

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 15, 2022**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on March 15, 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. A large group of visitors was also in attendance.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ehlert to approve the Agenda. Vote was unanimous.

JOHN ANDERSON - HVAC SYSTEM

Anderson requested authorization to proceed with Comstock Construction as Construction Manager for the HVAC Project and to authorize Comstock to do the bidding for the project. The Board had no objections.

Ehlert commented that the Board needs to discuss connecting the two buildings. Anderson has looked at a scaled down version of the project. Sheriff Leshovsky agreed that a Single Point of Entry would be the way to go for Security reasons.

SHERIFF LESHOVSKY - VEHICLES

Leshovsky thanked the Commissioners, Sandy Fossum, John Anderson and Brett Lambrecht for their efforts in assisting with a recent incident at the Law Enforcement Center and the standoff in Fairmount the following day.

Leshovsky requested authorization to replace a Sheriff Department vehicle that was recently totaled in an accident. The Sheriff Dept was already down one vehicle due to an accident and had been using an old Durango that was in rotation for replacement. An insurance payment is expected in the amount of \$20,000 for the totaled vehicle. The Board had no objections to moving forward with looking for a replacement vehicle.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Miller to approve Site Authorizations for Head of the Red Youth Activities Assn for gaming at Terrace Bar & Lounge and Texas Crossing. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to approve a Letter of Support to keep Judgeship No. 2 in the Southeast Judicial District. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Sedler reported the following:

15 mill road levy - The County currently levies a total of 25 mills for road levies. Current levying authority beyond 10 mills will be expiring in 2024. A majority vote is required to continue to levy 25 mills for Road & Bridge. Sedler reported the Highway Department will not be able to maintain or repair current roads and bridges in 2025 without continuing to levy 25 mills.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ehlert to approve a Resolution proposing an increase of 15 mills to levy 1204 to replace the 15 mills lost with the expiration of levy number 1212 and placing a Measure on the County Ballot for the Statewide Primary Election. Vote was unanimous. (Copy attached).

Helendale Permit - the permit is good.

Road Restrictions - restrictions went on March 14

Hankinson Agreement - A letter and Agreement for Main Street was sent yesterday.

Drain Tile Bids - Bids were opened at the March 1 Commission meeting. A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Ehlert to move forward with Traxler Construction for the project. Vote was unanimous.

Culvert Bid Opening - Bids were received from Contech Engineering Solutions and Tru North Steel. A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Miller to accept all bids received. Vote was unanimous.

SENATOR JASON HEITKAMP - PLAN FOR BYPASS AROUND WAHPETON

Heitkamp has spoken with the State, the City of Wahpeton and Engineer Sedler regarding an idea to have a Truck Bypass Route around Wahpeton. A very preliminary map of this plan was distributed.

Heitkamp reported the City of Wahpeton is looking at updates to the existing bypass and that estimated cost is approximately \$8 million.

The plan Heitkamp is proposing will take trucks out of Wahpeton - the plan is very preliminary. Heitkamp is looking for any feedback to the plan he is proposing.

TODD MCMICHAEL - SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS PIPELINE

Approximately 50 visitors joined the meeting at this time.

Landowner McMichael presented a slide presentation which included:

- a brief description of the project
- Eminent Domain concerns
- Liability concerns
- Tiled Property concerns
- Property Rights concerns
- Compensation for land

McMichael also presented 130 signatures of residents against the use of Eminent Domain. He requested a Resolution from the Board to:


- stop the taking of land through Eminent Domain
- establish ways to measure how this pipeline effects Richland County and residents
- that the County go on record where it stands regarding the Pipeline
- work with and help the Townships
- emergency response

Ehlert asked for a show of hands of Who in the Room was against the Project - almost all hands were raised. Ehlert asked for a show of hands of Who in the Room was for the Project - no one raised their hand.

Visitors to the meeting were asked to voice concerns and comments regarding the project.

Following these comments, a motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ehlert to approve a Resolution officially opposing the use of Eminent Domain for the Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline in Richland County. Vote was unanimous.

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

ATTEST: 
 Sandy Fossum
 Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
 Nathan Berseth
 Board of Richland County

RICHLAND COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
RESOLUTION TO REPLACE THE EXISTING 15 MILLS LEVIED UNDER LEVY NUMBER 1212
WITH ADDITION OF 15 MILLS TO BE LEVIED UNDER LEVY NUMBER 1204 FOR
THE COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.

WHEREAS, the Richland County Highway Department along with the Richland County Board of Commissioners are charged with maintaining the roads and bridges in Richland County for the safety of its residents; and

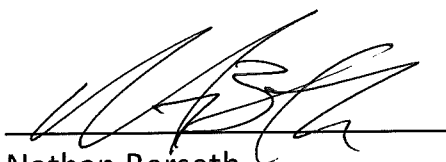
WHEREAS, Richland County currently levies a total of 25 mills for this purpose under two separate levies, one of which is expiring in December 2024. The loss of this levy will eliminate 15 mills from the County Road and Bridge budget; and

WHEREAS, The Richland County Highway Department will not be able to maintain or repair current roads and bridges with the 10 mills allowed for levy number 1204, it is proposed that the Richland County Commission replace the 15 mills by levying 25 mills for levy number 1204, allowable by the approval of the voters of Richland County as per North Dakota Century Code chapter 57-15-06.7(5); and

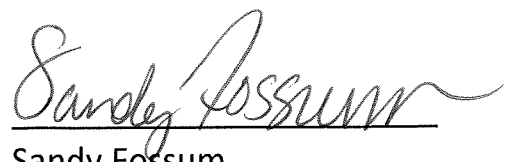
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Richland County Board of Commissioners propose an increase of 15 mills to levy number 1204 to replace the 15 mills lost with the expiration of levy number 1212, and directs the following measure to be placed on the county ballot for the statewide primary election scheduled for June 14, 2022 and shall become effective January 1, 2025.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2022

Approved:



Nathan Berseth
Richland County Commission Chair



Sandy Fossum
Richland County Auditor

COUNTY MEASURE #1

Richland County currently levies a total of 25 mills for road levies. Current levying authority beyond 10 mills will be expiring and a majority vote is required to continue to levy 25 mills for Road & Bridge. Should the Richland County Board of County Commissioners have the authority to levy up to 25 mills in the County Road & Bridge Fund, per NDCC Chapter 57-15-06.7(5)?

Yes – means you approve the measure as summarized

No - means you reject the measure as summarized