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SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION DECEMBER 2, 2025 FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA REGULAR MEETING

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 9 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp, Jason Arth and Chairman Wade Anderson. Also, in attendance was Tia Bopp, Auditor.

Tia Bopp, Auditor, called the meeting to order to organize for 2026.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Nominate Jerry Waswick for Chairman, term ending on November 30, 2026. (Arth/Anderson) Motion that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Jerry Waswick. (Bopp/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Waswick accepted his election, and assumed control of the meeting as Chairman of the County Commission.

Nominate Jason Arth for Vice-Chairman, term ending on November 30, 2026. (Johnson/Anderson) Motion that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Jason Arth (Anderson/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Waswick went through portfolio assignments.

Motion to set the first and third Tuesdays for monthly Commission meetings with the exception of the first meeting in November being held on Friday November 6th instead of November 3rd, due to election. (Bopp/Arth) Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the Auditor to pay utility bills and withholding taxes. (Anderson/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to authorize the Treasurer to invest county funds. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to designate Stock Growers bank as the official depository for Sargent County. (Bopp/Anderson). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the following voting precincts for the upcoming 2026 elections and to designate Forman City Hall as the 2026 polling location (Arth/Johnson).

PRECINCT #1: Bowen Township, Brampton Township, Denver Township, Dunbar Township,

Forman Township, Hall Township, Harlem Township, Herman Township, Jackson Township,

Kingston Township, Milnor Township, Ransom Township, Rutland Township, Sargent

Township, Shuman Township, Southwest Township, Taylor Township, Verner Township, Vivian Township, Weber Township, Whitestone Hill Township, Willey Township, Milnor

City, Forman City, Cogswell City, Havana City, Rutland City, Cayuga City and Gwinner City

PRECINCT # 2: Marboe Township and Tewaukon Township.

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Sargent County will continue "Vote By Mail," with one polling place at Forman City Hall for city elections, the statewide Primary and the statewide General Elections.

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

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2025, meeting. (Arth/Anderson) Motion carried.

The windows are in and will be installed prior to Christmas. Chairman Waswick will work on lining up a lift.

Motion to approve the lease agreement with the Wild Rice Soil Conservation District for the upcoming year with the same terms and conditions as the current year. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Commission approved the Auditor's office in setting December's payroll for December 19th instead of December 26th to allow for more time to process before the holidays.

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

Motion to approve three deeds from the County to Marty and Dawn Turchin, John Manikowski and the City of Cogswell. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried.

Motion to put liability insurance on a county property in Rutland if the City of Rutland doesn't purchase the same. (Anderson/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the software that is being used by the County. Motion to approve additional training to be paid from the general fund. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 10:02.

Mike Keiper, representing the Forman Park Board and Vanessa Bayger, representing the Fair Board, arrived at the meeting to discuss with the Commission their combined plans on installing a sand volleyball pit at the fairgrounds. The cost will be split between both entities. The Commission thanked the two for their presentation and gave their blessing to proceed with the volleyball pit.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting at 10:10. He reported bids had been received on the equipment the county had put on an online auction through Steffes. Discussion was held regarding the clay that was procured from Harvey Bergstrom. Motion to pay Harvey for the 30,543 cubic

yards of clay at the rate of \$2.00/year for a total of \$61,080.00 with the expense coming from the Prairie Dog funds. (Johnson/Arth) Upon roll call vote motion carried unanimously. Motion to purchase tires for the maintainer as long as they don't exceed \$12,000. (Arth/Bopp) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Discussion took place regarding pulling the plows off the county roads when visibility is zero.

Motion to approve an Application for Retail Beer/Liquor License from The Field dba the Schoolhouse and an Application for Local Permit or Restricted Event from the Cogswell Gun Club (Johnson/Arth). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

WADE ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: TIA BOPP – COUNTY AUDITOR

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THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF COGSWELL

NOVEMBER 10, 2025

6:30 P.M. AT THE

COGSWELL COMMUNITY CENTER

SENIOR ROOM

Mayor Brown opened the meeting at 6:40 pm. Present were Council members V. Anderson, R. Skroch Mayor C. Brown and Auditor B. Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Skroch made motion to approve agenda as presented, Anderson seconded, motion carried.

Minutes from October were read and Anderson made motion to accept minutes as read, Skroch seconded, motion passed.

