

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 4, 2020**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on August 4, 2020 with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseith, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DelVal. Joining the meeting by Videoconference or Teleconference were State's Attorney Kummer and Daily News Reporter Frank Stanko.

Other County Personnel attending included: Jill Breuer, Brett Lambrecht, Michelle Eberhardt, Sarah Erickson, Jesse Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

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

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

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Campbell to approve the minutes of meetings July 7 and July 21. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Erickson reported on the Foreclosure Properties. 86 parcels are on the list; packets will be distributed in September.

COVID UPDATE /REOPENING PLAN

Breuer reported that a committee has been formed to work on reopening guidelines. Committee members include herself, Brett Lambrecht, Pat Giese, Bev Kressin, John Anderson and Mary Vetter. A plan from LaMoure County was used for guidance and has been emailed to the Commissioners. Some of the ideas being reviewed by the Committee include:

- a single entry entrance on the N side of the Courthouse
- temperature checks at the door
- requiring masks- rather than recommending them

Michelle Eberhardt distributed a report on the number of cases in Richland County and answered questions from the Commission.

Hage reported on Covid Reimbursement through Care's Funding - Governor Burgum has taken a proposal to the Emergency Commission to reimburse counties and cities for law enforcement payroll costs, from March through September, for all licensed officers. The Emergency Commission will review again before it is final but the estimated amount of reimbursement to Richland County could be \$680,000.

Hage reported on the feedback she has received since the July 21 meeting where the Board discussed teleworking and a motion was passed to bring all employees back to the Courthouse and LEC beginning September 1. Clear guidelines are needed with set criteria for employees to work from home.

Lambrecht reported he received approval notice of FEMA Funds for the 2020 Spring Flood; Lambrecht also reported the state has approved the County application for funding for a body scanner, lighting, and cameras for the courthouse security addition, he continues to look for additional grants.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Sedler reported the following:

- Crews are busy with graveling, harvest will be starting soon so roads will be in tough shape through freeze-up
- Paving will begin on schedule if there is no more rain

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Notice from US Dept of Interior re - Open Comment Period for Management Plan
- Resignation notice from Extension Agent Chandra Langseth
- Notice that the Assn of Counties Annual Meeting will be an online event this year

Hage reported the Water Board has requested an Access Agreement from the County so they can maintain legal Drain 4 - the Agreement will be reviewed by State's Attorney Kummer and Engineer Sedler before being approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - A meeting was held last week - moral issues were discussed in regard to reopening plans/teleworking. Indirect Costs were also discussed and may need to be adjusted within the RSR group.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - Several trees have been marked by the City for removal.
- C) Public Health - Heard a report from Michelle Eberhardt on Covid 19 earlier in the meeting.
- D) JDA - Meetings will be held every other month.
- E) Weed Board - Commercial spraying has been completed.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - No Report.
- H) Administration - Hage reported that Elections was extensively covered at the recent Auditors Convention. The Secretary of State's Office is recommending we look at decreasing the number of polling places. Other concerns and ideas discussed during the Convention were having larger Vote Centers, supplying election workers with Personal Protection Equipment, having sufficient back-up Election Officials/Workers.

Following discussion, the Board recommended Hage bring a Plan for Vote By Mail and four Vote Centers to the next Commission meeting for Board consideration.

Hage reported that Prairie Dog Funding will not be received this biennium and likely not the next biennium.

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

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:21 A.M.

Reports Filed: Sheriff Department - Revenue and Expenses for June 2020.

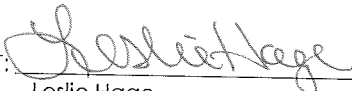
ATTEST: Leslie Hage Auditor/Administrator Sid Berg CHAIRPERSON
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for July, 2020.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	253,495.85
Highway	101,192.37
911 Communications	44,664.20
County Agent	5,578.32
Veterans Service	7,858.94
Weed Officer	3,568.00
Public Health Fund	86,031.76
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	18,041.45
Adm Support	11,465.67
Human Svc Zone Board	450.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	639,986.32

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records	
County General	220,027.16
County Highway	613,005.16
Bridge Replacement Fd	990.99
Road & Bridge Eqpt	61,555.00
911 Communications	35,540.47
NDRIN Fees	6,681.84
Cap Imp Fund	7,800.00
County Agent	2,554.63
Veterans Service	3,494.44
Weed Control Levy	43,240.08
Public Health	48,783.48
Haz Chem Fund	117.47
Income Maintenance	18,372.23
Foster Care	4,092.53
Child Protective Service	8,383.25
Parent Aid	1,785.78
Family Social Worker	2,952.93
Social Service	4,066.10
In-Home Care Specialist	11,566.81
Administrative Support	4,829.75
Human Svc Zone Board	219.99
Safety/Perm Funds	1,205.08
Unallow Fed Program	70.11
General Assistance	1,834.61
State Medical Levy	750.36
FEMA Disaster Reimb	2,912.95
Garrison Div	750.36

Domestic Violence	560.00
Jail Concession	960.19
Sobriety Test Fund	420.00
SEMCA	458.09
JDA	18,100.00
ND Income Tax W/H	15,822.70
Sr Citizens Fund	750.36
Historical Society Fund	187.59
County Agent Special	185.51
Soil Cons District	750.36
Water Mngt Levy	2,478.35
Joint Water Resource	1,130.52
EXPENSE TOTAL	1,149,387.23
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	1,789,373.55

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