

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JULY 5, 2022**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on July 5, 2022 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Perry Miller. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Fossum and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer; and a Daily News Reporter.

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

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Campbell to approve the Minutes of meetings June 7, June 21 and the June 7 County Equalization meeting. Vote was unanimous.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Correspondence from WBI Transmission re- natural gas transmission facilities Wahpeton Expansion Project
- Correspondence from ND Environmental Quality re- renewal permit for Waste Management of ND transfer station
- Correspondence from Garrison Diversion re- Garrison Recreation Grant Program

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A) Social Services - Campbell read a report from the Human Service Zone; the Department would like a response on their request for lockers. Campbell will follow-up to determine if the lockers would be a direct or an in-direct cost and covered by the state.

B) Buildings & Grounds - No report.

C) Public Health - Campbell distributed a Department report which included a summary on Covid-19, West Nile Virus and a Jail Update.

D) JDA - Lake Agassiz met last week, SVEDA has hired a new employee.

E) Weed Board -Spraying is being done.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board - The next meeting is scheduled for July 11.

H) Administration - The annual audit has been completed, no inefficiencies were found.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern were present.

LP Bid Opening - the following bids were received:

\$1.78 Farmers Union Southern Valley

\$1.79 CHS Dakota Plains Ag

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

Engineer Sedler gave a brief update on the following:

- Shop Update - footings are poured, forming foundation walls this week
- Tiling Projects - finished tiling projects last week, working on graveling
- Paving Projects - will begin paving projects this week
- FEMA Projects
- Bridge Funding

The County received a bill from Prime Concrete for snow removal/mowing, etc. for the Hwy 13 Shop location. State's Attorney Kummer was directed to send a response letter opposing the billing as these services were not requested.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

Miller reported he was contacted by an individual who had concerns with the Richland County Historical Museum not being open on weekends. He informed the individual that the Museum was operated by a Museum Board and he should contact their Board.

Miller reported he was contacted by an individual to do a walk through of the County owned property on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Wahpeton - they may be interested in moving the house.

Berg reported he was contacted by individual with concerns that he and a number of individuals weren't aware that the County was holding an election in June and/or where the voting locations were. The consensus of the Commission was that the County and state follow the guidelines notifying the public of election information and that campaign/advertising is done by the candidates as well as the political parties.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ehlert to approve the Payment of Bills. Vote was unanimous.

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50 A.M.

Reports Filed: Sheriff Department - Revenue and Expenses for May 2022.

ATTEST: Sandy Fossum  
Sandy Fossum  
Auditor/Administrator

Nathan Berseeth CHAIRPERSON  
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Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for June 2022.

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	\$	250,506.97
County Highway	\$	98,727.04
911 Communications	\$	51,240.44
County Agent	\$	6,353.21
Veterans Service	\$	8,188.28
Weed Officer	\$	2,395.00
Public Health Fund	\$	86,614.00
Income Maintenance	\$	47,126.28
Foster Care	\$	11,589.64
Child Protective Svc	\$	32,279.18
Parent Aid	\$	3,250.70
Family Soc Worker	\$	-
Social Services	\$	11,685.40
In-Home Care	\$	16,104.17
Admin Support	\$	11,435.63
HSZ Board	\$	500.00
JDA	\$	-
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	637,995.94

EXPENSES: \*\* Refer to resolution records

County General	\$	234,064.32
County Highway	\$	461,977.03
Bridge Replacement	\$	7,901.50
Road & Bridge	\$	-
15 Mill Road	\$	14,715.01
Emergency Assistance Donation	\$	-
Emergency Fund	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	39,218.55
NDRIN	\$	7,261.99
Capitol Improvement	\$	12,574.29
Water Rescue	\$	-
Special Response Team	\$	-
County Agent	\$	3,356.02
Veterans Service	\$	4,639.12
Weed Control Levy	\$	90,458.29
Public Health	\$	47,688.41
Haz Chem Fund	\$	-
Income Maintenance	\$	16,088.66
Adult Services	\$	-

Foster Care	\$	5,311.31
Child Protective Svc	\$	14,121.38
Parent Aid	\$	3,221.66
Family Soc Worker	\$	1,389.59
Social Services	\$	4,645.87
In-Home Care	\$	10,595.65
Admin Support	\$	5,632.85
HSZ Board	\$	112.32
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	365.00
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	22.50
General Assistance	\$	1,171.64
State Medical Levy	\$	477.69
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	975.00
Garrison Div	\$	477.69
Domestic Violence	\$	175.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	-
TeleComm Tax Fund	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	12,421.47
Jail Concession	\$	1,457.17
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	2,465.00
SEMCA	\$	1,430.87
County General Accounts	\$	-
JDA	\$	-
Diversion Settlement	\$	221,784.00
ND Income Tax W/H	\$	-
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	885.70
Historical Society	\$	219.63
Co Agent Special	\$	188.00
Soil Cons District	\$	452.43
Water Mngt Levy	\$	2,796.86
Joint Water Resource	\$	716.52
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	1,233,455.99
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	\$	1,871,451.93

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