

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 1, 2021**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on June 1, 2021 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Perry Miller. Others present were Administration Personnel Fossum and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer, Daily News Reporter Tris Anderson, Rich Slagle of Moore Engineering and Cam Leedahl.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Berg to approve the Agenda. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the Minutes of meetings May 4 and May 18. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Vote was unanimous.

KAYLA CARLSON - COVID UPDATE

- there are currently 2 active cases in Richland County
- 56.4% of those over 18 have received their first dose
- will be piloting a walk-in clinic
- continuing with vaccine clinics
- partnering with ND Dept of Health for a Vaccine Clinic at Walmart this week

Berseth asked about lifting the State of Emergency. Fossum replied she has asked Lambrecht to check into any ramifications to lifting the Emergency Declaration. (See unfinished business later in the meeting). Carlson commented the Health Department was still operating on Grant Dollars and their operating expenses are 100% funded if Covid Related.

LESLEY LUBENOW - NDSU EXTENSION ANR POSITION

Lubenow reported NDSU would like to reopen the ANR Position, half the Salary for this position is paid through the County. Lubenow asked if the County was willing to refill the position.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to authorize NDSU to advertise and hire an ANR Agent. Vote was unanimous. Extension Portfolio Commissioner Ehlert will be involved with the hiring.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

County Rd 2 Federal Aid Project - The Engineers estimate was \$2,924,232.90. Knife River Materials was the low bidder at \$2,675,441.30. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to award the bid to Knife River Materials. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve a Cost Participation, Construction & Maintenance Agreement with DOT for the County Rd 2 Federal Aid Project. Vote was unanimous.

Drain Tile Projects - Traxler started in Hankinson last week and projects will resume next week.

Service Truck - Requesting authorization to purchase a 2012 Kenworth Service Truck from Tri State Truck in Hankinson for \$42,000 contingent on the compression issues with the vehicle being resolved. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Berg to authorize the purchase of a 2012 Kenworth Service Truck from Tri State Truck in Hankinson, contingent on the compression issues being resolved. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting in Bismarck - Berseth, Campbell, Fossum, and Sedler will be meeting with the DOT and Bank of North Dakota on Thursday to discuss the potential of available funding.

Easement - Sedler is working with Stuart Gunness on an easement for a tiling project in Eagle Township.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - A meeting was held last week. There is a new Board Member from Lisbon.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - The Boilers are in and construction is underway.
- C) Public Health - The Commission received a Covid update from Carlson earlier in the meeting.
- D) JDA - No meetings held.
- E) Weed Board - Plan to meet in July.

F) Soils Committee - No report.

G) Park Board - Two individuals have been offered positions on the Park Board. The next meeting is scheduled for July 19.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Fossum reported the 2020 Audit Report is back. The only Finding was the Fraud Risk Assessment Deficiency. Fossum is working on a Fraud Risk Assessment and should have in place before the end of the year. The Board recommended Fossum check into options for someone other than the State doing the Audit.

Fossum reported the first half of the American Rescue Funds (1.5 million) has been received - she is exploring options for the funding. A request has been received from the Red River Children's Advocacy Center for a portion of these funds.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Berg to approve a Raffle Permit Application for the Hankinson Sandhills Saddle Club. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Berseth to approve a Temporary Liquor License for the Lidgerwood Bar & Lounge for Vinnies Mud Bog. Vote was unanimous.

- correspondence from NDACo re- NDCCA Standing Committees
- notice that the 5-County meeting has changed from July 8 to July 15

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Fossum reported she just received notice from Lambrecht that there is no ramification for removing the Emergency Declaration.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to give Friday, July 2 as an additional Paid Holiday to County employees, with the stipulations that if someone works that day it will not be overtime; and if not scheduled to work that day, they would have the selection of another paid day off to be used before July 1, 2022. Vote was unanimous.

Cam Leedah - Helendale Private Drain - Leedah reported she sent an email to Berseth, State's Attorney Kummer and Engineer Sedler with a recommendation from her Attorney for a Surety Bond; the Surety Bond would address County concerns. Berseth recommended Leedah communicate directly with Kummer and Sedler regarding the Surety Bond.

Berg requested a date be set for a tour of County Roads. The consensus of the Board was June 16th at 9:00 AM. Sedler will arrange transportation.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berseth to approve the payment of bills. Vote was unanimous.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June

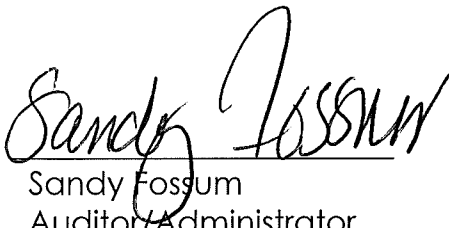
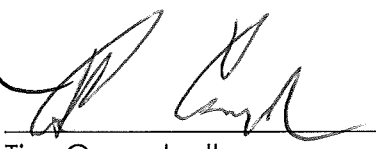
15 County Commission Meeting
16 County Roads Tour

July

6 County Commission Meeting
20 County Commission Meeting
20-21 Budget Meetings

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:02 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department Revenue Voucher April 1-30, 2021.
Sheriff Department - Revenue and Expenses for April 2021.

ATTEST:   CHAIRPERSON
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator
Tim Campbell
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for May 2021.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	245,788.34
County Highway	76,543.44
911 Communications	40,123.78
County Agent	5,341.97
Veterans Service	7,858.94
Weed Officer	1,786.00
Public Health Fund	87,006.24
Income Maintenance	44,237.96
Foster Care	16,679.70
Child Protective Svc	31,298.09
Parent Aid	3,100.70
Family Soc Worker	9,280.72
Social Services	10,668.00
In-Home Care	16,206.33
Admin Support	11,176.94
HSZ Board	500.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	607,597.15

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	416,748.79
County Highway	58,302.94
Road & Bridge	36,666.27
Emergency Assistance	206.00
911 Communications	45,865.88
Special Resp Team	566.60
County Agent	3,068.73
Veterans Service	4,197.09
Weed Control Levy	465.52
Public Health	40,841.00
Income Maintenance	17,035.23
Foster Care	3,764.36
Child Protective Svc	10,001.21
Parent Aid	1,612.64
Family Soc Worker	4,250.06
Social Services	3,078.20
In-Home Care	10,419.72
Admin Support	4,611.57
HSZ Board	203.59
Safety Permanency Fd	215.00
Unallow Fed Costs	41.00
State Medical Levy	2,135.39
Garrison Div	2,135.39
Domestic Violence	280.00

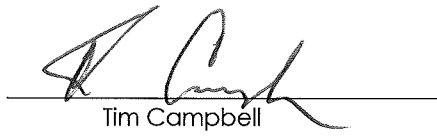
Twsp Share Gas&Oil	57,239.85
State Aid	36,231.71
Jail Concession	384.19
Sobriety Test Fund	965.00
SEMCA	1,390.24
JDA	30,042.00
Diversion Auth Dist	249,222.53
Sr Citizen Fund	3,325.50
Historical Society	826.15
Co Agent Special	37.12
Soil Cons District	2,021.46
Water Mngt Levy	10,769.46
Joint Water Resource	3,203.79
EXPENSE TOTAL	1,062,371.18

**TOTAL PAYROLL &
EXPENSES** **1,669,968.33**

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 Sandy Fossum
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