

**SARGENT COUNTY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 15, 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, September 15, 2026. Commissioners present were Wade Anderson, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp, Jason Arth, Jerry Waswick. Also present were Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Tia Bopp, Auditor; Tim Faber, Road Supervisor; and Richard Ruch.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Waswick at 9:00 a.m. and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 1, 2026 meeting as presented. (Bopp/Anderson) Motion carried.

Zoning once again was on the agenda. State's Attorney, Pfau is reviewing the McIntosh County zoning and will continue to provide updates.

Mowing of road ditches was next to be discussed. Commissioner Anderson would like to see an additional cutting requirement be put in place by the County. The matter will be discussed later in the spring.

Motion to approve a road permit requested by Matthew Bosse to bore for rural water under 119th Avenue S., in Sections 11 and 12, Jackson Township. (Anderson/Arth). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve a road permit requested by Dakota Valley Electric to bore for a cable under County Road 2 in Sections 11 and 12, Jackson Township. (Arth/Wade) Motion carried unanimously.

Road Supervisor, Faber, gave a quick update on how things are progressing within the road department. With the recent rain they are trying to get everything bladed. Faber left the meeting at 9:20 a.m. Faber returned at 9:29 a.m. to let the commission know that Buck's Paving came back to fix County Road 4. Faber called the people that Damon DeVillers, Interstate Engineering, suggested to do the work on County Road 12 and did not get a response or anyone to come take a look at the project. Faber is looking for direction on how to

proceed with the work that needed to be completed on County Road 12. Motion to repair County Road 12 and County Road 1 with Buck's paving for \$29,200 to come out of the miscellaneous capital projects. (Anderson/Arth) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Faber left the meeting a second time at 9:38 a.m.

Motion to pay the September payroll in the amount of \$357,856.21 and the bills presented. (Arth/Bopp). Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. Below is the listing of all the bills paid in September as approved at both the September 1st and September 15th meetings.

Bills:

Health Unit Expenses	
\$1,273.76	
Ambulance Squads Expenses	
861.74	
Otis Elevator Maintenance	
Contract	2,143.20
Waswick, Jerry Comm-Mileage/	
Cell Phone	687.68
JDA Expense	140,000.00
City of Forman CH, Road	
W/S/G	222.94
Otter Tail Power Company	
Electricity	1,739.86
Ransom County VSO	
Salary/Benefits	2,564.33
Ambulance Squads Expenses	
1,070.73	
Dakota Plains Cooperative	
Sher/Tax/Elections/Health Gas	
1,207.10	
Avid Hawk Web Services/	
Domain Renewal	70.00
Cenex Fleet Sher/Auditor/	
Tax/Health Gas	413.00
Code 4 Sher-Squad Car Tear	
Down	893.20
Computer Express Tech	
Support/Treas Monitor	3,519.00
Dakota Water Solutions	
CH/Road 5 Gallon Water Jugs	
136.00	
Dickey Rural Networks	
Telephone Services	986.39
Forman Drug Treas-Batteries	
18.49	
Redacted Witness Fees	
120.24	
Gordy's Grill & Fill Sher-	
Car Washes	70.00
Hayen, Lajuana Tax-	
Meeting Mileage/Silent Auction	
147.67	
IBBG Lawncare Fair	
Mowing/Spraying	900.00
Information Technology Dept	
Off Prem Connectivity/WAN/	

Office/Adobe/NetMotion
1,959.55
Lee's Service Station Sher-Oil
Change 82.00
Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender
ND Court Rules Supplement
66.86
Loffler Sheriff Copier Overage
Charges 17.18
NDACO Resources Group
Smart Zone-Sept & Oct
100.00
Office of Attorney General
SCRAM 24/7 620.00
Rutland Oil Company Sher-
Gas 1,265.25
Streicher's Sher-Glock
Magazine 32.99
The Sargent County Teller
Printing/Publishing 868.20

Tyler Technologies DocPro
Module Support 283.66
Verizon Wireless Sheriff
Mifi Cards 240.06
Wild Rice Soil Conservation
NDSU Extension Rent 550.00
Uniform Center Sher-
Uniforms 329.97
A W Diesel Rd-2017 KW
Hose, Clamp/#127 Fuel
Regulator Valve/Return Valve,
Axle Air Bag Repair/#125 Axle
Air Bag Repair, Fuel Pump
Repair, Tire Replacement/
Parts/#126 Tire Replacement
6,123.31
Alexandria Gravel Products
Rd-CR#5 Gravel 2,317.88
Auto Value Wahpeton Rd-
Chain/Hex Nut/Hydraulic
Cable Crim 263.31
Bernard Mahrer Construction
Rd-CR#2, #6, #5, #3,
Waterboard Gravel
28,465.92
Bobcat of Gwinner Rd-Oil
Filter/Fuel Filter 133.63

