

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VIDEO CONFERENCE
MAY 5, 2020

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on May 5, 2020 by Video Conference with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson all joining the meeting by Videoconference. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer (via video conference) and Daily News Reporter Frank Stanko (via videoconference).

Other County Personnel joining the meeting via video conference included: Jesse Sedler, Sandy Fossum, Joan Oland, Sarah Erickson and Brett Lambrecht.

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

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

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berseth to approve the minutes of meetings April 7 and April 21. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting April 24. Vote was unanimous.

Hage reported the State sent notification that Counties need to submit expenses for Covid related expenses as there may be money from the State through the "Cares Act" Funding. Reimbursement will be at 100% of the expenses. Hage has spoken with Departments and requested the information to submit to the State. Hage also spoke with Chairman Berg in regard to overtime for Exempt Employees relating to the Covid Emergency, so far this overtime has amounted to approximately \$22,000 (including the FICA match). A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Thompson allowing overtime payment to Exempt Employees due to the Covid Emergency and 100% reimbursement from the State. Vote was unanimous.

TODD CHRISTIE and JOHN ANDERSON - HEATING & COOLING IN JAIL

Last September the Air Conditioning went out in the Jail. The estimated total to repair is \$28,210.00 (\$19,410 Schmitt's, \$7,300 Honeywell and \$1500 Nordick Electric). Christie reported there are available funds in the Commissary Fund for the repair costs. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to proceed with the repair. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Sedler reported the frost is coming out so Roads are beat up bad and drivers need to use caution; one Road has been closed. The blades have been out.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Hage updated on the Bank of North Dakota and Bonding possibilities as discussed at a previous Commission Meeting. She along with Kummer and Berseth did some checking into options and are recommending it be re-visited in the Fall for next year's season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - No Report.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - No report.
- C) Public Health - Eberhardt joined the meeting and gave a brief update on the Covid 19 Pandemic. The County will continue to remain on lockdown.
- D) JDA - An application has been submitted, waiting on some additional information then will hold a conference call.
- E) Weed Board - No Report.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - The Park Board minutes will be reviewed to see if a motion has been made allowing distributions. Abercrombie received a Grant for a Splash Pool, construction will happen next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Erickson gave a foreclosure update - working with the Sheriff Department to get notices served or to be mailed out.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS continued

H) Administration -

Election Update -

- a drop box has been received for the Courthouse
- ballots have arrived and we will start sending them this week
- Lidgerwood has been added as a drop box location so we will have a total of 5 (Wahpeton, Hankinson, Wyndmere, Lidgerwood and Christine)
- additional expenses for postage, envelopes, and drop boxes has been submitted to the "Cares Act"

Budget Update -

- budget information will be going out to Departments in the next few weeks and Budget Meeting dates will need to be set at the next Commission Meeting.

Joint Demolition Project with City of Wahpeton -

- Sedler has spoken with Interstate Engineering about including in the Demo Plans that the County retain the existing plaque from the demolished building.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

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

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Voucher for March 2020;
Sheriff Department - Revenue and Expenses for March 2020.

ATTEST:  _____
Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator

 _____ CHAIRPERSON
Sid Berg
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for April, 2020.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	254,185.45
Highway	94,078.17
911 Communications	44,147.53
County Agent	5,553.87
Veterans Service	7,858.94
Weed Officer	400.00
Public Health Fund	83,512.82
Income Maintenance	43,432.02
Foster Care	15,963.60
Child Protective Svc	32,567.76
Parent Aide	3,100.04
Family Soc Worker	10,331.41
Social Svcs	10,516.27
In-Home Care Spec	17,981.18
Adm Support	11,465.67
Human Svc Zone Board	550.00
JDA	225.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	635,869.73

EXPENSES: ** Refer to
resolution records

County General	394,351.78
County Highway	92,857.88
Bridge Repl Fund	842.46
Road & Bridge Eqpt	118,534.18
15 Mill	1,012.50
911 Communications	155,167.76
Cap Imp Fund	140.94
Water Rescue Team	18.79
Special Response Team	189.29
County Agent	15,993.09
Veterans Service	3,604.59
Weed Control Levy	708.39
Public Health	53,690.55
Haz Chem Fund	1,540.94
Income Maintenance	18,042.41
Foster Care	3,591.18
Child Protective Service	9,606.06
Parent Aid	3,269.20
Family Social Worker	3,676.81
Social Service	4,610.40
In-Home Care Specialist	9,613.58
Administrative Support	5,199.68
Human Svc Zone Board	118.79
Prime Time Child Care	77.00
Safety/Perm Funds	1,047.01
Unallow Fed Program	68.00

General Assistance	2,500.00
State Medical Levy	5,019.51
FEMA Dis Reimb	160,094.44
Garrison Div	5,019.51
Domestic Violence	70.00
Tele Comm Tax	185,292.44
Jail Concession	3,383.43
Sobriety Test Fund	1,580.00
SEMCA	488.96
JDA	100,017.20
ND Income Tax W/H	14,820.21
Sr Citizens Fund	4,433.09
Historical Society Fund	1,108.27
County Agent Special	519.43
Soil Cons District	4,714.57
Water Mngt Levy	16,845.86
Joint Water Resource	7,270.00
EXPENSE TOTAL	1,410,750.18

**TOTAL PAYROLL &
EXPENSES** **2,046,619.91**

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 Auditor/Administrator

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