

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 4, 2021**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on May 4, 2021 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Perry Miller. Others present were Administration Personnel Fossum and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer, Daily News Reporter Tris Anderson, Rich Slagle of Moore Engineering and Cam Leedah.

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

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Miller to approve the Minutes of meetings April 6 and April 20. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

KAYLA CARLSON - COVID UPDATE

- there are currently 16 cases in Richland County
- ND has slipped to 31st in vaccination rates
- 53.5% of those over 18 have received their first dose
- the Johnson & Johnson vaccine has been authorized for use

Carlson reported allocation funds were received for the purchase of a pickup that will be used to haul the trailer purchased last year with Cares Act funds. The County will be responsible for licensing and insuring the vehicle as well as any future maintenance. The original intent of the trailer was for "Covid Testing" in the future it will be used for vaccine and foot-care clinics. Following discussion a motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to authorize the Health Department to purchase a pickup to haul the trailer. Voting NO was Berg the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

Berg recommended Carlson check into a Medical Card due to the gross vehicle weight of the trailer and pickup.

MELISSA BROWN - BUSINESS EXEMPTION

Keith Hage has submitted an application for property tax incentives for a new business. He is applying for a payment in lieu of taxes. He is building a 60x150 building located in Eagle Twsp which will be sectioned out into commercial rental space permitted to have living quarters. The Board requested additional information on the living quarters before taking action on the application.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - A meeting was held last week.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - The Boilers arrived yesterday and things are on schedule for the install.
- C) Public Health - The Commission received a Covid update from Carlson earlier in the meeting.
- D) JDA - RFP's for houses will come out this month.
- E) Weed Board - No report.
- F) Soils Committee - No report.
- G) Park Board - A meeting is scheduled for May 17th.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

A representative from RDO was also in attendance.

Payloader - Bids were opened at the April 20th meeting and have been tabulated, RDO Equipment was the low bidder. The lead time is four to five months so we will not have the equipment until the end of September or early October; RDO will rent us one for \$7,000/month and if they are not able to deliver the equipment by that time, they will not charge any additional rent. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to purchase the 335 John Deere 744L Wheel Loader from RDO Equipment with the rental stipulation included in the contract. Vote was unanimous.

Gravel Crushing - Krause Bros. Started last week

Pickup - A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Ehlert to authorize the Highway Dept to purchase a Chevy LT Crew Cab from Smith Motors for \$38,784. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Mask Requirements - Fossum reported she had several inquiries by Department Heads and Employees about lifting the Mask Requirement. No action was taken by the Board.

- Notice from City of Wahpeton re- land annexation

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jill Breuer and Sheriff Leshovsky were also present.

911 Update - Miller reported the Committee has met and discussed potential scenarios -

- 1) continue as is
- 2) state radio
- 3) team up with Wilkin County (not compatible/large expense)
- 4) look into Red River Dispatch Center (a Private Company)

Breuer reported Dispatch is currently down six employees, and three are in training. Four deputies are helping out as well as several Wilkin County employees, a retired Ottertail County employee, and several former Richland County employees.

Breuer requested the Board consider differential pay as well as hiring temporary help at \$22.00/hr. Several Commissioners voiced concerns with differential pay and how that may affect other Departments and also Exempt Employees, as well as the financial impact.

Following discussion a motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Berg to pay \$22.00/hr for temporary staff in Dispatch until the end of the year and to review again this November. Vote was unanimous.

Helendale Private Drain - Miller reported he and Emergency Manager Lambrecht toured the proposed project last week with Cam and Peter Leedah. Miller distributed a map of the proposed project and stated he saw no problems with the project itself but his concern is the protection of County Roads, and long term, the succession plan of the Helendale Private Drain. Discussion followed with the consensus of the Board that they would like an outline of the steps and conditions and have all the State's Attorney's questions answered.

The Board discussed taking a Road Tour in the next 30 days that includes the proposed project area.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May

- 10 Legislative Wrap-up
- 11 Richland County Historical Society
- 17 Park Board Meeting
- 18 Commission Meeting

June

- 1 County Commission Meeting
- 1 County Equalization Meeting
- 15 County Commission Meeting

July

- 8 5-County Meeting in Oakes

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

Reports Filed: Sheriff Department - Revenue and Expenses for March 2021.

ATTEST: Sandy Fossum
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Auditor/Administrator

Tim Campbell CHAIRPERSON
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The following claims were approved for April 2021.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	244,422.30
County Highway	88,511.40
911 Communications	56,497.68
County Agent	5,537.57
Veterans Service	7,858.94
Weed Officer	490.00
Public Health Fund	89,745.99
Income Maintenance	44,227.46
Foster Care	16,679.70
Child Protective Svc	31,453.24
Parent Aid	3,100.70
Family Soc Worker	9,280.72
Social Services	10,668.00
In-Home Care	20,014.62
Admin Support	11,176.94
HSZ Board	350.00
JDA	360.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	640,375.26

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	252,485.19
County Highway	59,367.38
Road & Bridge	104,389.00
911 Communications	33,507.11
Cap Improvement Fd	7,950.00
County Agent	9,814.50
Veterans Service	3,590.40
Weed Control Levy	749.53
Public Health	53,007.63
Income Maintenance	19,489.94
Foster Care	4,070.17
Child Protective Svc	13,160.90
Parent Aid	2,224.90
Family Soc Worker	5,474.34
Social Services	3,138.16
In-Home Care	11,072.52
Admin Support	5,823.18
HSZ Board	218.36
Safety Permanency Fd	1,082.88
Foster Care Non IV-E	398.40
Unallow Fed Costs	56.00
General Assistance	38.00
State Medical Levy	4,642.32

Garrison Div	4,642.32
Domestic Violence	175.00
Tele Comm Tax Fund	185,292.44
Jail Concession	5,506.89
Sobriety Test Fund	1,665.00
SEMCA	1,008.95
JDA	9,265.52
ND Income Tax W/H	16,555.77
Sr Citizen Fund	4,055.90
Historical Society	1,013.91
Co Agent Special	40.34
Soil Cons District	4,111.73
Water Mngt Levy	14,703.68
Joint Water Resource	6,670.28
EXPENSE TOTAL	850,458.54

**TOTAL PAYROLL &
EXPENSES** **1,490,833.80**

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