant applied near the 5 Star Dairy. After discussion, the requestor will be advised to take his request to the Hall Township supervisors.

Motion to approve the Weber, Tewaukon and Sargent Townships letters of support for their flex funding project applications. (Arth/Johnson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Sargent County's Flex Funding number one priority is a project on County Road 4 going from Highway 11 to Highway 13. The estimated cost of this project would be \$551,843.00 with a 20% cost share. The project would be done in 2026. Sargent County's Flex Funding number two priority is a project on County Road 4 going from County Road 5 to Highway 11. The estimated cost of this project is \$481,790.20 with a 20% cost share. The project would be done in 2027. Motion to approve the Flex Funding projects as presented and have DeVillers submit on behalf of the County. (Arth/Waswick). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Sargent County has been notified that bridge 41-132-18.0 is on the semi-final list for rehab and reconstruction. Bridges 41-117-22.0, 41-131-12.2, 41-130-15.1, and 41-136-24.1 are on the list for removal. At this point it is unknown if there is a cost share on these or not. DeVillers will do the justification and get any cost estimates needed prepared. DeVillers also notified the Board that 18 bridges previously classified as minor structures are now classified as major structures and should qualify for federal funding.

DeVillers reported on the status of the various road projects that are going on around the County. Discussion was held regarding staking the right-of-ways on the county roads around the County. The cost is \$6500 per mile. There are several areas around the County where farming is being done into the right-of-way. This needs to be addressed with those doing the farming. The minimum right-of-way is 33 feet on each side of the center line. Right-of-ways vary across the County with County Road 1 having a right-of-way of 66 feet on each side of the center line. DeVillers is going to get an estimate on what it would cost to do the research and provide the County with a map showing what all the right-of-ways are across the County.

Gross vehicle weight on County Road 14 was discussed. There are several semis traveling this road that significantly overweight. Weight and excess speed are beating up the road. Motion to drop the gross vehicle weight to 80,000 pounds max on County Road 14 from Highway 11 to the South Dakota state line. (Arth/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Waswick wants someone to contact the trucking company regarding the change in GVW on County Road 14. Motion to authorize DeVillers to call Jason Benson and/or Chris Bakkegard with the diversion where these trucks are hauling rocks to get them to slow down and adhere to the weight restrictions. (Waswick/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor informed the Board the red pickup went down. It has 288,000 miles. Faber has called around to get some quotes on a new pickup. He will get some quotes on more

pickups and provide to the Board at the next meeting. Faber was also requested to put together and bring a list to the Board of items that need to be put on auction.

Motion to approve the Application for Drainage Work Within County Road Right-of-Way as submitted by Ryan Hanson and William Mahrer. (Arth/Waswick). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion turned to the public input policy the Board recently adopted. This was required by the legislature in the latest session for a policy to be adopted and to go into effect August 1, 2025.

The County has been named in a lawsuit filed by LaVerne Koenig. This lawsuit has been turned over to NDIRF to handle.

Motion to approve the closing of the Auditor's office on October 15th so the staff can attend election training. (Arth/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Travis Paeper arrived at the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Johnson left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Motion to allow the Road Supervisor, Tim Faber, after consultation with his portfolio holder, the authority to adjust county road weight limits. (Waswick/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for seatbelt overtime. (Waswick/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of State in relation to election equipment. (Arth/Waswick) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the September payroll in the amount of \$335,607.86 and bills as presented. (Arth/Waswick) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

89168-89178		Health Unit Expenses	9,401.43
ACH	JP Morgan	Various Department Expenses	2,057.18
89193-89198		Ambulance Squads Expenses	22,426.30
89199	ND University System	JDA Expenses	1,416.50
	US Postage Stamp Fulfillment		
89200	Center	Auditor-Stamped Envelopes	1,439.35
89202	City of Forman	CH/Road Water/Sewer/Garbage	222.94
89203	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	1,533.36
89204	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	3,745.11
89207	Even Law Office	JDA Expenses	520.00
89208	Martinson Home Center Inc	JDA Expenses	221,485.00
89209	Walock-Johnson Insurance Inc	JDA Expenses	363.00
89211-89214		Weed Control Expenses	37,245.51
89259-89267		Health Unit Expenses	9,827.16
89225	Advanced Business Methods	Copier Base Rate/Overages	233.18
89226	Avid Hawk	Web Service/Domain Renewal	70.00
		Sheriff/Tax/Coroner/HR/GFR/Health	
89227	Cenex Fleet	Travel	211.87
89228	Computer Express	Tech Support/Battery Back Up	1,729.99
89229	Dacotah Paper CO	Copy paper-8.5x14	80.90
89230	Dakota Plains Cooperative	Sheriff/Tax/County Car/Mower Gas	582.21
89231	Dakota Water Solutions	CH/Road 5 Gallon Water Jugs	56.00
89232	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone	980.03
		Maintenance Gloves/Trash	
89233	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	Bags/Nuts/Screws	47.86
	Forman Communications	Treasurer-Printing Budget Hearing	
89234	Printing	Notices/Postage	1,811.96
89235	Grotberg Electric	CH-Drain Valve/Mini Split Repair	2,353.41
89236	IBBG Lawncare, LLC	Fairgrounds Mowing	1,250.00
		Off Prem Connect/WAN/Office	
89237	Information Technology	Basic, Pro/Sheriff-Teletype Rental	1,866.45

