

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 15, 2021**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on June 15, 2021 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlerf and Perry Miller. Others present were Administration Personnel Fossum and DeVal; Assistant State's Attorney Moen, Daily News Reporter Tris Anderson, and Rich Slagle of Moore Engineering.

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

KAYLA CARLSON - COVID UPDATE

- there are currently 4 active cases in Richland County
- 57.3% of those over 18 have received their first dose
- 54.9% are up to date with vaccinations
- walk-in clinics are being held on Wednesdays from 8:30-6
- continuing to host vaccine clinics using the trailer
- partnering with ND Dept of Health for Vaccine Clinics at Walmart
- received notification of additional grants for continued Covid efforts and immunizations

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- donation request from Wilkin County 4-H for Achievement Days

Fossum received an email from Wahpeton City Attorney Hatting requesting the County authorize signatures on a plat changing the legal description of County owned property for development in the Prairie Flats Addn so that it can be recorded. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Berg to authorize the Chairman and the Auditor to sign on the plat changing the legal description of County Property in Prairie Flats Addn. Vote was unanimous.

Hatting stopped by the meeting and asked if the Board had any questions on the request. Miller asked if the City would be interested in acquiring the County owned property in Prairie Flats Addn. Hatting replied they would likely be open for discussion.

MELISSA BROWN - BUSINESS EXEMPTION

Brown reported an application was received from Eli Kath for property tax incentive for a new business project. Kath is building a rental storage unit located in Waldo Twsp.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the 5-year Payment in lieu of taxes schedule as presented. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Berg to approve the contract as presented with Roberts County Detention Center for Boarding Prisoners and Juvenile Holdings. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ehlert to appoint Sandy Fossum as the Delegate for Richland County for the NDACo Annual Conference. Vote was unanimous.

Campbell reported the Jail Inspection was held last week - there were no serious issues and communications were good.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

LP Bid Opening - The following bids were received:

\$1.59 Dakota Plains Ag

\$1.30 Farmers Union Southern Valley

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Miller to accept all bids received. Vote was unanimous.

Contract Signatures - Signatures are needed on contracts with Knife River for the CR 2 Project and for several Railroad Safety Projects - CR 1 through Mooreton and CR 10 North of Dwight.

Hankinson Shop Estimate - The estimate came back and is \$5.2 million. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ehlert to advertise for bids. Vote was unanimous.

Drain Tile Projects - CR 15 is complete and the contractor should finish CR 25 today.

Road Tour - Berg and Campbell will not be available for the road tour scheduled for tomorrow at 9 AM. The tour will be rescheduled for a later date.

JILL BREUER - DISPATCH VACANCIES

Breuer reported two employees who had previously resigned have come back however Dispatch is still short two employees. Discussion followed and included:

- longevity bonus
- shift differential
- retention bonus
- current staff not able to utilize vacation time/looking at options to carry-over or pay-out
- Regional Dispatch with Ransom and Sargent Counties
- HR will be directed to check with our Payroll Consultant Gallagher to determine how a mid-term (5 or 6 yr) longevity bonus would affect the Pay Structure

NEW BUSINESS

Berg questioned why some Portfolio Boards received a per diem and some Portfolio Boards did not. Assistant State's Attorney Moen was asked to look into Century Code to determine if a per Diem could be paid for JPA meetings.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

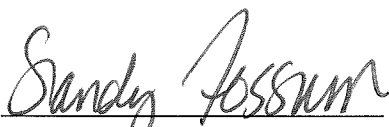
June

16 ~~County Roads Tour~~- CANCELLED

July

6 County Commission Meeting
 15 5 County Meeting
 20 County Commission Meeting
 20-21 Budget Meetings

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

ATTEST: 
 Sandy Fossum
 Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
 Tim Campbell
 Board of Richland County Commissioners