Financial report from October was read, Skroch made motion to approve, Anderson seconded, motion carried. Auditor will file report.

Anderson made motion to get broken garbage cans replaced and update residents account with WM, Skroch seconded, motion passed. Anderson will get with WM.

Skroch made motion to buy Crawford property for city, Anderson seconded, motion carried.

The following bills were presented and approved for the month of November:

Mahrer Construction Roadblading \$400.00

Otter Tail \$450.48

Waste Management \$1,088.50

Bea Brown Auditor pay \$323.22

The Sargent Teller \$61.35

With no further business Skroch made motion to adjourn, Anderson seconded, motion passed. Mayor Brown closed the meeting at 7:30 pm. Next meeting will be on December 8th, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Bea Brown
City Auditor
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THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL FOR

THE CITY OF GWINNER, ND

DECEMBER 1, 2025

AT THE FIRE HALL AT 5PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jaimie Gavin, Michelle Goettle, Kenny Wiederholt, Auston Creech, Bryton Ciesynski

MEMBER ABSENT: none.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Bassingthwaite, Jeff Leadbetter, Darrel Swanson, Jessica Peterson, Richard Mower, Ashley Hansen, Sam Opdahl, Travis Paeper, Jerry Waswick

Motion to approve last month's meeting minute approved by Michelle, seconded by Bryton.

Public Comment: none

Law Enforcement Report: Travis present. 1 truck in the north addition, for snow removal, 170 hours in November, 10 criminal investigations, 1 arrest

Interstate Engineering Report: Mike was present. My Aquatics letter was mentioned

Pool Committee: Payment #10 \$488,257.21 Contingent on the approval of the pool committee (Auston/Michelle), \$304,695.78 to finish the project

Building Permit: Casey Store-remodel (Michelle/Auston), Melvin block-windows (Auston/Bryton)

Local Permits: GPB/Gwinner Days Committee- Meat raffles (Auston/Bryton), NS Archery- raffles (Auston/Bryton)

City Attorney: WM signed copy was present for the superseding host agreement, RZ extension for 10 more years was discussed and approved. (Michelle/Auston) The public meeting will be on 12/15/2025 at 5pm.

Gwinner Housing Authority (GHA): \$25,000 payment + the regular interest payment was given to them so now they only need \$3000 for the December bills. (Auston/Bryton)

All interior and exterior lights need to shut off; Sanford was contacted for possible memory care location. If nothing is in place by February 2026, then we need to open the building up to all.

Community Center: Bid quote was received for \$1700 labor +\$500 in materials (Auston/Michelle) Auston was going to talk to Courtney about the claim on the community center

Springs Golf Course: Jerry was present. Golf income for 2025 will be taken off the approved budget for 2026. City will use lighthouse software numbers and verify with Olson Accounting. Jerry believes there should be a balance around \$13,000 at the end of the year. The association will continue to take care of the \$250 drawer in the clubhouse and will make deposits into their account weekly.

Damon salary will be \$64,480 plus benefits for 2026. Currently the other workers are at \$15 for outside. Mulligans didn't need Groberg going in and changing filters in the clubhouse per Brian. City wants it professionally done to make sure it gets done (Auston/Michelle) This will be city bill.

City Auditor Report: Senior meals will start this week in the community center, buy back the delinquent tax property \$6428.93 (Auston/Michelle) and that lot will still have the base specials of \$25,000.

Public Works Report: Auston, Bryton and Jakob helped with snow removal last month. They will invoice the city. Spoke about the part-time application that came in. Darrel said he talked to the applicant, and he could not work weekends due to other commitments. He has no CDL currently. City council agreed it might not work out. To purchase up to \$5000 in new tools for shop (Auston/Kenny)

Council Items: Kenny said the railroad plans to replace the tracks in 2026-2027. Four percent annual raises for 2026 (Auston/Michelle), 2025 bonus \$1000 for Darrel and Jess, \$500 for Jeff and Janet. (Auston/Bryton), Claim summary to be presented at each meeting (Auston/Michelle), transfer \$400,000 from MM to checking (Kenny/Bryton) SC emergency information should go to Auston and Bryton. Jess will let Wendy know.