		Auditor/HR-Office	
89238	Innovative Office Solutions	Supplies/Maintenance Supplies	676.65
89239	Jacobson Plumbing & Heating	CH-Sewer Smell Repair	2,325.42
		Commissioner Mileage	
89240	Johnson, Scott	Reimbursement	1,085.00
89241	Johnson, Bryan	Phone Reimbursement	250.00
89242	KLJ Engineering LLC	Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan Update	6,409.01
89243	Lee's Service Station	Sheriff Squad Car Oil Change	82.00
89244	Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender	ND Court Rules	64.86
89245	Loffler	Sheriff Copier Overage	36.65
89246	ND POST Board	Sheriff-PO Licenses 2025	135.00
89247	Office of Attorney General	SCRAM	790.00
89248	PharmChem	Sweat Patch Analysis	99.90
89249	Pitney Bowes	Postage Meter Ink	182.58
89250	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	3,315.00
89251	Schilling, Wyatt	Phone Reimbursement	400.00
		County Car Repair/Sheriff Squad Car	
89252	Southside Automotive	Repair	1,975.58
89253	The Sargent County Teller	Printing	1,212.85
89254	Tyler Technologies	Doc Pro Support	270.15
89255	Verizon	Sheriff Mifi Cards	270.05
89256	Vestis	CH/Road Rug Cleaning/Supplies	459.62
89257	Walock-Johnson Insurance Inc	GL Policy Addition	176.00
89258	Wild Rice Soil Conservation	Ext Rent-Aug/Sept 2025	1,100.00
		Rd-#140, #125, Midland Trailer	
89268	A W Diesel	Repairs/Filters	2,233.72
	Alexandria Gravel Products		
89269	LLC	CR #10, #14, Yard Gravel	18,247.11
89270	Bear Creek Gravel	CR #1, #2 Gravel	1,560.90
89271	Bernard Mahrer Construction	CR #10A, #7 Gravel	1,136.69
		Rd-Spray Paint, Glass Cleaner,	
89272	Bobcat of Gwinner	Towels	95.18
89273	Braaten, Marshall	Culvert Replace/Reset/Tree Removal	12000.00
89274	Butler Machinery	Rd-Cat Contracts/Repair	1,131.69
89275	Central Grocery	Rd-Shop Supplies	102.17
89276	Christensen, Randy	Rd-Travel Reimbursement	59.00
89277	Dakota Plains Ag	Rd-Buccaneer Plus	55.63
89278	Faber, Tim	Rd-Travel Reimbursement	59.00
89279	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	Rd-Nuts/Bolts	44.27
89280	Griggs, Brad	Rd-Travel Reimbursement	59.00
89281	Hansen Lumber & Hardware	Rd-Ratchet/Safety Glasses	85.87
89282	IBBG Lawncare, LLC	Rd-Shop Mowing	200.00
89283	Kuchar, Dustin	Rd-DOT Physical Reimbursement	115.00
89284	Rutland Oil Company	Rd-Gasoline/Fuel	13,475.55
		Rd-Tire Repair/Belt Kit/2000 Sterling	
89285	Southside Automotive	Tire Repair/Valve Core Removal Tool	716.79
89286	TrueNorth Steel	Rd-Culverts/Bands/Rods/Nuts	6,223.48
89287	Visto's Carquest	Rd-Lock Ring Pliers	28.49
89288	Sargent County	Ext-Postage	100.16
89289	Seykora, Melissa	Ext-Travel Reimbursement	496.30
89290-89299		Ambulance Squads Expenses	2,220.02
ACH	JP Morgan		2,498.84

The Board recessed at 11:59 a.m. The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. for the hearing on the county budget. There being no one present for public input, the Board recessed at 1:14 p.m. until September 23, 2025, at 4 p.m. for budget work.

The Board reconvened on September 23, 2025, at 4 p.m. with Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp, Jason Arth and Chairman Wade Anderson present. Also present were Tim Faber, Road Supervisor; Travis Paeper, Sheriff; and Tia Bopp, Auditor.

Faber was present to share the test results from the gravel that was put up in the Dustin Mund gravel pit. Another gravel contractor has contacted both Faber and Arth and wants to have access to the pit to take samples of the gravel and have his own testing done. Arth will notify the contractor that he cannot go into someone else's pit and take gravel for testing.

Faber also presented two bids for cleaning out the dirt in the ditch on County Road 10 south of Rutland and move that dirt to County Road 12 where dirt is needing to be replaced. Motion to hire Jay Enderson to clean the County Road 10 ditch south of Rutland and haul that dirt to Harvey Bergstrom's on County Road 12. This project will be paid for from the Federal Aid Road fund. (Arth/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion to apply rubberized crack seal on County Road 10 between Highways 11 and 13 for a stretch of six miles. The project is not to exceed \$13,500 with the work being done by Lotpro. This project will be paid out of the Federal Aid Road fund. (Waswick/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Budget figures and were gone through and adjustments made where necessary. There being no further business the meeting adjourned September 23, 2025, at 5:49 p.m.

WADE ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP –AUDITOR