

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VIDEO CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 1, 2020 by Video Conference with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson all joining the meeting by Videoconference or Teleconference. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer (via video conference) and Daily News Reporter Frank Stanko (via videoconference).

Other County Personnel joining the meeting via video conference included: Jill Breuer, Michelle Eberhardt, Sarah Erickson, Kristen Hasbargen, Brett Lambrecht, Joan Oland and Jesse Sedler.

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

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

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Berseth to approve the minutes of meetings August 4 and August 18. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Ehlert to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting August 4. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Berseth to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting August 12. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Erickson reported on the Foreclosure Properties. Packets are ready for distribution, 78 parcels are on the list. The Minimum Sale Price Hearing is scheduled for October 6th at 8:00 A.M. and the Sale will be held the third Tuesday in November.

KRISTEN HASBARGEN - TRANSITION PLAN FOR RSR HUMAN SERVICE ZONE

Hasbargen reported the Zonal Board met last week, the Director Position has been advertised internally and interviews are scheduled for this Friday. Hasbargen's last day will be September 23rd or shortly thereafter.

Tele-commute Policy - After the proposed Tele-commute Policy failed at the August 18 Commission Meeting Hasbargen spoke with several Commissioners. This Policy is working very well with the two other Counties in the RSR Zone (Ransom & Sargent). Effective January 1st there is going to be a new HR Policy Manual for Zone Employees - this manual includes a Chapter on Tele-commuting.

Campbell commented that the Zonal Board met and advised Hasbargen to proceed with the Tele-work Policy. Following further explanation and discussion, and no objections by the Commission, Hasbargen stated she will move forward with the Tele-work Policy and supervisors will look at the Home-work spaces , etc. and have employees sign the tele-commute agreement.

Office Space - The Board discussed providing office space in Richland County for Hasbargen once she begins her new position for the State. It was the consensus of the Board that they would not be opposed to providing office space, and agreed that the office should not be located in the 2nd Floor Social Service Office Area; they also discussed the State contributing to the cost for the office space and agreed that Indirect cost share issues/concerns need to be communicated with legislative representation. Hasbargen did point out that the County received \$62,000 in indirect costs for 2018 and has only spent \$17,000; the state also contributes 100% of the operating budget.

The Board thanked Hasbargen for her work at Richland County and wished her well in her new position.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Sedler reported the following:

- finished paving appx two weeks ago, striping will start next week
- independents are done hauling gravel
- will be purchasing 25,000 tons of clay to be delivered to our pit
- the CR 8 box culvert should be going in September 16-17
- a Water Board culvert N of Walcott on CR26 should be installed the end of the week and the road opened up again

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berseth to approve an Access Agreement as requested by the Water Board so they can maintain Legal Drain 4; work was completed in 2008-2009, but it was only recently discovered that an Agreement had not been completed at the time of the project. Vote was unanimous.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Social Services - A report was given by Hasbargen earlier in the Commission meeting.

B) Buildings & Grounds - The new flag pole donated by the Lambrecht family has been installed.

C) Public Health - Michelle Eberhardt reported a trailer will be ordered this week which will be used as a mobile office for immunizations and Covid; either a Highway or Sheriff Dept pickup will be used to pull it. Eberhardt is working on where the trailer can be stored. Most staff are working in the office but she is asking them to continue to work from home also; staff are being flexible as far as working from home, but Eberhardt wants them set up to be able to work from home in case they need to.

D) JDA - Moving forward on building a spec home; a loan was approved at the last meeting and another is in the works.

E) Weed Board - No Report.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board - Working on holding the Spring meeting in Fairmount and possibly a memorial for former Park Board Officer Steffens.

H) Administration - Estimated tax statements were mailed last Friday. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for 8:00 AM on September 15.

The Auditors Office is busy preparing for Election.

Hage will work up final budget figures and email the information to the Commissioners prior to the September 15 Budget Hearing.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September

- 15 Commission Meeting (In person meeting)
- 15 Budget Hearing 8:00 A.M.
- 21 Park Board Meeting

October

- 6 Commission Meeting
- 20 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

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

ATTEST:  _____
Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator

 _____ CHAIRPERSON
Sid Berg
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for August 2020

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	253,135.94
Highway	93,942.70
911 Communications	43,467.68
County Agent	5,407.17
Veterans Service	7,858.94
Weed Officer	3,568.00
Public Health Fund	86,495.00
Income Maintenance	43,432.02
Foster Care	15,963.60
Child Protective Svc	24,371.39
Parent Aide	3,025.07
Family Soc Worker	10,331.41
Social Svcs	10,516.27
In-Home Care Spec	17,940.65
Adm Support	11,465.67
Human Svc Zone Board	350.00
JDA	495.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	631,766.51

EXPENSES: ** Refer to
resolution records

County General	214,379.91
County Highway	136,223.28
Bridge Replacement Fd	2,652.00
911 Communications	35,513.78
Cap Imp Fund	13,000.00
County Agent	10,923.38
Veterans Service	3,546.69
Weed Control Levy	22,927.77
Public Health	60,547.26
Income Maintenance	17,930.25
Foster Care	3,542.51
Child Protective Service	8,522.06
Parent Aid	1,605.47
Family Social Worker	3,562.66
Social Service	4,340.67
In-Home Care Specialist	11,530.93
Administrative Support	5,164.93
Human Svc Zone Board	236.88
Safety/Perm Funds	795.46
Unallow Fed Program	49.00
General Assistance	1,000.00
State Medical Levy	181.10
FEMA Disaster Reimb	29,522.06
Garrison Div	181.10
Domestic Violence	525.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	50,732.92

State Aid	34,428.17
Jail Concession	14,707.89
SEMCA	698.83
JDA	25,838.85
Historical Society Fund	319.77
County Agent Special	136.04
Soil Cons District	181.10
Water Mngt Levy	4,564.59
Joint Water Resource	282.27
EXPENSE TOTAL	720,294.58
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	1,352,061.09

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