

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Present were Jerry Waswick, Chairman, Wade Anderson, Scott Johnson (via electronic means), Lyle Bopp and Jason Arth. Also present were Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; and Tia Bopp, Auditor.

Chairman Waswick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda with revisions. (Anderson/Arth). Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2026 meeting. (Anderson/Bopp) Motion carried.

Zoning for AI centers was the next topic of discussion. The goal is to get some zoning established prior to any AI centers coming in. Chairman Waswick wants to get something started and into place for the time being. If a committee is established then their recommendations could be incorporated.

Motion to acquire a portion of a Shuman township road beginning at the intersection of 138th Avenue SE and 88th Street SE and ending at the Buffalo Lake boat landing and name that portion of the township road 1B. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Application for Drainage Work Within the County Road Right of Way submitted by Angela Bauer for a driveway and culvert installation. Motion to approve application. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried.

Motion to approve a county deed to Paul Gabriel and June Gabriel to clear up a chain of title on Lots One and Two (1 and 2) of Block Four (4) in Williamson's Second Addition, Village of Havana, now City of Havana, Sargent County, North Dakota. (Anderson/Arth). Motion carried.

Motion to approve going out for bids for Tewaukon Township for their flex funding project. Said location is 141st Avenue SE and 97th Street SE located on the north and west side of the Wild Rice River in Section 29, Township 129-130 North Range 54-55W. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried.

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

90312-			
90324		Health Unit Expenses	2,081.38
90325-			
90326		JDA Expenses	886.17
90329-			
90338		Ambulance Squads Expenses	2,503.47
90339	Cenex Fleet	Sheriff Gas	294.98
90340	Dakota Plains Cooperative	Sheriff/Tax/County Car/Health Gas	1,209.51
90341	Innovative Office Solutions	Tax Envelopes. Folders	98.84
	ND Ass'n of Counties-Worker's		
90342	Comp	WC Previous Year Reconciliation	6,518.22
90345	City of Forman	CH, Road W/S/G	224.07
90346	Ottertail Power Company	Electricity	3,844.59
90347	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	2,564.50
90349-			
90357		Health Unit Expenses	1,703.46
90368	Avid Hawk	Web Services	45.00
90369	Code 4 Services	Sheriff 2026 Ford Squad Car Prep	16,623.55
90370	Computer Express	Server/Tech Support/Quicken Deluxe	3,415.63
90371	Dakota Water Solutions	CH/Road 5 Gallon Water Jugs	136.00
90372	Dickey Rural Networks	Telephone Services	983.03
90373	Election Systems & Software	Primary Election Media/Ballots	5,665.72
		CH Sprayer/Gloves/Canned	
		Air/Adhesive/Oscillating Tool/Hand	
90374	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	Cultivator	225.51
90375	G & R Controls	Preventive Maint Services 5/1/26-4/30/27	4,306.00

90376	Gordy's Grill & Fill	Sheriff Car Washes	70.00
90377	HR Collaborative	HR Biennial Conference	150.00
		Off Prem	
90378	Information Technology Dept.	Connectivity/WAN/Office/Adobe/NetMotion	1,936.95
		HR Shredder/Auditor Envelope	
90379	Innovative Office Solutions	Moistener/Address Labels	319.91
90380	KLJ	MHMP Plan Update	33,236.27
90381	Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender	ND Century Code 26 RV11	96.81
90382	Loffler	Sheriff Copier Overage Charges	18.75
90383	Minn-Kota Communications	Auditor Service Call	175.30
	ND Department of Human		
90384	Services	Prisoner Medical Claims	286.63
90385	NDACO Resources Group	Smart Zone	50.00
90386	Nelson Auto Center	Sheriff 2026 Ford Police Interceptor	46,037.90
90387	Office of the Attorney General	SCRAM24/7	445.00
90388	Otis Elevator Repair	Elevator Repair Down payment	3,937.22
90389	Peterson, Duane	HR Travel Reimbursement	357.00
90390	Richland County Corrections	Prisoner Board	765.00
90391	Sargent County Treasurer	Payroll/ACH Fees, Postage Refill	5,067.78
90393	The Sargent County Teller	Printing/Publishing	764.60
90392	Southside Automotive	Sheriff-OC Brake Repair	524.69
90394	Verizon	Sheriff Mifi Cards	240.06
90395	Wallaceburg Bookbinding	Binder Tellers	240.93
90396	Walock-Johnson Insurance	Squad Car/Silver Lake Shelters Add	565.00
90397	Wild Rice Soil Conservation	NDSU Extension Rent	550.00
90398	AW Diesel	Rd-05 Freightliner AC/Trailer Dump Repair	718.50
90399	Alexandria Gravel Products	Rd-CR#8, #3 Gravel	1,652.11
		Rd-Payloader Hood Tilt Actuator/Cat140 AC	
90400	Butler Machinery	Troubleshoot	4,177.53
90401	Crafc0, Inc.	Rd-Mastic Material	5,557.50
90402	Dakota Chrysler Center	Rd-2026 Dodge Oil Change	112.74
90403	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	Rd-Torx Screws/Staples	21.98
90404	General Equipment & Supplies	Rd-Hub Assembly/Freight Charge	228.79
90405	Griggs, Brad	Rd-Freightliner Headache Rack	1,200.00
90406	Home Shop, The	Rd-Shop Fire Extinguishers Inspection	414.80
		Rd-Plans/Specs/Bidding for Mastic, Mtgs,	
		Bridge Inspections, Subgrade Repair	
90407	Interstate Engineering	Estimates, Mastic Inspection	21,214.60
90408	Job Erection & Engineering	Rd-Modify Cutting Edge	748.71
90409	Lee's Service Station	Rd-Gas	181.39
90410	Lillegard	Rd-Brush Mower Attachment	9,129.00
90411	Lot Pros	Rd-Mastic Crack Repair/Crack Sealing	62,400.00
90412	Machine Design, Inc.	Rd-24" Culvert Flap Gate	731.13
90413	Napa-Lidgerwood	Rd-Surface Prep Pad/Shop Towels	61.97
90414	Plunkett's	Rd- Shop Pest Control	72.22
90415	Power Plan OIB-RDO Equip.	Rd-Wiper Blade	34.63
90416	Road Groom Manufacturing	Rd-Blades/Spindle Kit	1,501.86
90417	Rutland Oil Company	Rd-Fuel/Gas/DEF	15,261.37
90418	Southside Automotive	Rd-Toggle Switch	12.99
90419	Team Lab	Rd-Fine Road Patch	1,076.00
90420	Titan Machinery	Rd-Bearings/Grease/Oil/Gloves/Hub Cap	173.96
90421	TrueNorth Steel	Rd- Culverts (16)	34,816.00
		Rd-USB Adaptor/Hitch Pin/Cylinder	
		Pins/Air Cleaner/Grease Coupler/Impact	
90422	Visto's	Extension	175.65
		Rd-O Rings/PX Boots/Stop Leak/Service	
90423	Welton's Tire Service	Call Labor	375.00

