

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

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on February 4, 2020 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell and Dan Thompson. Commissioner Rollie Ehlerl joined by Speaker Phone. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer and a Daily News Reporter.

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

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Campbell to approve the minutes of the January 7 meeting. 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.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence from Metro Flood Diversion Authority requesting appointment of an Upstream Board Member from Richland or Wilkin County to the vacant seat on the Metro Authority Board.
- Correspondence from Garrison Diversion Authority regarding matching Recreation Grant Opportunity
- Invitation to hear Ben Winchester, Rural Sociologist, speak in Hankinson

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

House Fire January 19 - South of Fairmount - helped with American Red Cross Assistance.

Emergency Declaration for Spring Flood 2020 - A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Thompson to approve an Emergency Declaration. Vote was unanimous.

FEMA Funds - Funds are still coming in from 2019 spring flooding.

ND Courthouse Facilities Grant - Richland County's application was approved but for less than the amount requested. The project to connect the Courthouse and LEC with a single point of entry is estimated at \$1.2 million. \$628,115.18 was received in grant funding.

Hage reported some Capitol Improvement Funds are available and the County could levy one mill for the next four years if the Board decides to accept the grant and proceed with the project; the County has until March 23 to act on the grant.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Campbell to accept the Grant and proceed with the project. Vote was unanimous.

JEN KLOSTERICH - EPA319 GRANT

Watershed Coordinator Klostreich requested a letter of support for Phase 4 of the EPA 319 Grant, which runs through 2023. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to approve a letter of Support as requested. Vote was unanimous.

NORMA NOSEK - BAGG FARM ROAD

Nosek requested help with snow removal for the Bagg Farm Road; she asked if it could be designated as a County Road up to the end of the driveway. Nosek thanked the Highway Dept for assistance with snow removal whenever events are happening at the Bagg Farm; however she is concerned that no one can get in on a regular basis to check on things.

Discussion followed, concerns were voiced about starting a precedent and that the County Roads needed to be the priority. The consensus of the Board was that Nosek continue to work with the Highway Department for snow removal needs with Special Events, etc.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

Overlay Projects

Co Rd 10 from Hwy 81 to Hwy 87 - base bid - 6 miles

Co Rd 10 from Co 10 to Co 10 - alternate bid - 2 miles

Cost estimate for base bid is \$1,190,215, cost estimate for alternate bid is \$349,250. Sedler requested authorization to advertise for bids with a bid opening date of March 3rd. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to authorize advertising for bids. Vote was unanimous.

Bridge Inspections - NDDOT is no longer inspecting bridges and is updating their Agreement with the State and County that was established 40 years ago. The NDDOT is splitting the state into four regions and is hiring consulting firms; because of this we will have additional costs. FHWA will still help with a portion but the additional costs will have to come from our 15 mill or federal funds. If we go on our own the cost will be substantially higher than joining our region. Sedler requested authorization to enter into the Bridge Inspection and Load Rating Services Agreement with the NDDOT.

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Thompson to enter into a Bridge Inspection and Load Rating Services Agreement with the NDDOT. Vote was unanimous.

Loader Attachment for Wahpeton Shop - Requesting authorization to purchase attachment for the Case 120 loader to be used in Wahpeton to load sand. Two quotes have been received.

- Titan Machinery (Wahpeton) - \$13,900
- Northside Implement (Lidgerwood) \$13,200

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Berseth to approve the purchase of a loader attachment from Northside Implement. Vote was unanimous.

MISC

- will begin chip seal plans after the paving project is bid out
- A Map of "B" Roads was briefly reviewed and it was suggested by several Commissioners that the map be reevaluated and discussed with the Townships

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - The process is still in the works for hiring the Zone Director.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - No Report.
- C) Public Health - No Report.
- D) JDA - Short one Board member on the JDA. Hage reported that the JDA also needs to make an appointment to the SVEDA Board for an expiring term.

E) Weed Board - Will be selling a spray truck and a generator; all equipment will now be stored at the Barney Office.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board - Some repair work will need to be done in the Spring under the shelters due to shifting of sand.

H) Administration - The Veteran's Service Office has received a donation from Cargill to be used for Veterans in need.

- The County has received a subpoena for election records.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Hage was asked to follow-up on vacation time carryover of an employee.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- The City of Wahpeton sent a letter offering to purchase the former Armory Building (120 6th St N) from the County for \$1 and also requested consideration to partner with the City in mitigating this large scale dilapidated property.

Berseth reported he and Commissioner Ehlert met with City Officials to discuss the City's offer. The County acquired this building for non-payment of taxes. The City would like to cost share the demolition and work together; the City would manage the project if the County participates financially.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to sell the property to the City for \$1 and participate in 50% of the demolition costs, up to \$75,000 contingent upon project completion.

Discussion followed and included -

- concerns of starting a precedent

- each situation is different and needs to be looked at on a case by case basis

- the City is willing to cost-share in the project and take the lead

- the City budgeted for the project this year, the County would have to include it in next years budget

Following discussion, vote was taken on the motion - the Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Berg commented on a meeting he attended in Colfax regarding a proposed solar farm East of Colfax, utilizing 3,000 acres of farmland.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March

- 3 Commission Meeting
- 17 Commission Meeting

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

Reports Filed: Sheriff Department - Revenue and Expenses for December 2019.

ATTEST: 
Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
~~Sid Berg~~ Tim Campbell
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for January, 2020.

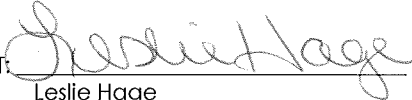
PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	255,892.61
County Highway	91,482.50
911 Communications	47,253.12
County Agent	5,663.90
Veterans Service	7,869.44
Weed Officer	715.00
Public Health Fund	77,702.88
Income Maintenance	43,432.02
Foster Care	15,963.60
Child Protective Svc	23,851.62
Parent Aide	3,064.34
Family Soc Worker	10,331.41
Social Svcs	11,599.57
In-Home Care Spec	18,396.98
Adm Support	11,303.08
Human Svc Zone Board	400.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	624,922.07

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	263,920.86
County Highway	165,360.33
Bridge Repl Fund	127,565.68
Road & Bridge Eqpt	123,234.00
Social Service	160.75
Em Assistance Donation	2,050.00
911 Communications	86,071.28
County Agent	12,742.66
Veterans Service	3,668.87
Weed Control Levy	1,328.53
Public Health	48,868.60
Haz Chem Fund	308.78
Income Maintenance	15,348.62
Adult Services	1,798.00
Foster Care	3,689.09
Child Protective Service	7,534.88
Parent Aid	2,154.29
Family Social Worker	2,372.98
Social Service	4,962.90
In-Home Care Specialist	8,889.18
Administrative Support	4,922.45
Human Svc Zone Board	35.81
Safety/Permanency Fd	120.00
Unallow Fed Prog Costs	81.33
General Assistance	6,900.00
State Medical Levy	28,913.56
Garrison Div	28,913.56

Domestic Violence	70.00
Jail Concession	1,522.79
Sobriety Test Fund	2,175.00
SEMCA	521.22
JDA	2,778.19
ND Inc Tax W/X	12,875.96
Sr Citizens Fund	28,913.56
Historical Society Fund	7,228.40
County Agent Special	110.11
Soil Cons District	28,913.56
Water Mngt Levy	94,352.14
Joint Water Resource	43,391.65
Current Tax W/H Fund	8,502,563.20
EXPENSE TOTAL	9,677,332.77

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES **1,464,080.84**

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