

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 5, 2019

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

A motion was made by Berseth to approve the minutes of meetings February 5 and February 19; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

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

Hage requested authorization to hire a temporary "on-call" person to have available in the Treasurer's Office between April and July when the regular personnel are out of the office for Family Medical Leave. A motion was made by Campbell authorizing Hage to hire a temporary "on-call" person as requested; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth to appoint Steve Gunness to another three-year term on the Richland County Job Development Authority Board; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

ASSESSORS OFFICE

Fossum apologized for being late, she explained it was because she had an upset landowner in her office using profanities and swearing at her.

Abatement Application - Richard Roberts, Fairmount - Fossum reported since the last Commission Meeting when the application was tabled, she has not had any contact or received any correspondence from Mr Roberts. A motion was made by Berseth to deny the Abatement Application; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Soils Committee Recommendations - Visitors Selmer Jordheim and Gordy Luick were present. Fossum presented two recommendations from the Soils Committee which met in February - to remain with the current PI System and a 5% increase across the Board on Aglan Values.

A motion was made by Ehlert to remain with the current PI System in place; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth to increase aglan values 5% across the Board to be compliant with the state; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Jesse Sedler and Lowell Bladow.

Overlay Project CR #1 - from CH#8 to CH#6 (approximately 6 miles). Requesting authorization to advertise for bids. A motion was made by Berg to advertise for bids for the CR#1 Overlay Project; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

Seal Coat Project CR#4 and CR#81 (approximately 12 miles). Requesting authorization to advertise for bids. A motion was made by Campbell to advertise for bids for the CR#4 and CR#81 Seal Coat Projects; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Culvert Bids - Requesting authorization to advertise for bids. A motion was made by Berg to advertise for culvert bids; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Contract with City of Wahpeton for Chip Seal Projects - Sedler received a contract from the City of Wahpeton for cost sharing chip seal projects on 11th Street and 16th Avenue. The Board requested Sedler visit further with the City before any action is taken by the Board on the proposed contract.

COURT FACILITIES GRANT/HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT and SIRN 20/20

Jill Breuer and Brett Lambrecht were present. Breuer reported the County has been awarded a Court Facilities Improvement Grant to upgrade/add cameras, upgrade DVR in the Courthouse, and improve lighting in the Court Room. The total project cost is \$11,744.50; the County 25% match is \$2,936.13. Requesting authorization to proceed with the project. A motion was made by Berseth to proceed with the project as requested; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Lambrecht is in the process of applying for a grant to cover the LEC DVR's and Cameras. There would be no grant match to the County.

SIRN 20/20 Meeting - An informational meeting will be held with Richland County Responders on March 13 in the LEC Community Room. The project was awarded to Motorola on January 10, 2019.

Breuer also briefly updated on Legislative issues - HB1435 - now in Senate, \$40 million was removed; HB1021- ITD Budget Bill, now in Senate; Prairie Dog Funding to include Communication Funding.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

States Attorney Kummer reported a meeting was held with NDIRF in regard to a letter NDIRF received from Don Heitkamp. Corey Quinton has been retained by NDIRF on behalf of Richland County and has sent a response letter to Mr Heitkamp requesting any further communications regarding this matter be directed to him, as the County is now represented by him for any issues set forth in Mr Heitkamps letter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - Legislation and funding as well as regional concept continue to be discussed.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - A Sewer Pump in the LEC was recently replaced.
- C) Public Health - The transition is going well with Michelle Eberhardt taking on the position of Director of Public Health.
- D) JDA - A meeting was held last week.
- E) Weed Board - Looking for State Assistance on the LAP Program.

F) Soils Committee - The Commission heard and approved recommendations presented earlier in the Commission meeting.

G) Park Board - A meeting is scheduled for March 18th.

H) Administration - Hage reported a possible solution for relocating the Veterans Service Office but some details need to be worked out as far as shifting around some Health Department Staff and Social Service Staff. Once that is determined, discussions can be held about hiring additional help.

- A Department Head meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM today.

- Chairman Thompson requested a letter be sent to the individual involved in the incident with the County Tax Director earlier today, stating that Richland County will not tolerate the use of profanity or that type of discourteous treatment of County employees.

- Hage reported the requested election information has been sent to the Campaign Legal Center.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

ITD access in the LEC basement was briefly discussed - Hage reported a rough quote was originally received of \$10,000-\$40,000. The estimated cost now is roughly \$12,000. Kummer suggested the Court Room in the LEC as a possible option; they currently have a system, however the TV is not in an ideal location of the Court Room. Hage suggested the possibility of the County paying for moving and mounting the TV and in exchange the Court let the County use the equipment and room if it is available when needed.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March

- 13 SIRN Meeting
- 18 County Park Board Meeting
- 19 Commission Meeting

April

- 2 Commission Meeting
- 4 5 County Meeting
- 16 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

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

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Dept - Revenue Vouchers for January and February;
and Sheriff Department - Revenue & Expenses for January.

The following claims were approved for February, 2019.

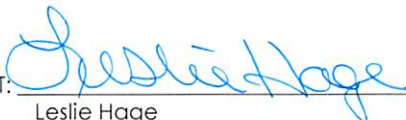
PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	240,400.26
County Highway	95,455.38
Social Services	106,344.18
911 Communications	46,895.31
Drug Court	3,599.43
County Agent	5,359.66
Veterans Service	4,267.47
Weed Officer	400.00
Public Health Fund	90,541.15
PAYROLL TOTAL	593,262.84

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	207,253.69
County Highway	87,694.34
Bridge Repl	748.80
Road & Bridge Eqpt Fd	31,257.38
1.5 Mill	143,763.78
Social Service	45,191.39
911 Communications	32,266.97
Drug Court	882.95
County Agent	1,537.52
Veterans Service	1,827.12
Weed Control Levy	1,613.74
Public Health	48,589.72
State Medical Levy	21,810.79
Garrison Div	21,810.79
Domestic Violence	245.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	71,435.35
State Aid Dist	45,005.55
Jail Concession	1,388.97
Sobriety Test Fund	1,740.00
SEMCA	301.82
JDA	28,408.35
Sr Citizens Fund	23,289.10
Historical Society	5,815.75
County Agent Special	1,602.11
Soil Cons District	21,810.79
Water Mngt Levy	92,430.17
Joint Water Resource	32,787.54
Est Real Estate Taxes	2,351.51
EXPENSE TOTAL	974,860.99

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES **1,568,123.83**

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