

Event from CHS/Great Plains Food Bank. (Arth/Johnson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

The next order a business was an abatement request from Adam and Nancy Wrage on Parcel 319581000. LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director and Bobbi Maly, Deputy Treasurer, arrived at the meeting to offer input. After discussion and the order of events, a motion was made to deny the abatement request filed by Adam and Nancy Wrage. (Arth/Anderson) Motion carried. Hayen and Maly left the meeting. Commissioner Scott Johnson left the meeting at 9:42. a.m.

Discussion on the expiring contract with G & R Controls. Motion to stay with G & R Controls if no price change on their contract. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the pay frequency of bills to avoid late charges. Bills received and through the vouchering process will now be presented to the commission at each meeting. This will hopefully alleviate any issues with late payments.

Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering arrived at the meeting at 9:50.

Discussion turned to the JDA. It was reported the JDA had recently met, there are electricity bills for each of the spec homes as well as taxes. The JDA will be taking a more aggressive approach at promoting and selling the two remaining homes in the coming year.

Members of the road department, Tim Faber, Supervisor, Dustin Kuchar, Asst. Supervisor, Brad Griggs, John Mlnarik and Larry Bohnekamp arrived at the meeting.

DeVillers provided a proposal for road work for the upcoming season. Faber and DeVillers will drive around the county after the meeting and prioritize the list.

Faber provided a bid from Lot Pros for mastic for 5 miles of coverage on county road 10 and 1-1/2 miles on county road 14 into DeLamere. Motion to accept the bid from Lot Pros to do the mastic crack repair which will come out of Prairie Dog funds. The estimate was for \$31,450.00. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

Bridge removal projects are currently out for bidding with the state. The county will need to get an RFP out for construction engineering. Motion to call for an RFP on project BRJ-0041-(021) PCN 23724. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

The county was awarded flex funds to replace White Bridge-project is 41-132-18.0. A contract for preliminary engineering will be needed. This project will be ready for replacement in 2027.

Faber handed out a five-year plan proposal for the road department that the group had put together. Faber was instructed to get multiple estimates for each piece of equipment he would like to be considered for purchase. Faber indicated he was looking at a semi and payloader that he saw advertised on marketplace over

by Elbow Lake. Faber stated he wants to move on the utility tractor as he has needs for its use right now. Faber would like to get a 73HP tractor stating the 55 HP presently owned is too small for what they would need to do. Faber also noted that road restrictions were put on February 27, 2026. The road department and DeVillers left the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Motion to approve bills. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried.

There will be a non-agenda all employee meeting at 9:00 a.m. on April 7<sup>th</sup> in the community room.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

JERRY WASWICK,  
CHAIRMAN  
ATTEST: TIA BOPP –  
COUNTY AUDITOR  
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**SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION  
MARCH 17, 2026  
FORMAN, NORTH DAKOTA  
REGULAR MEETING**

The Sargent County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

Present were Commissioners Jerry Waswick, Wade Anderson, Lyle Bopp and Scott Johnson. Absent was Jason Arth. Also present were Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Duane Peterson, HR Director; and Tia Bopp, Auditor.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Waswick at 9:02 a.m. and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Duane Peterson, HR Director was present to discuss dental insurance plans. There seems to be some interest in possibly switching to a company that offers orthodontia and implant coverage.

Tim Faber, Road Supervisor, arrived at the meeting at 9:36 a.m..

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. (Anderson/Johnson). Motion carried.

Windows were discussed. It was suggested that Jason call Ted Keller and let him know they are tipped over.

Motion to publish the right of way notice in the paper. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Tim questioned who is going to mark all the right of ways once we get the map back from Interstate Engineering.

Motion to approve the polling hours from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election day. (Bopp/Johnson). Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Pam Maloney as election inspector and authorize the auditor to appoint someone in case of an emergency. (Anderson/Bopp) Motion carried.

