

Forman, North Dakota  
September 2, 2025

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met on September 2, 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 was Tia Bopp, Auditor.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda with updates. (Waswick/Arth) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting. (Arth/Waswick) Motion carried.

Motion to approve out state travel for Peter Christiansen. (Waswick/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Review of the culvert policy that was drafted by Commissioner Johnson. Discussion on a handling fee. Motion to approve the Sargent County Highway Department Culvert Policy as amended. (Arth/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Application for Drainage Work Within County Road Right of Way as submitted by Travis Bergh. (Arth/Johnson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the bid from Computer Express for rewiring the courthouse with the bill will be paid from courthouse improvement line item. (Waswick/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the ambulance bills and voucher for the prepaid envelopes. (Arth/Waswick) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Wyckoff arrived at the meeting at 9:31 a.m. Kelsey Nelson has received her RN. She is requesting to reclassify Kelsey Nelson to a D63/4 effective 8/31/2025. Motion to approve the request to reclassify Kelsey Nelson to a D63/4 effective 8/31/2025. (Waswick/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Brenda Wyckoff left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

A recess was taken at 9:35 a.m., and the meeting reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

Motion to reconsider the approval of the minutes from 819/2025 as the bills were omitted. (Arth/Waswick). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes from August 19, 2025, as amended. (Arth/Waswick). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Travis Paeper arrived at 10:04 a.m. to discuss his Axon contract. He presented a written proposal. Axon reduced the contract by \$2900.00. The contract would be from October 2025 through November 2029 and includes: (1) 6 tasers – new every two years; (2) 6 body cameras – new every four years; and (3) 6 in car video – new every 3 years. Yearly cost would be \$26,992 a year. Travis has this amount in his budget for 2025. His proposal would be to keep the county car line for \$40,500 in the budget and use those monies to purchase a vehicle from the sheriff's office for the coroner vehicle and the remaining funds in the 2026-2029 budgets to subsidize the Axon project. Any additional funds at the end of each budget season could be applied to Axon to pay down the lease. Motion to accept the Axon quote and authorize Travis to sign the Axon contract effective October 2025. (Waswick/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Travis left the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Ryan Johnson arrived at the meeting at 10:18 a.m. on behalf of the Sargent County Fairboard. The fairboard is working on the grant that the Fair Association received. Initial plan for the grant was to build an addition to the exhibit building. They have since redone their plans so they are going to work towards updating some barns and buildings. They are looking to redo the food stand and make that a permanent beer garden. They are hoping the ag department will reapprove the revised grant plans. Ryan left the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

A recess was taken at 10:24 a.m., and the meeting reconvened at 10:35.

Damon DeVillers and Tim Faber arrived at the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Motion to approve crack sealing quote from Lot Pros Inc., using up remaining material that was purchased from LaMoure County. This will be done on county roads 2 and 10. This will be paid out of the asphalt and oil line item. (Arth/Johnson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tim presented a proposal to put up a 10,000-ton pile of class 13 gravel at the Dusty Mund gravel pit. The price of the pile would be \$5.00 a ton. Tim indicated we would load with our own payloader so we have scale tickets. Interstate is looking at the gravel to ensure it meets specs.

Jeff Breker arrived at the meeting at 10:55 a.m. He is talking about some flooding that is happening in Tewaukon Township. There is a location that repeatedly floods. He is willing to donate land to straighten out the road. The road is going to have to be raised about fourteen feet. He is wanting to apply for flex funds for moving the road. The rough estimate of this project is about \$800,000.00. There is a second project in section 29 where flooding has been an issue that they would also be wanting to building up. The rough estimate on this project is about \$250,000.00. Tewaukon Township is looking for approval from the county to apply for flex funds for two projects. The engineering fees for this will be covered by the township. There is also discussion that maybe the water board could possibly cost share on this. Jeff Breker left the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Discussion turned back to the gravel pile Tim is proposing putting up. Motion to put up a 25,000-ton pile from the Dusty Mund pit and pay for the expense out of the federal aid road fund line item. (Arth/Waswick). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Scale tickets will be on every load so we can audit the pile. Damon will survey the pile so we are getting what we are paying for.

Damon provided a spreadsheet of Sargent County projects with traffic counts. Sargent County Road 4 will be our number one project. This is a sixteen-mile stretch. Damon will split this into two projects (1) Highway 11 to Highway 13 and then (2) Highway 11 to County Road 5.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:04. p.m.

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WADE ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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TIA BOPP –AUDITOR