

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VIDEO CONFERENCE SPECIAL SESSION
APRIL 24, 2020**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session at 8:00 A.M. on April 24, 2020 by Video Conference with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, and Rollie Ehlert all joining the meeting by Video Conference. Commissioner Dan Thompson was absent. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer (via video conference), Jesse Sedler (via video conference), Brett Lambrecht (via video conference), John Anderson (via video conference), and Daily News Reporter Frank Stanko (via video conference).

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M.

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

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CH/LEC ADDITION

Hage reported three firms were interviewed for architectural services for the CH/LEC addition.

- TL Stroh, Fargo
- Foss Architecture, Fargo
- YHR Partners, Moorhead

The top candidate was TL Stroh from Fargo. The interview committee recommends that TL Stroh be approved for Architectural Services for the CH/LEC Addition.

Project costs were not part of the RFQ process; costs will be negotiated after a firm is selected and approved by the Commission.

Project Timeline and a Point Person at the County were discussed briefly.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to accept and proceed with the proposal from TL Stroh for architectural services for the CH/LEC addition. Vote was unanimous.

BONDING PROCEDURES/BANK OF ND - INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Hage contacted the Bank of North Dakota and was informed of the following:

- it is very difficult for County's to get this type of loan
- there are currently no funds available, they have all been appropriated

Hage contacted Arnston, Stewart and Wagner to discuss Bonding Procedures and was informed of the following:

- the process will take two to three months
- the longer the bond, the higher the interest rate

Hage and State's Attorney Kummer spoke with Aaron Birst from the Assn of Counties also.

Kummer recommended that herself, Hage, and Commissioner Berseth set up Team Meetings to discuss further, and that they could bring information to the full Board once the procedures/information is narrowed down and figured out.

Campbell suggested the Highway Portfolio committee meet to discuss goals, projects, costs, etc.

The consensus of the Board was that Kummer, Hage and Berseth discuss the procedure process and visit with Sedler and proceed from there, taking into consideration the critical timeline.

ATTEST: 
Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Sid Berg
Board of Richland County Commissioners