

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 5, 2022

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on April 5, 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; a Daily News Reporter and Rich Slagle.

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

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berg to approve the Minutes of Meetings March 1, March 15 and the Special Session March 14. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

SHERIFF LESHOVSKY - VEHICLE

Leshovsky reported he checked locally for a replacement vehicle in the Sheriff Department and had two options - a Pickup or a GMC Terrain. A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Miller to authorize the Sheriff to purchase the GMC Terrain from Smith Motors for \$32,790. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Campbell to approve a Raffle Permit Application for the Richland County Wildlife Club. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Ehlert to approve a six-month Liquor/Beer License Application for the Hankinson American Legion for the Veterans Memorial Site at Lake Elsie. Vote was unanimous.

Fossum reported on two options for a Vote Center in Wahpeton - the Community Center that will not charge a fee and the Event Center which charges a fee of \$300. The consensus of the Board was to use the Event Center for the Vote Center location in Wahpeton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - A meeting was held several weeks ago, may move to quarterly meetings.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 9 AM.
- C) Public Health - There was a resignation last week so there will be another job opening coming up.
- D) JDA - Approved several loans at the last meeting and discussed the Lake Agassiz Contract.
- E) Weed Board - No Report.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - A new groundskeeper has been hired.
- H) Administration - Fossum reported that Joan Oland in IT will be retiring in June and requested authorization to start advertising the position. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ehlert to advertise the IT Position. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

Project BRO-0039(046) - A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ehlert to approve the Final Certification of Local Match for the project. Voting NO was Berg, the remainder Voted Yes and the motion carried.

Drain 31 Project - Sedler requested authorization to advertise RFP for Engineering; he would like them due by April 16th with interviews on May 25. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to advertise for Engineering for the Drain 31 Project. Vote was unanimous.

- After Easter crews will be working four ten hour days
- Chip Seal & Overlay for CR3 will be opened at the April 19 meeting
- County share of the Wahpeton 11th Street Project is between \$54,000-\$55,000

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

State's Attorney Kummer reported the following:

- the Supreme Court has kept Judgeship No. 2 in Valley City
- the next Drug Court Graduation is April 28 at 4:00 PM

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Miller to adopt a Proclamation for Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 10-16. Vote was unanimous.

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

EIDE BAILLY - EFFICIENCY STUDY

Shelly Earsley and Jo Tillman from Eide Bailly were present to discuss implementation of the recommendations made in the Efficiency Study. Also present were County Personnel Jackie Babbit, Melissa Brown, Jesse Sedler, Sheriff Leshovsky, Sarah Erickson, John Anderson, Jill Breuer, Mechelle Olsen, Joan Oland, Danielle Flack and Pat Giese.

Following review of the assessment and discussion Berseth suggested a working Group be formed to move forward with an Action Plan.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April

- 12 Township Officers Meeting
- 19 Commission Meeting

May

- 3 Commission Meeting
- 17 Commission Meeting

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

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Voucher for February 2022.

ATTEST: Sandy Fossum
 Sandy Fossum
 Auditor/Administrator

Nathan Berseth CHAIRPERSON
 Nathan Berseth
 Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for March 2022.

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	\$	249,140.67
County Highway	\$	86,672.81
911 Communications	\$	41,081.59
County Agent	\$	6,213.38
Veterans Service	\$	8,188.28
Weed Officer	\$	590.00
Public Health Fund	\$	85,474.70
Income Maintenance	\$	46,174.28
Foster Care	\$	16,984.18
Child Protective Svc	\$	35,364.22
Parent Aid	\$	3,200.70
Family Soc Worker	\$	10,204.26
Social Services	\$	6,335.40
In-Home Care	\$	16,086.92
Admin Support	\$	11,435.63
HSZ Board	\$	-
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	623,147.02

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	\$	467,343.32
County Highway	\$	114,680.85
Bridge Replacement	\$	2,700.00
Road & Bridge	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	44,146.86
NDRIN	\$	200.00
Water Rescue	\$	927.78
County Agent	\$	2,088.34
Veterans Service	\$	3,836.77
Weed Control Levy	\$	1,306.59
Public Health	\$	33,769.34
Haz Chem Fund	\$	686.50
Income Maintenance	\$	15,924.32
Adult Services	\$	(33.84)
Foster Care	\$	4,183.33
Child Protective Svc	\$	11,396.02
Parent Aid	\$	2,049.54
Family Soc Worker	\$	3,466.82
Social Services	\$	1,784.60
In-Home Care	\$	9,321.67
Admin Support	\$	5,067.14

HSZ Board	\$	-
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	958.05
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	22.50
State Medical Levy	\$	41,369.25
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	975.00
Garrison Div	\$	41,369.25
Domestic Violence	\$	175.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	17,509.17
Jail Concession	\$	140.10
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	1,760.00
SEMCA	\$	1,424.93
JDA	\$	64,447.50
Diversion Settlement	\$	44,420.75
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	131,038.49
Historical Society	\$	10,483.60
Co Agent Special	\$	1,362.30
Soil Cons District	\$	38,892.51
Water Mngt Levy	\$	115,900.06
Joint Water Resource	\$	62,053.98
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	1,299,148.39
 TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	\$	 1,922,295.41

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