

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 6, 2019**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on August 6, 2019 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Berseth to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried with all voting 'aye'.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the minutes of meetings July 2, July 16 and the Budget Meetings July 16-17. Vote was unanimous.

SHERIFF LSHOVSKY - BUDGET

Sheriff Leshovsky answered questions and clarified the concerns raised after the Jail Budget was presented to the Commission by Todd Christie at the July 17 Budget Meeting.

Sheriff Leshovsky requested a Sedan, a Van and a Pickup in the 2020 Budget. Ehlert asked Leshovsky to prioritize the vehicles. Leshovsky replied the lowest priority vehicle would be the Van.

JILL BREUER - POSITION VACANCY

Breuer reported an employee in Dispatch has resigned and requested authorization to fill the vacancy. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Berg to authorize Breuer to advertise and fill the vacancy in Dispatch. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Kummer presented a Communications Services, Remote Terminal Server Provider Service Agreement between Richland County and NDSCS and recommended Board approval. Kummer reported it is the same Agreement as the previous Agreement, which has expired. The proposed Agreement will run through December of 2021. The Board discussed the dollar amount NDSCS is paying for the Services and would like to see that amount renegotiated prior to the next renewal. A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Berg to approve the Agreement as presented. Voting NO was Berseth, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance was Engineer Sedler.

Bridge 39-116-34.1 - The North Pier was poured yesterday and the North Abutment will be poured tomorrow. Pile driving to start on South Abutment and pier by the end of the week.

Chip Seal Projects - Tentatively plan to start on August 19.

Misc

- Hauling gravel to various roadways
- FEMA Meeting was held yesterday with Townships; FEMA will be inspecting sites over the next few weeks
- Berseth reported hearing concerns with the Eagle Township Bridge being shut down
- The Board suggested Sedler attend the next Eagle Twsp Board meeting and visit with them regarding stockpile material

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Social Services - Richland, Ransom and Sargent County representatives will be meeting today at 1:00 PM in Milnor to formalize decisions about the Human Service Zone.

B) Buildings & Grounds - The landscaping project started last week.

C) Public Health - No Report.

D) JDA - Notice was received that Bill Berlin has resigned from the JDA Board, he represents cities under 500.

Berseth reported they are seeing the benefits of SVEDA.

E) Weed Board - The Weed Board will submit an Amended Budget and the Weed Board will qualify for LAP funds.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board - Berg reported stones have been placed; Dave Link will haul gravel rather than hiring Skovholt's; there are problems with the drain in the northeast corner.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Ehlert to approve Temporary Liquor Licenses for The Black Pelican for an Event at the Bagg Farm August 17-18 and an Event at the Crooked Lane Farm August 17-18. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Ehlert to appoint Becky DeVries to another term on the Social Service Board. Vote was unanimous.

Foreclosed House in Fairmount - Lengthy discussion was held regarding the sale of this property to the City of Fairmount and the possibility of contributing funds toward the costs of demolition. The Board will discuss further if a proposal is received from the city.

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Ehlert to appoint Leslie Hage as the voting Delegate for the ND Assn of Counties Annual Conference. Vote was unanimous.

State's Attorney Kummer updated the Board regarding an individual who has made a threat of litigation against the County - the ND Insurance Reserve Fund has been contacted and has taken over. This individual needs to communicate with the NDIRF Attorney directly, not the County or the Board.

Hage presented several salary options to the Board. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to move all employees below the minimum on the salary chart up to the minimum and give all employees a 2.5% cost of living increase. Voting NO was Campbell, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

Hage presented preliminary Mill Levy numbers for next year; this information is needed for the estimated notices that will be mailed out to residents. A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Berseth to approve the preliminary mill levy numbers as presented. Vote was unanimous.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August

- 19 Walk-through for Court Facilities Grant
- 20 Commission Meeting

September


- 3 Commission Meeting
- 16 Park Board Meeting
- 17 Commission Meeting

October

- 1 Commission Meeting
- 6-8 NDACo Annual Meeting
- 15 Commission Meeting
- 17 5-County Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Vouchers for June and July;
Sheriff's Department - Revenue and Expenses for June 2019.

ATTEST: 
Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
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The following claims were approved for July, 2019.

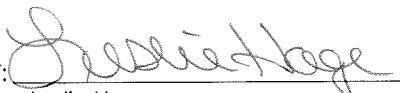
PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	236,767.51
County Highway	89,294.14
Social Services	103,127.75
911 Communications	45,374.48
County Agent	5,349.29
Veterans Service	4,267.47
Weed Officer	3,424.00
Public Health Fund	74,081.93
PAYROLL TOTAL	561,686.57

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	191,861.78
County Highway	958,588.37
Bridge Repl Fund	4,561.53
15 Mill	6,058.46
Social Service	48,962.96
911 Communications	40,557.78
NDRIN	10,568.81
Water Rescue	189.32
Special Response Team	769.29
Civil Asset Forfeiture	1,014.95
County Agent	4,566.71
Veterans Service	2,471.04
Weed Control Levy	68,791.65
Public Health	42,173.62
State Medical Levy	469.46
Garrison Div	469.46
Domestic Violence	245.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	225,000.00
Jail Concession	656.16
Sobriety Test Fund	1,630.00
SEMCA	256.56
ND Income Tax W/H	12,870.96
Sr Citizens Fund	469.46
Historical Society Fund	195.67
County Agent Special	660.80
Soil Cons District	469.46
Water Mngt Levy	1,877.85
Joint Water Resource	717.57
EXPENSE TOTAL	1,627,124.68

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES **2,188,811.25**

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