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Pavement Markings on County Roads 14, 10, 4 & 2. CP-4100-(025) ER25-00-019. (Johnson/Waswick). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Application for Special Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages at a Special Event at Designated Premises received from Jeremy Daggett. (Waswick/Bopp). Discussion was held as there needs more information on the application relating to where the alcohol will be served from. The motion was tabled.

Motion to accept the Application for Drainage Work Within the County Road Right of Way as received from Ed Erickson Jr for ditch cleaning. (Johnson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Ed Erickson Jr. left the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding converting a tri-axle truck into a semi for the road department. Motion to authorize the conversion of the tri-axle truck into a semi for the price of \$5975. (Waswick/Bopp). Voting yes were Commissioners Bopp, Waswick and Johnson. Voting no was Chairman Anderson. Motion carried.

Road Supervisor Faber left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Important dates were reviewed.

Motion to authorize Chairman Anderson to sign the vehicle quote FSSP13-2 to proceed with the purchase of a 2025 Ford Explorer for the purchase price of \$39,729.00. (Johnson/Waswick) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 1:44 p.m. and will stand in recess until June 10th at 7 p.m.

WADE ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN
ATTEST: TIA BOPP – COUNTY AUDITOR
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SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION
JUNE 6, 2025
SPECIAL MEETING
FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA

A Special Meeting of the Sargent County Commission was held at 4:00 p.m. on June 6, 2025, at the Sargent County Courthouse with the following present: Commissioners, Scott Johnson and Chairman, Wade Anderson. Participating via electronic means was Commissioner, Jason Arth. Absent were Commissioners Jerry Waswick and Lyle Bopp. Also, in attendance were LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director and Sharon Halmrast, Chief Deputy Auditor.

The purpose of the special meeting was the continuance of the equalization meeting. Chairman Anderson reconvened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. No further business or information was available at the time of the meeting. Chairman Anderson recessed the meeting until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 9th.

WADE ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN
ATTEST: TIA BOPP – COUNTY AUDITOR
Publish June 20, 2025

SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION
JUNE 9, 2025
SPECIAL MEETING
FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA

A Special Meeting of the Sargent County Commission

was held at 8:00 a.m. on June 9, 2025, at the Sargent County Courthouse with the following present: Commission Chairman, Wade Anderson. Participating via electronic means were Commissioners, Jason Arth and Scott Johnson. Absent were Commissioners Jerry Waswick and Lyle Bopp. Also, in attendance were LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director and Tia Bopp, Auditor.

The purpose of the special meeting was the continuance of the equalization meeting. Chairman Anderson reconvened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. No further business or information was available at the time of the meeting. Chairman Anderson recessed the meeting until 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10th.

WADE ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN
ATTEST: TIA BOPP – COUNTY AUDITOR
Publish June 20, 2025

SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION
JUNE 10, 2025
SPECIAL MEETING
FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA

A Special Meeting of the Sargent County Commission was held at 8:00 a.m. on June 10, 2025, at the Sargent County Courthouse with the following present: Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Scott Johnson and Chairman, Wade Anderson. Participating via electronic means was Commissioner, Jason Arth. Absent was Commissioner Lyle Bopp. Also, in attendance were LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director; Jayne Pfau, State’s Attorney; and Tia Bopp, Auditor.

The purpose of the special meeting was the continuance of the equalization meeting. Chairman Anderson reconvened the meeting at 8 a.m.

Commissioner Waswick wanted to go through the three townships that were discussed on June 3, 2025, at the initial Equalization Meeting.

Tax Director, LaJuana Hayen explained in Jackson Township the applicant is paid as a farm laborer, he doesn’t own the house or the land. The owner of the house is retired. The individual he works for does not own or have control of the property. The State indicated they agree that the applicant does not qualify for an exemption. A vote was called for on the tabled motion to reconsider the original motion to deny the application for parcel 09-3028001. Voting yes were: None. Voting no were Commissioners Waswick, Johnson, Arth and Anderson. Motion to reconsider fails.

Taylor Township was next to be discussed. The application was sent to the tax payer listed in the tax system and who was listed on the deed transferring the property. The recipient of the application contacted the Tax Director’s office and said the property was no longer a farm and he would not be returning the application. Additional family members are now contesting the addition of the property to the tax rolls. Motion to deny the request to have the values removed from the tax rolls in Taylor Township for parcel 18-5406000. (Johnson/Arth) Voting yes were

Commissioners Johnson, Arth, and Anderson. Voting no was Commissioner Waswick. Motion carried.

In Milnor Township a property owner was given an inspection card and the property was assessed. The owner is appealing the value. Disconnection notices were provided, but were after the deadline. The applicant admitted there was no farmer living there. The assessment was done in 2024 and the disconnection notices were dated 2025. This property would only be on the tax roll for one year and the residence would come off. Motion to deny the application in Milnor Township for removal of residential values and leave the value included in the total values for parcel 12-4012002. (Waswick/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Waswick requested information on the outcome of the request made to Vanguard to adjust the assessed values for the Cities of Gwinner and Milnor down to the county average. Tax Director, Hayen stated anything they tried took the whole county out of tolerance.