Question on whether we want to send out for an RFP on insurance. We will leave it alone unless someone inquires on being able to bid it.

Motion to approve the Application for Drainage Work Within the County Road Right of Way

submitted by Darren Hoistad. (Anderson/Bopp). Motion carried.

There is another opioid settlement. Motion to approve the State's Attorney to sign up for the settlement. (Johnson/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion turned to Kraft Slough. On the southwest side there are people driving through the ditch to get to the lake. Faber will talk with the state to see who is going to maintain that or what needs to be done so it can be fixed and made safer for those using the same for access.

Faber is here on behalf of the road. He provided several quotes for equipment he would like to review and discuss. The quote for a utility tractor from Bobcat was the lowest of the utility tractor quotes. He said he didn't get a quote from John Deere. He does have a quote for a Massey Ferguson through Caterpillar. Additionally, he has priced out trailers. Faber has found a semi in Oakes. In preparation for the graveling this year, he would like a truck, trailer and a payloader. Faber doesn't think we have enough in our budget to do a payloader. Previously he was looking for a payloader for \$75,000. Faber would like to possibly have a payloader and put it on a five-year loan. The Commission would like to stay away from loans. Faber would like approval to spend up to \$30,000 on a semi that he is looking at from Oakes Truck and Trailer. He has found other trucks that are considerably cheaper that he would like to go look at. The road department would like to haul approximately 2000 loads of gravel this year which is how he justifies the request. It is more efficient to haul with two semis than one semi and a plow truck. In 2025 the department rented a gravel trailer for extra capacity. Faber's intent would be to have three people in semis and two people in maintainers. Commissioner Johnson is concerned that we do not know what we are spending on gravel and the costs of all materials in general are going up. Waswick stated we have a road crew that has work to be done and wants to do the work and a commission that won't give them what they need to do the work. Anderson stated we have been buying equipment. There being no motion made or permission given to purchase any additional equipment, Faber will need to go look at equipment, test drive semis and then return with firm quotes for the board to reconsider. In regards to the utility tractor, Faber does think that the Massey Ferguson is a pretty good tractor. Waswick requested we give Faber some clear direction.

Motion to pay March payroll in the amount of \$334,782.33 and the bills presented. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Listed are the bills that were approved during the March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup> meetings and subsequently paid.  
Bills:

Dakota Plains Sheriff/Tax/Health Gas	\$509.18
U.S. Postal Service Auditor Envelopes	1,793.45
Dakota Chrysler Center Road-2026 Ram 2500 Purchase	51,603.50
Napa Auto Parts-Lidgerwood Road-Drill Bit Set/Oil/Filters/Chain/Torch/Tape Measure/2016 Chevy Starter/Wire Kit	861.45
Various Ambulance Squad Expenses	3,617.06
JDA Expenses	1,787.45
City of Forman CH/Road Water/Sewer/Garbage	222.94
Otter Tail Power Company Electricity	4,282.42
Ransom County VSO Salary/Benefits	2,564.50
JP Morgan Various Department Expenses	4,302.63
JDA Expenses	10.00
Health Unit Expenses	1,202.01
Advanced Business Methods Copier Contract & Overages	530.05
Avid Hawk Web Services	45.00
Bopp, Tia Auditor Travel Reimbursement	58.00
Bosse, Lindsay Auditor Travel Reimbursement	58.00
Brian's Repair & Auto Parts Sheriff-2021 Squad Car Oil Change	99.25
Cenex Fleet Tax Director Travel	35.86
Code 4 2025 Squad Car Upfit	6,041.39
Computer Express Tech Support/Server Setup	3,493.00
Dakota Water Solutions Rd & CH 5 Gallon Water Jugs	96.00
Dickey Rural Networks Telephone Services	992.32
Everspring Suites Auditor-Election Training	440.00
Gall's Sheriff-PBT Straws	238.99
Gordy's Sheriff Car Washes	64.00
Information Technology Dept. Off Prem Connectivity/WAN/Office/Adobe/NetMotion	1,936.95
J&M Printing Sheriff-Business Cards OC	71.80
Loffler Sheriff-Copier Overage	22.87
ND Clerks Association Treasurer 2026 Dues	100.00
ND Dept. of Human Services Sheriff-Prisoner Medical	1,425.71
Office of Attorney General SCRAM 24/7	420.00
Peterson, Duane HR-Phone Reimbursement	100.00
PharmChem Sheriff-Drug Screen Tests	31.95
Sanford Health-Occupational Medicine Sheriff-Pre-Placement Exam	105.00
Sargent County Treasurer Postage	8,048.73
Southside Automotive Sheriff-OC Tire Repair/JW Service Call/TP Oil Change	650.26
The Sargent County Teller Printing & Publishing	672.15
Tyler Technologies Aud-School ERP Pro Training	3,600.00
Verizon Sheriff Mifi Cards	240.06
Vestis CH/Road Rug Cleaning, Supplies	689.70
Walock-Johnson Insurance, Inc. Road-2026 Ram 2500 Full Coverage	536.00

