

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 7, 2019**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on May 7, 2019 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehler and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Ehler to approve the minutes of meetings April 2 and April 16; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Berg to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried with all voting 'aye'.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

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

A motion was made by Berseth to approve a Raffle Permit Application for the Wahpeton FFA Alumni Association; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to approve a Raffle Permit Application for Dakota Antique Tractor Club; motion seconded by Ehler. Vote was unanimous.

**ASSESSORS OFFICE - APPLICATIONS FOR TAX INCENTIVES**

Dakota Hills Electric- has applied for a PILOT incentive for expansion of an existing business project. Joshua Novotny was present. The payment plan would reflect basically a 70% exemption over the five year period. A motion was made by Ehler to approve the application; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Curtis Barth, Fairmount- has applied for a PILOT incentive for a new business project. Barth's were present. The payment plan would reflect basically a 90% exemption over the five year period.

The Board discussed why one applicant is reflecting 70% and the other 90% and the inconsistencies. Assessor Score explained one is a new business and the other an expanding business.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the application; motion seconded by Ehler. Voting NO was Berg, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

## **MECHELLE OLSEN - HEALTH INSURANCE**

Olsen presented notification received from NDPERS for new Health Insurance Rates for Sanford Health. The new rates will take effect July 1.

A motion was made by Berg to approve the rate changes and remain with the Grandfathered Plan option; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel in attendance were Jesse Sedler and Ron Hohenstern. Emergency Manager Lambrecht was also present.

New Employee - Sedler requested authorization to hire a new Equipment Operator. A motion was made by Berseth to approve the request to hire an Equipment Operator; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

FEMA - There were a total of 25 sites that were reported to FEMA. All sites are open except two - one crossing in Waldo Twsp and one crossing of Co Rd 29. Estimate a total of \$300,000 for all 25 sites. FEMA reps will be here this week to look at sites.

## MISC

- gravel crushing started appx two weeks ago, have about 15,000 tons crushed
- hauling gravel to Colfax
- will start shoulder work in several weeks
- drain tile bids will be opened at the May 21 Commission Meeting

Lambrecht reported with the recent flooding five families had no access to their homes and were displaced from their homes; Lutheran Disaster Services was contacted.

## **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

A motion was made by Berg to approve a Game Site Authorization for Great Bend Volunteer Firefighters; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

- Thank you from the Syvertson Family
- Notice from ND Dept of Health re- Permit Renewal for Disposal Services Inc

## **VETERAN'S SERVICE REPORT**

Social Service Director Hasbargen was also present.

VSO Officer Vetter reported the following:

- the Relocation of the office in March has helped with management of walk-ins
- attended the Senior Spring to identify those interested in learning about benefits
- upcoming Veterans Information Expo hosted with Wilkin County
- stats show the office continues to grow
- have received positive feedback from Veterans and their families

Currently getting office assistance from Social Service and Public Health personnel but VSO has no authority over them and cannot delegate tasks to them. Requesting approval to hire a full-time employee to keep up with office activity and caseloads. Vetter has started to develop a job description and has received information from HR on the estimated payroll costs.

A motion was made by Berseth to approve the request to hire a full-time employee in the Veterans Service Office; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

Vetter would like to have someone in place by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hage stated that the Gallagher Pay Study Group will need to review the position/job description to determine the Pay Range which will need to be done before the position can be advertised.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A) Social Services - Hasbargen has had to spend a lot of her time attending meetings in Bismarck.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - The roof on the garage needs to be replaced; Landscaping quotes have been received.
- C) Public Health - Annual Report was given at the last Health Board meeting. Discussed packeting pills for the jail.
- D) JDA - No loan applications were received at the last meeting, anticipate two at the next meeting.
- E) Weed Board - A Contractor has been hired for spraying.
- F) Soils Committee - The Soils Board met recently. The Commission suggested meeting with the Soils Board after the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss modifiers so everyone has a clear understanding.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

Assessor Score reported he followed up with Fossum to get clarification on the applications for tax incentives presented to the Board earlier in the meeting. Barth applied for a new business project; Novotny is an expansion of an existing business. Due to the different dollar amounts of the two projects - they compute to different percentage amounts in the PILOT Schedules.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS continued**

G) Park Board - Discussed replacing posts with a guard rail system or rocks, getting some quotes; will get the docks in soon.

H) Administration - Minn-Kota is here working on cameras; the FOBs grant project will be completed by the end of the month.

Opioid Litigation is on the agenda for the next Commission Meeting - Sheriff Leshovsky and Public Health Director Eberhardt will also be invited to hear the presentation.

Hage has done some further research on Vote By Mail, by Budget time we will need to know what direction to go.

County Agent Kayla Bakewell has resigned to take a position in Cass County.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

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

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

May

- 13 Legislative Wrap-up
- 14 Dakota Programs Users Group
- 15 Job Development Authority
- 21 Commission Meeting

June

- 4 Commission Meeting
- 4 County Equalization Meeting
- 18 Commission Meeting
- 24-28 Auditors/Treasurers Convention

July

- 2 Commission Meeting
- 11 5-County Meeting
- 16 Commission Meeting
- 16-17 Budget Meetings

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:52 A.M.

ATTEST:   CHAIRPERSON  
Leslie Hage  
Auditor/Administrator      Danny D. Thompson  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Voucher for April 1-30; Sheriff Department - Revenue & Expenses for March and April.

The following claims were approved for April, 2019.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	245,049.24
County Highway	90,466.19
Social Services	108,088.11
911 Communications	43,938.76
Drug Court	2,013.08
County Agent	5,297.22
Veterans Service	4,267.47
Weed Officer	625.00
JDA	360.00
Public Health Fund	77,319.27
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>577,424.34</b>

EXPENSES: \*\* Refer to resolution records

County General	425,320.74
County Highway	91,035.59
Bridge Repl	1,728.03
15 Mill	412,562.50
Social Service	42,070.51
911 Communications	28,709.78
Drug Court	835.87
Water Rescue	70.70
County Agent	14,752.64
Veterans Service	2,926.70
Weed Control Levy	368.70
Public Health	41,363.47
State Medical Levy	2,260.87
Three Rivers Crisis Ctr	1,627.60
Garrison Div	2,260.87
Domestic Violence	140.00
TeleComm Tax Fund	185,292.44
Jail Concession	10,869.50
Sobriety Test Fund	1,385.00
SEMCA	425.68
JDA	4,497.57
ND Income Tax W/H	13,486.82
Sr Citizens Fund	1,674.45
Historical Society	418.53
County Agent Special	391.46
Soil Cons District	1,955.93
Water Mngt Levy	9,043.54
Joint Water Resource	3,105.44
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,300,580.93</b>

**TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES** **1,878,005.27**

ATTEST:   
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