

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on November 10, 2020 with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DeVal and State's Attorney Kummer. Daily News Reporter Tris Anderson was also in attendance.

Other County Personnel attending included: Michelle Eberhardt, Lynn Flieth, Pat Giese, Mechelle Olsen, Jesse Sedler and Visitor Kristen Hasbargen.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Thompson to approve the Agenda. Vote was unanimous.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the minutes of meetings October 6 and October 20; and the Executive Session on October 6. Vote was unanimous.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Erickson joined the meeting by VideoConference. A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Thompson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous.

**MICHELLE EBERHARDT - ANNUAL LEAVE REQUEST**

Eberhardt requested that Pat Giese be named the interim Administrator of the Health Department until someone is hired. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Thompson to approve the request. Vote was unanimous.

Eberhardt reported due to Covid one or two employees in the Health Department were unable to use Vacation Time and will be over the carryover amount at the end of the year, she asked the Board to consider that they be paid for these days at regular pay, with no day off because if they take a day they end up working on Saturday's, OR can they be allowed to carry it over.

Hage reported other Departments were in the same situation and recommended this issue be discussed at a Department Head Meeting.

After brief discussion, it was recommended that each Department do a survey and bring it back to the Board with a recommendation, etc.

Campbell asked if the Cares Act Funding would cover this cost? He also suggested that with the new title for Pat Giese there should be a compensation adjustment with a Start Date and an Ending Date.

Hage reported that Cares Act Funding was received for five months and the County will be receiving an additional three month payment and then another two month payment. Hage asked the Board if they would consider looking at employee salaries again and adjusting the budget for next year due to the additional Cares Act Funding.

#### **LYNN FLIETH - HUMAN SERVICE ZONE PLAN**

Flieth distributed a Draft of the Human Service Zone Plan Template. A plan needs to be submitted to the state by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Plan first needs to be approved by the Human Service Zone Board and Commissions of all three Counties. The Plan outlines how the Zone will operate, the Board make-up, etc. Following discussion a motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Ehlert to approve the Draft Plan as presented. Vote was unanimous.

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Engineer Sedler reported the following:

- the lease on the MG1 is due next year, will advertise for bids with a December 1 bid opening
- the DOT is scheduled to join the December 1 Commission Meeting at 8:30 via Zoom to discuss federal aid
- the Red River Bridge on Hwy 2 is open again
- the pipe liner is in on CR 3 North of Barney
- the plows are ready and sand & salt have been delivered
- T3 Truck needs to be replaced, it was discussed at Advisory - will look at options

#### **ELECTION UPDATE**

Hage reported there were 4,055 Absentee Voters and 3,763 at the Polls. 96 ballots were sent to Canvas and 56 of those were approved. Canvas was held yesterday.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

A) Social Services - Heard from Flieth earlier in the meeting.

B) Buildings & Grounds - Ehlert reported the boiler contract for the grant will be reviewed by the State's Attorney and discussed at the next Commission meeting.

Berseth reported the Courthouse Grants Committee approved a 12 month extension.

Hage thanked County employees and Lambrecht for helping out without the maintenance staff.

C) Public Health - Applications have been reviewed for the Director position and interviews will be held soon.

D) JDA - No report.

E) Weed Board - No Report.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board - There are several bills that need Board approval; a phone meeting will be set up.

## **DENNIS BECK - PROPOSED FLICKERTAIL SOLAR PROJECT**

Dennis Beck and Project Developer Mark Mauersberger were present.

Mauersberger reported the proposed project is the biggest solar project in North Dakota and will be near the Colfax area. Mauersberger gave a project overview and reported that tax benefits are being prepared to present to the Board when the numbers are finalized.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS continued**

H) Administration - Berg reported there were approximately 10 applicants for the Auditor/Administration position, he along with Hage and Mechelle Olsen will review the applications and narrow it down and will then add one or two to a committee to review further and that committee can select who the Board will interview.

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

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### November

- 10 Department Head Meeting
- 17 County Tax Sale
- 24 Commission Meeting


#### December

- 1 Commission Meeting
- 15 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Reports Filed: Sheriff Department Revenue and Expenses for August and September 2020; and Tax & Property Department - Revenue Voucher for October 1-31, 2020.

ATTEST:   
Leslie Hage  
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON  
Sid Berg  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

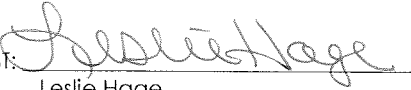
The following claims were approved for October 2020

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	255,757.88
Highway	90,212.95
911 Communications	43,769.40
County Agent	5,627.22
Veterans Service	7,858.94
Weed Officer	3,568.00
Public Health Fund	91,727.17
Income Maintenance	43,453.02
Foster Care	15,963.60
Child Protective Svc	24,626.39
Parent Aide	3,025.07
Family Soc Worker	4,553.87
Social Svcs	10,367.74
In-Home Care Spec	18,140.57
Adm Support	10,904.34
Human Svc Zone Board	550.00
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>630,106.16</b>

EXPENSES: \*\* Refer to resolution records

County General	214,436.08
County Highway	127,432.43
Bridge Replacement Fd	85,975.54
Road & Bridge Repl	38,000.00
911 Communications	61,036.00
Cap Imp Fund	18,720.00
Water Rescue	956.57
County Agent	2,692.00
Veterans Service	3,507.32
Weed Control Levy	53,814.30
Public Health	59,378.50
Haz Chem Fund	73.95
Income Maintenance	18,360.10
Foster Care	7,124.03
Child Protective Service	8,465.51
Parent Aid	1,762.02
Family Social Worker	3,997.13
Social Service	3,982.18
In-Home Care Specialist	11,019.85
Administrative Support	4,780.37
Human Svc Zone Board	383.36
Safety/Perm Funds	265.00
Foster Care Non IV-E	297.10
Unallow Fed Program	32.40
General Assistance	4,628.00
State Medical Levy	657.45
Garrison Div	657.45

Domestic Violence	490.00
Jail Concession	432.08
Sobriety Test Fund	160.00
SEMCA	668.35
ND Income Tax W/H	15,315.44
Senior Citizen Fund	2,240.83
Historical Society Fund	164.36
County Agent Special	258.74
Soil Cons District	657.45
Water Mngt Levy	2,305.70
Joint Water Resource	1,066.69
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>756,194.28</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,386,300.44</b>

ATTEST:   
 Leslie Hage  
 Auditor/Administrator

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