Wild Rice Soil Conservation Extension Rent	550.00
A W Diesel Rd-Hydraulic Hose/Fittings/Spring	171.34
Bobcat of Gwinner Rd-Hydraulic Fluid/Brush Cutter Blade Replacement	982.21
Butler Machinery Rd-Cat 150 Snow Wing Install/Cat 140 Contract Hours	17,792.13
Central Grocery Rd-Office Supplies	12.38
Faber, Tim Road Travel Reimbursement	337.85
Forman Lumber & Fireworks Rd-Ice Melt/Paint Brushes	42.56
Grotberg Electric Rd-Baseboard Heater Install	931.25
Interstate Engineering Rd-Discussion of Bridge Funds/County Projects/Pavement Markings	17,536.25
Minn-Kota Communications, Inc. Rd-Endura Charger/Mounting Bracket	199.02
ND DOT Financial Management Division Rd-Bridge Inspection/Load Rating	3146.55
Plunkett's Rd- Pest Control	72.22
Rutland Oil Company Rd- Fuel /Gasoline/Grease/PowerGuard	4,491.66
Rutland Township Rd-Culvert Cost Share	3,332.12
Southside Automotive Rd-2015 Chevy Tire Repair/Air Brake Tubing/2015 Chevy Tire Repair	60.27
Visto's Rd-Torch Propane/Paint Roller/Goggles/Safety Paint/Pintle Hitch & Mount/Batteries/Socket	453.69
Welton's Tire Service Rd-Payloader Tire Repair	395.00
Forman Fire Department 911/EMS Meeting Meal	412.47
Innovative Office Solutions 911/EMS Office Supplies	93.43
Sargent County Treasurer Ext Postage	109.70
Schmiess, Wendy 911/EMS Binders	44.97
ND Association of Counties Rd-D&A Onsite-RC	28.00
Various Ambulance Squad Expenses	1,168.13
U.S. Postal Service Auditor-Envelopes	122.00
Health Unit Expenses	15,421.47
JP Morgan Various Department Expenses	6,016.66

Recess from 10:20 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Meeting called back to order at 10:34 a.m.

LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director, arrived at the meeting to discuss sales analysis in relation to property values. After review and adjustments, the ratio values being proposed are the following: residential 93.6%, commercial is 92%, and ag is 99%.

Hayen further reported Samantha Schilling is expecting and will be on maternity leave June, July and most of August.

Dates to remember were reviewed. The board stood in recess until 11:00 a.m..

The meeting reconvened for bid opening at 11:04 a.m. Bids opening began with gravel. Bear Creek arrived at 11:30 am and was not able to submit their bid due to late arrival. Motion to accept all gravel bids. (Johnson/Anderson). Upon roll call vote,