

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on February 5, 2019 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlerl and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage, State's Attorney Kummer and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Ehlerl to approve the minutes of meetings January 8 and January 22; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

A motion was made by Berseth to approve the list of Depositories for Richland County as presented; motion seconded by Ehlerl. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion was held regarding bank fees charged to the County. Commissioners directed Treasurer to contact local banks to ensure the highest return on investments.

SHERIFF LESHOVSKY

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the purchase of 2 vehicles for the Sheriff's Department; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous. Vehicles approved were 2019 Dodge Caravan (Dakota Chrysler) and 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe (Smith Motors).

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance was Jesse Sedler.

Summer projects

- Co Rd 1 Bituminous Overlay – From Co 8 to Co 4 – 6 miles
- Co Rd 4 & Hwy 81 Seal Coat – 11 miles
- Drain Tile – Co Rd 8 (3 miles) & Co Rd 10 (3 miles)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Brett Lambrecht provided the Commission with a Press Release "Richland County Residents Invited to Attend Flood Map Informational Open House" on February 20, 2019.

Reported Interstate Engineering has billed for the FEMA Map Revision.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Commission updated policy that all personnel hires must be brought to the entire Commission for approval prior to advertising. Changes policy from only needing approval of Portfolio Commissioner.

Richland County was awarded a Court Facilities Grant in the amount of \$8,808.38 for updated digital video recording, additional cameras and to relocate the elevator camera. 25% match by the County.

Garrison Diversion – Park Grant applications must be postmarked by April 1.

Berseth reported on the Legislature. Three bills have been brought forward regarding Farm Exemption. One seems to have some support. Other bills of interest discussed were "Concealed Carry for 18 year olds", "Random Drug Testing and Background Checks of School Boards & Administrators" and "Election of Water Board Officials". A "Coffee with Legislators" was held at NDSCS on February 2, 2019. Tentative date for next "Coffee" is March 16, 2019.

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

VETERAN'S SERVICE

Discussion was held regarding things being done to help the Veteran's Service Officer. Talks are still underway on where to place the office and the possibly of getting additional clerical support.

SEMCA

Discussion was held regarding NDIRF Liability insurance. All task force members are now employees of either the County or the City of Wahpeton and covered under each entities respective liability policies. Vehicles will be insured by Richland County and SEMCA will reimburse the County.

WATER RESOURCE

Vacation hours were discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services – Hasbargen very involved in current Legislative Session. Has testified and is in correspondence with Legislators.
- B) Buildings and Grounds – Anderson collecting information on an updated boiler system for the Law Enforcement Center. Two new boilers would be required. Would tie into the proposed air handler changes that may be coming in the future. Costs would be recouped in approximately five years. An independent analysis will be done.
- C) Public Health – Debra Flack is retiring February 8, 2019. A department retirement party was held for her.
- D) Job Development Board – No applications for loans in January. A SVEDA Summit that focused on housing was held. Housing and daycare are major areas needed for expansion. Appointment of representative from Wahpeton City was tabled until agreement is reached regarding prior collected revenues and new collected revenues.
- E) Weed Board – No report.
- F) Soils Committee – Soils Committee Meeting on February 15, 2019 at 9:00am in the Law Enforcement Community Room.
- G) Park Board – Park Board Meeting on March 18, 2019.
- H) Administration – New Deputy Recorder starts on February 19, 2019.
 - Advertising for an assessor in Tax Equalization, due to a resignation.
 - Hage thanked Jesse Sedler, Brett Lambrecht and John Anderson for their input and hard work during the recent weather closures.
 - State Auditors will be here next week for annual audit.
 - Department Head Meeting is scheduled for 10:00am today.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February

- 11-15 State Auditor's here
- 15 Soils Committee Meeting
- 19 Commission Meeting
- 20 Job Development Meeting

March

- 5 Commission Meeting
- 5 Department Head Meeting
- 18 Park Board Meeting
- 19 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

ATTEST: Leslie Hage Danny D. Thompson CHAIRPERSON
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Auditor/Administrator Board of Richland County Commissioners

Reports Filed: Sheriff Department - Revenue and Expenses for December 2018.

The following claims were approved for January, 2019.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	238,971.01
County Highway	89,870.76
Social Services	103,922.31
911 Communications	44,845.40
Drug Court	3,651.43
County Agent	5,242.58
Veterans Service	4,267.47
Weed Officer	805.00
Public Health Fund	79,860.03
JDA	270.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	571,705.99

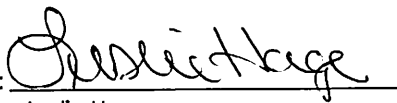
EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	263,152.38
County Highway	119,382.70
Bridge Repl	23,592.92
15 Mill	475.19
Social Service	61,728.35
911 Communications	40,195.91
Drug Court	1,167.01
County Agent	2,654.02
Veterans Service	2,341.29
Weed Control Levy	700.71
Public Health	36,920.76
State Medical Levy	25,384.14
Garrison Div	25,384.14
Domestic Violence	175.00
Jail Concession	5,140.16
Sobriety Test Fund	1,730.00
SEMCA	3,682.09
JDA	8,551.89
ND Income Tax W/H	12,922.34
Sr Citizens Fund	25,384.14
Historical Society	6,346.01
Soil Cons District	25,384.14
Water Mngt Levy	101,536.69
Joint Water Resource	38,247.53
Tax Holding Fund	7,528,588.74
EXPENSE TOTAL	8,360,768.25

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES

8,932,474.24

ATTEST:


Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator


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