Pay the Bills: (Kenny/Auston) ND PERS \$5169.27, IRS \$3023.56, USPS \$183, AUSTON CREECH \$640, BOBCAT OF GWINNER \$294.53, BRYTON CIESYNSKI \$320, DARREL SWANSON \$1000, FULL CIRCLE AG \$79.92, GROTBORG ELECTRIC \$230, GHA \$3000, HANSEN LUMBER \$78.94, HAWKINS \$3559.09, J&M PRINTING \$382.29, JAKOB CREECH \$420, JANET BIRCHEM \$500, JESSICA PETERSON \$1000, LEADBETTER LAW OFFICE \$500, LESMEISTER GRAVEL \$187.50, LETS STORE IT \$540, NDDOT \$1074.63, OTTER TAIL POWER \$5160.12, PAYROLL \$19,442.92, RAY-MAC \$72.01, SHARE CORP \$532.22, THEIN WELL \$315, TIAA \$2353.58, COMSTOCK CON. \$488,257.21, SARGENT COUNTY \$6428.93, AW DIESEL SERVICE \$13.04, CITY OF FARGO \$14, DRN \$455.31, FULL CIRCLE AG \$472.93, GROTBORG ELECTRIC \$411.95, HANSEN LUMBER \$102.15, HAWKINS \$1187.50, INTERSTATE POWERSYSTEMS \$2949.53, LESMEISTER GRAVEL \$375, MDU \$969.56, MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS \$40, ND CHEMISTRY LAB \$701.68, ND ONE CALL \$6.90, OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY \$4865.05, QUILL \$129.53, RAY-MAC \$21.97, SARGENT COUNTY \$12,271.72, MOBRIDGE/NODAK \$221.92, TEAM LAB \$1025, USA BLUE BOOK \$2699.90, VERIZON WIRELESS \$198.64, WM \$17,516.70, WELTON'S TIRE \$696, ALL TYED UP \$1900, USPS \$183, RIVERSIDE BUILDING CENTER \$538.64

The meeting was recessed at 6:23pm. Next regular meeting is on January 5th at 5pm. RZ public meeting is on December 15th at 5pm.

/s/ Jaimie Gavin, Mayor

/s/ Jessica J Peterson City Auditor
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THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GWINNER, ND DECEMBER 15, 2025 IN THE MEETING ROOM AT 5PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jaimie Gavin, Kenny Wiederholt, Michelle Goettle, Bryton Ciesynski, Auston Creech

MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHER PRESENT: Jessica Peterson

Public Meeting for the ten-year extension of the current Renaissance Zone. No public in attendance.

There were five support letters received through the community and county.

Auston made a motion to go forward with the Resolution of the extension of the current Renaissance Zone. Michelle seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Pay the bills for December. (Auston/Bryton)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08pm. Next city council meeting is on January 5th at 5pm.

/s/ Jaimie Gavin, Mayor
/s/ Jessica J Peterson City Auditor
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CAYUGA CITY COUNCIL BUDGET & REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2025

The October 5 City of Cayuga meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kiefer. Present were Mayor Paul Kiefer, Council Person Mark Saunders and Auditor Carrie Banish. Absent was Council Person Melody Pherson.

Carrie read the minutes from the August 17 meeting. A motion was made by Mark Saunders, seconded by Paul Kiefer to accept as read. Motion accepted. Carrie presented the financial report. A motion was made by Paul Kiefer, seconded by Mark Saunders to accept as read. Motion accepted.

Dan and Faye Jensen joined the meeting. They had a question about a letter they received from the County Auditor, Paul explained the letter, and answered any questions they had. Dan and Faye left the meeting.

Carrie reported on the delinquent sewer/garbage citizens. Paul Kiefer said he will talk to Nathan Olmstad about his account.

Paul Kiefer reported that Laura Seelye has begun work on the property that as in violation of ordinance 18. The council will not take any action for now.

Paul Kiefer reported he has talked with several citizens about what they would like to do with the roads as they require repair, they said they would like to see them scraped and relayed with gravel.

Carrie said she will talk to Mary Saunders to see what the park budget allowed to pay for mowing of the park for the 2025 season.

Paul Kiefer reported the fiber optic line work has begun.

The budget was discussed and was approved with one possible change. Carrie reported the State has finished the 2023 city review and she will send the information they requested for the 2024 review to the State Auditor.

Next meeting will be December 14, 2025 at 5 p.m.