

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 1, 2022**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on March 1, 2022 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Perry Miller. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Fossum and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer; and a Daily News Reporter. Visitors Rose Dotzenrod and Terry Goerger attended portions of the meeting.

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

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berg to approve the Minutes of Meetings February 1 and February 15. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Miller to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous.

JILL BREUER - STAFFING

Sheriff Leshovsky was also in attendance.

Breuer reported that Dispatch is currently short two employees, another employee is looking at retiring soon and she has had no applicants. Breuer requested \$1.00 Shift Differential for Dispatch and Jail Staff that work Weekends or the 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM Shift.

Following discussion a motion was made by Miller and seconded by Berg to approve the \$1.00 Shift Differential as proposed, effective April 1. Voting NO were Ehlert and Berseth, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

Breuer requested the Board also consider an Inclement Weather Policy.

BID OPENING FOR TILING PROJECTS

Damon DeVillers of Interstate Engineering opened the bids. Only one bid was received from Traxler Construction of LeCenter MN. Total Bid Price was \$861,416. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to accept the bid from Traxler Construction. Vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - No Report.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - Need to bid for a Construction Management Position for the HVAC Project, but will not need to hire an Architect.
- C) Public Health - Will be interviewing for the Health Services Professional RN Position.
- D) JDA - No Report.
- E) Weed Board - No Report.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - No Report.

COLFAX TWSP REPRESENTATIVES - SOLAR FARM PROJECT

Township Representatives Leon Heyen and Jessie Rieger were present and Stuart Gunness joined by phone.

Miller stated the Township Representatives were invited to the meeting to discuss Twsp needs and projects such as County Rd 1 and the Larry Moe Road; as well as the Solar Project. Miller asked why the Township voted NOT to allow the Solar Project and what their concerns were - as the solar project would bring tax revenue to the area for such projects.

Twsp Representatives replied the people of the Township do not want it. Forty-three people are against it and only a handful want it - concerns were Wildlife and an obstructed view.

Miller suggested the Commission Host a meeting with only one topic - a presentation from the Company; and the Township Representatives would be invited.

The Twsp Representatives agreed to the County hosting a meeting.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Polling Places - A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to have Vote By Mail as well as Vote Centers in the following locations: Colfax, Wahpeton, Hankinson, Fairmount, Lidgerwood, Mooreton and Wyndmere. Vote was unanimous.

Gallagher Study - Fossum requested a decision on a Wage Comparison Study from Gallagher, the estimated cost is \$20,000. The consensus of the Board was not to proceed with the Gallagher Study.

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

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Campbell to approve an Emergency Declaration for Spring Flooding. Vote was unanimous.

Agreement for Continued Road Maintenance - Kummer has prepared and presented an Agreement with the City of Hankinson for signatures.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to approve a Gaming Permit for the Wahpeton FFA Alumni Assn. Vote was unanimous.

- correspondence from Central Power Electric Cooperative re- Environmental Review

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March

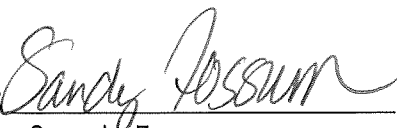
- 10 5-County Meeting in Wyndmere
- 15 Commission Meeting

April

- 5 Commission Meeting
- 19 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Reports Filed: Sheriff Department - Revenue and Expenses for January 2022; and Tax & Property Department - Revenue Voucher for January 2022.

ATTEST: 
 Sandy Fossum
 Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
 Nathan Berseth
 Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for February 2022.

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	\$	252,473.40
County Highway	\$	93,860.68
911 Communications	\$	42,013.55
County Agent	\$	6,374.31
Veterans Service	\$	8,188.28
Weed Officer	\$	957.00
Public Health Fund	\$	86,821.36
Income Maintenance	\$	46,795.28
Foster Care	\$	16,984.18
Child Protective Svc	\$	35,364.22
Parent Aid	\$	3,200.70
Family Soc Worker	\$	10,162.26
Social Services	\$	14,486.71
In-Home Care	\$	16,170.17
Admin Support	\$	11,435.63
HSZ Board	\$	450.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	645,737.73

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	\$	198,807.32
County Highway	\$	96,048.11
Bridge Replacement	\$	15,916.07
Road & Bridge	\$	140,043.33
911 Communications	\$	25,643.16
NDRIN	\$	218.79
County Agent	\$	2,419.49
Veterans Service	\$	3,776.90
Weed Control Levy	\$	1,546.88
Public Health	\$	51,518.68
Haz Chem Fund	\$	213.60
Income Maintenance	\$	15,729.07
Adult Services	\$	33.84
Foster Care	\$	3,475.11
Child Protective Svc	\$	11,080.33
Parent Aid	\$	2,130.55
Family Soc Worker	\$	3,441.27
Social Services	\$	2,574.60
In-Home Care	\$	9,337.58
Admin Support	\$	4,662.30
HSZ Board	\$	76.77
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	187.02
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	22.50

State Medical Levy	\$	29,519.89
Garrison Div	\$	29,519.89
Domestic Violence	\$	350.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	631,988.73
State Aid Distribution	\$	12,754.18
Jail Concession	\$	134.65
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	3,980.00
SEMCA	\$	75,125.74
JDA	\$	84,675.03
Diversion Settlement	\$	980.00
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	29,938.83
Historical Society	\$	7,482.86
Co Agent Special	\$	372.00
Soil Cons District	\$	27,755.12
Water Mngt Levy	\$	82,745.55
Joint Water Resource	\$	44,279.85
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	1,650,505.59

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES \$ 2,296,243.32

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