There being no further information or business to discuss, the meeting was recessed until June 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

WADE ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN
ATTEST: TIA BOPP – COUNTY AUDITOR
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SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION
JUNE 10, 2025
SPECIAL MEETING
EQUALIZATION RECONVENED
FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA

The Board of Review and Equalization for 2025 reconvened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at the Forman City Hall. Commissioners present were Jerry Waswick, Scott Johnson and Chairman Wade Anderson. Absent were Commissioners Jason Arth and Lyle Bopp. Also attending from the County were LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director; Samantha Schilling, Chief Deputy Property Tax and Assessment Director; Duane Peterson, Human Resources Director; Jayne Pfau, State’s Attorney; Tia Bopp, Auditor; and Logan Peterson, Deputy Sheriff. Representative Mike Brandenburg and Senator Robert Erbele were also present. Community members present were: Steven D. McLaen, Randall Brockman, Pat Olofson, Becky Sandness, Paula M. Hansen, Jerrod Sandness, Amy Bergstrom, Joleen Hardy, Janell McLaen, Dennis Fliehs, Lisa Fliehs, Derrick Hansen, Dana Erickson, Geneva Waswick, Joan Johnson, Mark Breker, Jaimie Gavin, Jessica Peterson, Charlene Smith, Nancy Wage, Jodi Ost, Michelle Goettle, Grover Riebe, Jan Riebe, Paula Hansen, Julie Johnson, Kent Johnson, Dawn Anderson, Sean Anderson, Dan Johnson, Scott Maro, Shawn Maro, Jeannie Strange, Steve Klefstad, Denise Dahl, and Dennis Dahl.

Chairman Anderson called the continued meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m. and

introduced Representative Brandenburg and Senator Erbele.

Tax Director, Hayen explained that the decision from the County was needed prior to June 30th so reports could be submitted to the state by the June 30th deadline. She also notified those in attendance that the State uses a program called GenTax not Vanguard.

Motion to accept the abstract changes in individual jurisdictions as presented. (Johnson/Waswick). Upon roll call vote motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hayen then asked for an approval of the new cost manual adjustments, adding the market adjustment, the depreciation, and giving the cities of Cayuga, Cogswell, Forman and Havana and the townships of Bowen, Brampton, Denver, Dunbar, Forman, Hall, Harlem, Herman, Jackson, Marboe, Milnor, Ransom, Rutland, Sargent, Shuman, Southwest, Taylor, Tewaukon, Verner, Weber, Whitestone Hill and Willey a 5% residential structure increase. No motion was made and instead moved to community input.

Public input and questions were heard from several individuals. Representative Brandenburg and Senator Erbele answered questions regarding the assessment process and options the County had.

Motion to reduce Milnor and Gwinner cities to the median ratio of the County. (Waswick) Commissioner Waswick then rescinded his motion.

Motion to deny all residential property recommendations brought forth by the Tax Director, LaJuana Hayen and send everything to the state for their determination. (Waswick/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

WADE ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN
ATTEST: TIA BOPP – COUNTY AUDITOR
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SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION
JUNE 12, 2025
SPECIAL MEETING
FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA

A Special Meeting of the Sargent County Commission was held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2025,

at the Sargent County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Scott Johnson and Chairman Wade Anderson. Present via electronic means was Commissioner Jason Arth. Absent were Commissioners Lyle Bopp and Jerry Waswick. Also, in attendance were Jayne Pfau, State’s Attorney; LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director; Samantha Schilling, Chief Deputy Property Tax and Assessment Director; and Tia Bopp, Auditor.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the Tax Director’s recommendations regarding the assessed values of agricultural land and commercial land and property. Motion to accept Tax Director Hayen’s recommendations for commercial land and property and agricultural land assessed values. (Johnson/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Review and Equalization adjourned “SINE DIE” at 3:32 p.m.

WADE ANDERSON – CHAIRMAN
ATTEST: TIA BOPP – COUNTY AUDITOR
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RUTLAND CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

The monthly City Council meeting convened at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025. Mayor Mahrer, presiding. Council members Erickson, Hoften, Lysne and McLaen present. City Auditor also present. Others present: Scott Haan, Michael Wyum, Nate Trossen, Collin Kremeier, Dale Rubisch. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

McLaen/Lysne moved approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

Hoften/Lysne moved approval of the May 5, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Erickson/McLaen moved approval of the OTP Franchise Agreement and second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2025-1 for the franchise agreement. Motion carried.

Erickson/Hoften moved that the issue of allowing chickens in the City of Rutland be placed on the next general election ballot to be voted on by the residents of Rutland. Motion carried. Aye – Erickson, Hoften, McLaen. Nay – Lysne.

McLaen/Lysne moved approval of the May financials as presented. Motion carried.

Erickson/Lysne moved approval of the payment of bills: DRN \$150.86, Waste Mgmt. \$108.06 & \$1,705.87, US Treasury \$829.68 & \$829.70, Amazon Capital \$920.92, US Post Office \$56, Banyon \$195, J. Deere Financial \$142.97, Kotaco Fuel \$829.87, Marshall Thol \$50, MobilityPLUS \$134.63, OTP \$1,281.96, Quill \$12.54, SE Water \$830.17, USPO \$224. Motion carried.

The City Auditor presented the map for layout of the property at 211 Arthur Street. The Conditional Use Permit was approved by the Zoning Board at the public hearing on May 27.

There are two delinquents at this time. One will be assessed to the property owner(s) unless it is paid this month.

Lysne/Erickson moved to hire Greta Bladow at the rate of \$15.00/hour to complete various painting needs for the city. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Subject to Council approval on July 7, 2025.

Deborah Banish, Rutland City Auditor
Publish June 20, 2025

NOTICE TO LANDOWNERS IN ROSEMEADE TOWNSHIP IN RANSOM COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA:

Road ditches must be mowed by JULY 1 and OCTOBER 1 of each year. FAILURE to do so will result in \$300 per mile or \$150 per half mile assessed to the landowner. Motion passed by Rosemeade Township Board of Directors on March 18, 2025.