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 Ehler and Dan Thompson all joining the meeting by Videoconference. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DelVal; 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 Ehler to approve the Agenda. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE
A motion was made by Ehler 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 Ehler 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 $1,500 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

Sid Berg  
Chairperson

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: **

- County General: 394,351.78
- County Highway: 92,857.88
- Bridge Repl Fund: 842.46
- Road & Bridge Epoch: 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
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**TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES**  
2,046,619.91

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**CHAIRPERSON**  
Sid Berg  
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