

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. Present were Jerry Waswick, Chairman, Wade Anderson, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp and Jason Arth. Also present were Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Duane Peterson, Human Resource Director; and Tia Bopp, Auditor.

Chairman Waswick called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda with additions. (Bopp/Anderson) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2026 meeting. (Bopp/Johnson) Motion carried.

Duane Peterson was present to talk about dental insurance options. There was discussion regarding this at the personnel board meeting and all employees were polled in regard to three options. It was encouraged to have representatives from both Blue Cross Blue Shield and also Delta Dental come visit about the options in the plans they offer. Peterson was recommending that the county pay for single coverage for employees that select the dental coverage. The current policy states that if an employee has full family medical coverage, they get no dental coverage paid by the county. It is entirely the responsibility of the employee. The next step will be to invite insurance representatives to come visit with the Commission. Peterson left the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Motion to appoint Kyla Temple and Valerie Anderson to the health board for a five-year term ending in April of 2031. (Anderson/Johnson) Motion carried.

Auditor Bopp explained cyber security risk management being done by Computer Express.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan. (Johnson/Anderson) Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding curb stops on the fairgrounds. The City of Forman is wondering about a cost share as most property owners have only one and the owner is responsible for work being done from that one curb stop.

Melissa Seykora, NDSU Extension Agent, arrived at the meeting to present her quarter one update.

Motion to pay the April payroll in the amount of \$346,158.90 and the bills presented. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried. *Below is the listing of all the bills paid in April as approved at both the April 7th and April 21st meetings.*

90174-			
90175		JDA Expenses	631.12
90177	City of Forman	CH/Road Water/Sewer/Garbage	230.37
90178	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	3,948.86
90179	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	2,564.50
90182-			
90193		Milnor Ambulance Expenses	2,730.39
90194	Cenex Fleet	Sheriff/Election Gas	109.61
90195	Dakota Plains Cooperative	Sheriff/Election/Coroner/Health Gas	1,193.76
90196	Lake Agassiz Regional Council	2026 Pledge	4,000.00
90197	Office of the State Auditor	FY 2022 Audit	14,995.50
90198	Sargent County Fair Association	75% 2026 Appropriation	33,000.26
90199	Secretary of State	Fair-Registered Agent Change	10.00
90201-			
90208		Ambulance Squads Expenses	1,207.98
90209	Dakota Plains Cooperative	Forman Ambulance Gas	175.56
90210	I-29 Trailer Sales, Inc.	Rd-2026 Midland Trailer	58,900.00
90211	North Star Ag	Rd-2005 Freightliner Semi	34,000.00
	ND Workforce Safety & Insurance		
90212		Volunteer Coverage	250.00
90214-			
90220		Health Unit Expenses	1,579.25
90237	Anderson, Wade	Commissioner Travel	284.90
90238	Avid Hawk LLC	Web Services	45.00

90239	Central Grocery	Treasurer-Jury Supplies/CH Supplies	47.45
		Tech Support/States Atty	
90240	Computer Express	Printer/Software Renewal	3,214.00
90241	Crossroads Electric	Health Furnace Repair	892.43
90242	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone Services	970.43
90243	End of the Woods Task Force	Sheriff 2026 Grant Match	10,000.00
90244	Forman Drug	HR-Envelopes	13.87
90245	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	CH-Snow Shovel	24.99
90246	G & R Controls	CH-Furnace Filter Replace	928.40
	Geneseo Upholstery &	Health Black Car Windshield Replace	
90247	Windshield	Deductible	250.00
90248	Gordy's Grill & Fill	Sheriff Car Washes	100.00
		Off Prem	
		Connectivity/WAN/Office/Adobe/Net	
90249	Information Technology Dept.	Motion	1,936.95
90250	Innovative Office Supplies	Copier Toner/Office Supplies	333.05
90251	Johnson, Bryan	Sheriff-Phone Reimbursement	150.00
90252	Lee's Service	Sheriff-Oil Change/Tire Repair	117.00
90253	Lexis Nexis	ND Court Rules Books	159.86
90254	Loffler	Sheriff Copier Overage Charges	17.11
	ND Community Correction	Sheriff 2026 Dues/Insurance Policy	
90255	Ass'n	Renewal	209.50
	ND State Radio		
90256	Communications	LETS Terminal Fees-Jan-Mar 2026	120.00
90257	NDSAA	State's Att'y- 2026 Dues	400.00
90258	NDACO Resources Group	Smart Zone May 2026	50.00
90259	Office of the Attorney General	SCRAM 24/7	400.00
90260	Otis Elevator Company	Elevator Mechanic Service Calls	2,485.00
90261	Peterson, Duane	HR-Phone Reimbursement	100.00
90262	Pfau, Jayne	State's Att'y-Phone Reimbursement	200.00
90263	Pitney Bowes	Treasurer-Postage Rental/Ink	332.58
90264	Rutland Oil Company	Sheriff Bulk Gas	1,689.00
90265	Southside Automotive	Sheriff Squad Car Tow/Repair	1,971.47
90266	The Sargent County Teller	Printing & Publishing	982.46
90267	Uniform Center	Sheriff Deputy Uniforms/Body Armor	1,837.97
90268	Verizon	Sheriff Mifi Cards	240.06
90269	Vestis	CH/Road Rug Cleaning, Supplies	771.07
90270	Walock Johnson Insurance Inc.	Insurance Policy Addition-Semi/Trailer	501.00
90271	Wild Rice Soil Conservation	NDSU Extension Rent	550.00
90272	Yagow, Cindy	Treasurer Travel Reimbursement	150.80
90273	A W Diesel	Rd-LED Light/Window Pump/Parts	2,806.79
90274	Bobcat of Gwinner	Rd-Track Roller	469.37
90275	Butler Machinery	Rd-Cat 140, Cat 150 Contract Hours	1,134.21
90276	Dakota Water Solutions	Rd/CH 5 Gallon Water Jugs	156.00
90277	Faber, Tim	Rd Car Wash Reimbursement	17.00
		Rd-Torx, Screws, Dawn, Cable Ties,	
90278	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	Nylon Ties	51.94
90279	General Equipment	Rd-Bar Mount, Magnet, Freight	578.40
90280	Lee's Service	Rd-Gas	42.49
90281	Lillegard	Rd-Mower Blades, Bolt Kits	840.00
90282	Locators & Supplies Inc.	Rd-Safety Sweatshirts, Glasses, Gloves	627.60
90283	Lycox Enterprises, Inc.	Rd-Scraper System	1,460.00
	Maerten's Welding & Machine		
90284	Co.	Rd-C Springs	900.00
90285	Minn-Kota Communications	Rd-VM5000 Radio & Programming	3,445.64
90286	Plunkett's Pest Control	Rd-Pest Program	144.44
90287	RDO Equipment	Rd-Hydraulic XR 5 Gal	217.16
90288	Rutland Oil Company	Rd- Fuel /Gasoline/Grease/DEF	11,410.38
90289	Sign Solutions	Rd-Road Work Signs, Stands	585.03

