

Forman, North Dakota
August 18, 2026

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. Commissioners present were Wade Anderson, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp, Jason Arth, and Jerry Waswick. Also present were Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney and Tia Bopp, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Waswick. Waswick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda with amendments. (Johnson/Bopp) Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2026 meeting. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried.

Zoning was the first topic of unfinished business. Waswick reminded the Commission that we have the Moratoriums in place. McIntosh zoning ordinances were sent to State's Attorney, Pfau for review. Pfau stated we need to start at the planning commission and have public hearings and get public input. Pfau questioned where the proposed ordinances are going to apply. Bopp and Waswick feel the proposed ordinances are a safety net in the event the township doesn't have ordinances in place. Pfau is worried about creating confusion; whereas Bopp stated that he would rather be safe than sorry. The topic will continue to be on the agenda for future conversations. Commissioners Anderson and Arth will check and see what their respective townships have in place. Chairman Waswick wants to know what the townships have for AI Centers. Pfau stated that the counties that are putting in zoning ordinances don't have township ordinances that are for specific projects. Waswick stated Sargent County did one specifically for the landfill. Pfau stated that was because there was century code in regard to the landfill. Chairman Waswick said this won't be forwarded to the planning commission, and they will continue to discuss at future commission meetings.

Motion to amend the preliminary budget with total expenses for 2027 of \$12,050,573.18. (Johnson/Arth) Further clarification on our meeting with Linda Svihovec from the ND Association of Counties and direction on cap calculations was provided by Commissioner Johnson. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor and Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering arrived at the meeting.

Motion to approve the publication of the annual weed mowing notice. (Arth/Anderson) Motion carried.

Discussion started on the Drain 7 clean out project. The bridge has been removed and a beaver dam has been taken out. Faber talked with one landowner yesterday, and the landowner is now in favor of the project. Faber has not talked to the other landowner. Damon indicated that we need to get a 404 Permit from the Army Corp of Engineers. Damon will file for the 404 Permit. The backhoe work is being done by Marshall Braaten.

Chairman Waswick wants to discuss the crushed culvert situation that was done three years ago. Faber indicated he didn't think Braaten was liable because we couldn't prove it was his fault. Johnson and Faber looked at it after the fact. The assumption was that he didn't fill it in properly. The Auditor's office was under the impression that he would pay \$14,000 back to the County. Waswick feels if he continues to deduct it, he is responsible. Arth says if he doesn't remove the remaining \$10,000 from his future bills, we can stop doing business with him. Anderson feels that if he continues to deduct it that would be great, and he also feels he should be held accountable.

Faber further reported that the Mund gravel pile is done and testing came back passing from Interstate Engineering.

Buck's Paving is coming back to fix the area on County Road 4 that is bad for no charge. He did have Buck's quote other patch areas on County roads 10, 12 and 1 that have issues. Faber stated he would have someone out there to make sure it is done right. DeVillers stated there is another company set up in Richland County that could do this work. They are set up in the Lake Elise pit. RJ Zavoral is the contractor.

Faber indicated that they are over budget on some line items. There should be approximately \$43,000 left in the gravel budget after today's bills and he would like to continue to gravel. He stated they are continuing to gravel and blade.

DeVillers indicated that there is some discrepancy with the right-of-way and the actual road in the descriptions in relation to the Silver Lake road. The road described on the right of way documents is

not where the road is. Motion to have Interstate Engineering complete the necessary work to get all relevant documents and descriptions corrected. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. DeVillers and Faber left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Motion to pay the August payroll in the amount of \$354,424.62 and the bills presented. (Bopp/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. *Below is the listing of all the bills paid in August as approved at both the August 4th and August 18th meetings.*

90737	Cenex Fleet	Sheriff/Auditor/Health/GFR Gas	409.97
	Geneseo		
90738	Upholstery & Windshield	Squad Car Windshield Deductible	250.00
90739	Total Home	Auditor/Commission Room Flooring	3,231.46
90740-			
90743		Ambulance Squads Expenses	900.35
90744	Northern Tool	Rd-Air Hose Reel/Air Compressor	4,019.48
90745		Ambulance Squads Expenses	44.61
	Western Dakota		
90746	Energy Ass'n	Rd-2026-27 County Truck Permit Dues	500.00
90745	City of Forman	CH/Road Water/Sewer/Garbage	244.44
	Ottertail Power		
90749	Company	Electricity	1,309.52
90750	Ransom County	VSO Salary/Benefits	3,595.26
90753-			
90754		Ambulance Squads Expenses	337.37
90755-	Dakota Plains		
90756	Cooperative	Sheriff/Coroner/Health Gas	1,178.15
90758-			
90766		Health Unit Expenses	13,944.45
90775	Arth, Jason	Commissioner Mtg Miles	474.75
90776	Avid Hawk	Web Services	45.00
90777	Bopp, Tia	Auditor Workshop Mileage	145.92
90778	Computer Express	Sheriff-Toughbook/Accessories	4,792.88
90779	Dacotah Paper	Copier Paper	1,718.58
	Dakota Water		
90780	Solutions	Rd & CH 5 Gallon Water Jugs	156.00
	Dickey Rural		
90781	Networks	Telephone Services	973.98
90782	Elite Repair	Sheriff-Tire Repair	34.00
	Forman Lumber		
90783	& Fireworks	HR-Box Fan, CH-Nitrile Gloves	38.78
		Courtroom/Judge Chambers Actuators	
90784	G & R Controls	Repair	1,837.15
		Sheriff-Recharge Light/LED	
90785	Gall's	Switch/Flashlight	477.47
	General		
	Construction &		
90786	Masonry	Chimney/Parapet/Entrance Steps Repair	93,650.00
	Geneseo		
90787	Upholstery & Windshield	Squad Car Windshield Deductible	250.00
	Gordy's Grill &		
90788	Fill	Sheriff Car Washes	120.00
90789	Graham Tires	Sheriff Squad Car Tires	572.00
	Information	Off Prem	
90790	Technology Dept.	Connectivity/WAN/Office/Adobe/NetMotion	2,045.98
	Innovative Office		
90791	Solutions	Auditor-Sign/MICR Cartridge	563.92
	Lexis Nexis		
90792	Matthew Bender	CC Books 12A & 12B	174.61
90793	Loffler	Sheriff-Copier Base Rate/Overage	51.90
90794	NDACO	SmartZone	50.00