Buck's Paving Rd-CR#10, #12,
#1 Grade, Clean, Asphalt
29,200.00
Butler Machinery Rd-
Cat140 Contract/Cat150
Contract 515.84
Ekstrom Repair Rd-14T
Argon 159.95
Elite Repair Inc Rd-2026
Dodge Oil Change 127.49
Forman Lumber & Fireworks
Rd-Hex Nuts/Raid Wasp Spray/
Hex Bolts 90.36
Griggs, Brad Rd-Fittings
15.67
Hansen Lumber & Hardware
Rd-Bolts/Cable Ties/Post Driver
1,757.41
IBBG Lawncare R d -
Shop Mowing 100.00
Job Erection Engineering
Rd-Truck Modification 695.75
Lee's Service Station Rd-Gas
190.02
Machine Design Inc R d -
Culvert Gates 3,257.22
Plunkett's Pest Control
Rd-Shop Pest Control 75.11
Ray-Mac Inc Rd-26" Rods/
Tubing 185.00
Rutland Oil Company Rd-
Fuel/Gas/Purus
19889.10
Sanford Health OccMed
Rd-RC DOT Exam 115.00
Sign Solutions Rd-Yield Signs/
Telespars 722.35
Southside Automotive Rd-
Trimmer Line/Oil/07 Chevy-Air
Compressor Install/2016 Chevy
Oil, Filter/2007 Chevy Oil
Filter/Pipe Joint, Coupler/Hose
End 880.83
Vestis CH Rug Service/Rd Rug
Service, Cleaning Supplies
481.28

Visto's Rd-Blade/Weather strip
55.30
Weber Township
Rd-Culvert Cost Share 2,138.24
Computer Express EM-
Toner 131.99
Innovative EM-Office
Supplies 38.51
Seykora, Melissa Ext-
Craft Supplies/Agent Travel
996.79
Ambulance Squads Expenses
3,072.57
General Equipment Rd-
Track Loader & Mulching Head
Rental 10,000.00
Health Unit Expenses 5,998.60

SCH JPMorgan Various
Depts Expenses 2,961.52
Health Unit Expenses
11,800.48
A recess was taken at 9:47
a.m. and the meeting
reconvened at 9:54 a.m.
NDIRF premium discussion
was the next topic. Bopp
explained there were major
losses in jails this year. The last
time premiums were raised was
in 2018. The question being
posed to the counties that have
NDIRF is would counties rather
have higher deductibles or take
a 1.5% increase this year. The
consensus of the board is for
higher deductibles.
Budget work began at 10:01
a.m. with a recess from 11:04
a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Motion to invite the state
representatives and senators to
meet with the Commission from
both District 25 and District 28
to assist in budget finalization
prior to October 6th. The date
for the next meeting to do said

budget work will be determined based on feedback and when the most can attend. (Anderson/Arth) Motion carried.

The cost of mastic to complete County Road 4 from Highway 11 to the state line would be \$130,000.00. Chairman Waswick shared Road Supervisor Faber is looking to see if the County wants to proceed. Motion to purchase mastic for County Road 4 at a cost of \$130,000 with \$100,000 being funded from the road and bridge repair line and \$30,000 being funded from the culvert line of the department's budget. (Arth/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Dates to remember were reviewed. The meeting stood in recess until 6 p.m. for the budget hearing.

The meeting reconvened at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of the budget hearing. In attendance were Commissioners Wade Anderson, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp and Jerry Waswick. Absent was Jason Arth. Also, in attendance were Duane Peterson, HR Director; LaJuana Hayen, Tax Director; and Tia Bopp, Auditor.

Hayen was present to talk about her budget and the Vanguard reappraisal. Hayen emailed Vanguard asking what the ramifications would be if we

didn't proceed with the contract. Work is supposed to be starting in 2027 and completed in 2028 for use in 2029. Sargent County signed the contract in 2023 and the total price is \$300,615.00.

Duane questioned what communication there was between employees and the organization regarding cuts.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

JERRY WASWICK,

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: TIA BOPP –

COUNTY AUDITOR

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