90290	Southside Automotive	Rd-2010 Mack Air Brake/Hitch Pin/Tire Repair/Toggle Switch	361.75
90291	Visto's	Rd-Hitch Pin, Adaptor/Chain/Plier/Rust Reformer/Hand Cleaner	325.95
90298	Advanced Business Methods	Ext-Copier Base Rate	717.12
90299	ND State Radio Communications	EMS-911 Fees Nov 2025-Jan 2026	22,064.43
90300	NDSU Extension Service Budget Office	Ext-Salary	6,418.56
90301	Sargent County Treasurer	Ext-Postage	15.45
90302	Seykora, Melissa	Ext-Agent Travel Reimbursement	707.93
90303	The Sargent County Teller	EMS-Sirens Publishing	72.00
90306-90311		Ambulance Squads Expenses	2,317.96
ACH	JP Morgan	Various Department Expenses	5,308.47

Discussion regarding a request to hold a farmer's market on the courthouse lawn to begin in June bi-monthly. Additional information is needed before a decision will be made.

Auditor Bopp gave a summary on the cost allocation for the Human Service Zone.

Motion to sign the updated Clerk of Court contract which was amended by the State. (Bopp/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to proceed with a letter to Shuman Township advising them of the County's intent to acquire a portion of the road beginning at the intersection of 138th Avenue SE and 88th Street to the boat landing on Buffalo Lake. The intent of the Board is to acquire the road and add it to the county road system.

Office space and the redoing of the commission meeting room as was discussed.

Trent Mahler, Ambulance Coordinator, arrived at the meeting at 9:55 a.m. to give quarterly updates on the Milnor and Forman squads. The Commission requested in future reports to provide a breakdown of billing by runs and also include Gwinner First Responders in future reports. Mahler left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Wendy Schmiess, EM/911 Coordinator, arrived at the meeting to her report on the multi-hazard report. The state will review the plan and make any edits they require. This plan allows the County to get any grant or federal funding and is valid for a period of four years. Planning for the next plan will begin in two years.

Schmiess also reported that there is a state land task force being developed with four counties including Richland, Ransom, Sargent and Dickey. There will be a north pod and a south pod. Rich Schock, Kindred Fire Chief, is heading up the idea and working with the group to get established. Schmiess left the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director, arrived at the meeting at 10:19 a.m. to express concerns about a meeting held after hours, and the doors not being locked at the conclusion. The recommendation is to have locks put on the doors leading to the offices from the commission room.

Sheriff Paeper arrived at the meeting and reported they had sold the 2013 Ford at the auction and the proceeds from the auction were \$3,481.00 which will go back into the county car budget. The black retired sheriff's car will now be transferred to the county coroner for her use. Sheriff Paeper is proposing \$12,000 be added to his budget from the county car line item. Motion to move \$12,000 from the county car budget into the Sheriff's budget and add \$3,4891.00 from the proceeds of the sale of the 2013 Ford to the county car line item. (Johnson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

Paeper also stated that there is rural tactical training coming up in South Dakota which is free. He would like to send Deputy Sand to this training. Motion to approve Olivia Sand for out of state travel and expenses to attend training in South Dakota. (Arth/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Commission took a recess from 10:34 a.m. to 10:46 a.m. Upon reconvening discussion was held regarding increased values on buildings at the county shop, and park. If we don't agree to the increase in valuation, the buildings will be taken off of the blanket policy.

Commissioner Johnson agreed to work on a courthouse office map. Commissioner Johnson left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Another recess was taken until 10:56 a.m.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting. Faber reported that they are blading, retrieving and trying to keep up with spot graveling in the soft spots. They are going to take the Bobcat and soil conditioner to fill in some ruts. The mastic group was here and they ran out of material. They need more material to finish on county road 10. They were able to finish on county road 14. Motion to purchase 19,500 pounds of mastic material at a price of .58 lb./\$11,310.00 direct from the supplier to complete the remaining two miles on county road 10 and to approve additional labor in the amount of \$17,550.00 for Lot Pros to complete the project. This additional material and labor will be paid from the asphalt and oil line of the road budget with a total cost not to exceed \$30,000. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Faber further reported that the signs are all back up on county road 12.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

JERRY WASWICK, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP –AUDITOR