90795	Resources Group Office of Attorney General	SCRAM24/7	620.00
90796	Rutland Oil Company	Sheriff Gas	1,732.50
90797	Southside Automotive	Sheriff Tire Change/Cabin Air Filter	192.19
90798	The Sargent County Teller	Printing & Publishing	831.79
90799	Vanguard Appraisals, Inc	Tax-Upgrade License Fee	2,928.00
90800	Verizon	Sheriff Mifi Cards	240.06
90801	Vestis	CH/Road Rug Cleaning, Supplies	522.00
90802	Walock Johnson Insurance Inc	Road-2010 Mack, 2026 Midland Trailer Policies, Rental Coverage 2024 Polaris; Fair Scoreboard Policy	2,397.00
90803	Wild Rice Soil Conservation	Extension Rent	550.00
90804	Yagow, Jerilyn	T/R/CoC Document Preservation	1,267.13
90805	A W Diesel Alexandria Gravel	Rd-#171 Fuel Filter/#125 Fuel Filter/2017 KW Dump Truck PTO Repair/#127 Wiring Repair/#125 Tire Repair/Solenoid Valve, Switch/Valve Stem, Tire/2017 KW Dump truck Leak Repair	7,615.69
90806	Products	Rd- CR#1, CR#3 Gravel	6,995.77
90807	Bernard Mahrer Construction	Rd- CR#5, CR#3, CR#7, CR#1, CR#2, CR#6, Yard, Park Gravel	22,733.65
90808	Bobcat of Gwinner	Rd-Trailer Hub, Wheel Repair	2,625.06
90809	Braaten, Marshall	Rd-Beaver Dam Removal, Cement Bridge Removal, Culvert Removal & Replacement	8,500.00
90810	Butler Machinery	Rd-Cat Contract	1,824.66
90811	Central Grocery	Rd-Shop Supplies	23.68
90812	Faber, Tim	Rd-Gas Reimbursement	12.00
90813	Forman Lumber & Fireworks	Rd-Spray Paint/Paint Roller/Insect Killer/Dawn/Hex Screws	156.87
90814	Hall Township	Rd-Cutting Edges	2500.00
90815	Hansen Lumber & Supply	Rd- Clip Boards/Paper Tablets	149.36
90816	IBBG Lawncare	Rd-Mowing/Spraying	350.00
90817	Interstate Engineering	Engineering Fees-Bridge Removal/Replacement, Mastic Crack Repair, Gravel Stockpile, ROW Research/Bridge Inspection, Meetings, Hydraulic Study CR5,GIS Mapping	50,051.40
90818	JOB Erection & Engineering	Rd- Gravel Pile Prepay	130,000.00
90819	Lee's Service Station	Rd- Gas/Mailbox Post Assembly	2,428.80
90820	Napa Auto Parts Lidgerwood	Rd- Gear Oil/Funnel/Shop Towels	176.05
90821	Plunkett's Pest Control	Rd-Pest Control	75.11
90822	RDO Equipment Fargo	Rd-2772 Motor Grader DEF System Repair	692.30
90823	Rutland Oil Company	Rd-Gas/Fuel	12,497.45
90824	Sign Solutions	Rd-Small Sign Bases	390.00

90825	Southside Automotive	Rd-2025 Midland Trap Switch Repair/2005 PB Tire Repair, Oil Change, Fluid Check/Brake Clean	867.90
90826	Visto's	Rd-Merc 2 Gal/Battery Terminal Protector/Cable/Terminal W/Wing/Battery Tester	128.29
90827	Amazon Capital Services	Ext-Sheet Protectors/4H Award Ribbons/4H Cookie Cutter/Laminating Pouches/Drawstring Bags	57.51
90828	Computer Express	911-Toner	130.99
90829	Gwinner First Responders	911-LEPC Mtg Supper	222.35
90830	NDSU Ext Budget Office	Ext-Seykora Salary 2nd Qtr	7,487.88
90831-			
90834		Ambulance Squads Expenses	2,201.93
90837		JDA Expenses	159.48
90848	Bopp, Tia	Auditor-Nonovernight Meal Reimbursement	36.00
ACH	JPMorgan	Various Dept. Expenses	3,695.91

Correspondence and upcoming dates were reviewed. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

JERRY WASWICK, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP –AUDITOR