

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met via Teleconference on Friday, January 22, 2021 for a special meeting. Joining the meeting were Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Perry Miller. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage, Fossum and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer; Emergency Manager Lambrecht and a Daily News Reporter.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Campbell at 9:00 A.M.

Lambrecht gave an update on the Hankinson Shop Fire, highlights included:

- the Fire Marshall was at the scene this week and acknowledged the electrical room was the origin
- NDIRF will be at the scene today to investigate
- the State's Attorney is reviewing Agreements with other entities and individuals for equipment/storage
- Lambrecht will pursue possible funds through the state if the Board has no objections

Hage reported on the following:

- Emergency Funds - there are some limitations and restrictions, the State's Attorney is reviewing Century Code
- Sedler is working with other entities trying to line up equipment and storage; many entities have reached out to the County
- we won't know what insurance will cover until after the Adjustor is finished

Berseth recommended the Board not be in a rush to purchase equipment, as long as we have equipment that can get us few the next few months, he suggested the Board take time to explore options. Ehlert agreed and stated the Board needs to look at rentals or short term and not be in a "Purchase Mode" right now.

Lambrecht has prepared a County Emergency Declaration for the Board to consider. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to approve the Emergency Declaration as presented. Vote was unanimous. (Copy attached to minutes).

Attest: *Sandy Fossum*
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

Tim Campbell CHAIRPERSON
Tim Campbell
Board of Richland County Commission