90424	Computer Express	EM-Toner	131.99
90425	Johnson, Shelby	Ext-Support Staff Conference Travel	210.23
90426	Sargent County Treasurer	Ext-Postage	100.22
90427-			
90427		Ambulance Squads Expenses	14,310.00
ACH	JPMorgan	Various Department Expenses	6,889.16
90440-			
90452		Health Unit Expenses	4,161.63
90454		JDA Expense	190.31

Application for Dakota Valley Electric to bore under 146th Avenue SE with one single phase 220 MIL URD cable for a new service in Sargent County. (Anderson/Johnson) Motion carried.

Cindy Yagow arrived at 9:26 a.m. She is going to have Jerilyn Yagow back indexing recorded documents at the same rate as last year which was \$15.00/hour. Motion to approve the summer help for back indexing for a price of \$15.50/hour beginning at the end of May. (Arth/Anderson). Discussion. Chairman Waswick feels they should be given a returning employee an increase. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Cindy left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

COLA recommendations for budget purposes were discussed. For beginning budget purposes departments can figure a 3.5% COLA with the understanding it may decrease.

Commission room next steps was discussed. The Commissioners took a brief recess to look at some other rooms in the courthouse to aid in planning. Quotes will be solicited for flooring for the commission room and a desk for the Auditor.

Duane Peterson arrived at the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Muskrat permits will again be applied for. Agents will remain the same as they were in 2025 with anyone that requests to be added. Motion to accept the agents and proceed with the muskrat permit. (Anderson/Bopp). Motion carried

Duane Peterson is in attendance to help facilitate the Delta Dental proposal. The presentation is being led by Andy from Delta Dental via the go to meeting. Presentation concluded at 10:29 a.m. Duane left at 10:29 a.m.

Ted Keller texted Jerry they will be back Thursday to complete the window project on the interior.

Tim Faber arrived at 10:29 a.m. Faber shared bids from Bituminous Paving and Bucks Paving for repairing County Road 4. Motion to approve the bid from Buck's Paving for repairing County Road 4 based on a bid of \$35,000 to be paid out of county asphalt line item. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Faber presented an application for another person to work part-time up to 40 hours a week. Faber indicated they are down one part-time employee from last year and are anticipating two employees to retire this year. This candidate would be hired as a temporary employee and be allowed to work up to 40 hours a week. The candidate will be interviewed by Duane Peterson and Faber as well as Commissioner Waswick if he is available. A background check and drug testing will also need to be completed prior to anyone beginning work.

Faber stated they have been pulling shoulders and are starting to haul more gravel now that the restrictions are off. Faber acquired a disc that has two eight-foot wings which will be cut down and fitted on the maintainers to grind up the windrows. Previously he has borrowed a disc from McIntosh County.

The new maintainer is sitting at Falls waiting for equipment to be put on. Faber did get a tote of magnesium chloride to try in some soft spots. It also works as dust control. He is going to try to do some drain tiling by DeLamere. A machine will be rented for this project at a price of \$250.00 a day. The present focus is to get rid of the soft spots.

Motion to approve a step increase for Larry Bohnekamp. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tyler Birchem and Damon DeVillers of Interstate Engineering; Tim Swedberg and Aaron Gladen of Gladen Construction arrived at the meeting for the 11:00 Pre-Construction Conference regarding BRJ-0041(021) PCN 23724 Structure Removals. Conference was led by Tyler Birchem of Interstate Engineering. Prime Contractor is Gladen Construction, LaPorte, Minnesota. Engineer is Interstate

Engineering out of Wahpeton, North Dakota. NDDOT won't be able to be present for the conference. Conference concluded at 11:36 a.m.

DeVillers presented the Agreement for Engineering Services for two projects. Motion to approve the Commission Chairman, Waswick to sign the Agreement for Engineering Services for the Tewaukon Township/Sargent County on Roadway 141st Avenue SE, in Sargent County and Agreement for Engineering Services for replacing bridge no. 41-132-18.0 over the Wild Rice River approximately 4 miles south and 1.5 miles east of Cayuga with a new structure and road improvements. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Ted Keller questioned if we want the masonry work done on the chimney. Jerry will give him the go ahead.

Important dates were reviewed.

Discussion whether Bauer need to purchase a culvert for the approved permitted driveway. Bauer needs to purchase her own culvert as it is a private driveway per the culvert policy.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

JERRY WASWICK, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP –AUDITOR