

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 20, 2023**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on June 20, 2023 with Commissioners Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehler, Terry Goerger and Perry Miller. Others included Administration Personnel Fossum and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer, Assistant State's Attorney Rydell; and Daily News Reporter Frank Stanko. A large group of visitors was in attendance.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Goerger to approve the Agenda. Vote was unanimous.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE - BUSINESS EXEMPTION

Tax Director Brown presented a business exemption for Keith Hage/Hage Properties for a Payment in lieu of taxes and a proposed payment schedule. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to approve the five-year payment schedule for Hage Properties as presented. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Campbell to approve a Temporary Liquor License for Antelope Creek Bar & Grill for an event at the Bagg Farm. Vote was unanimous.

- 2023 Joint Summer Water Meeting Notice

Goerger asked the process for disposing/selling unused Weed Board equipment. State's Attorney Kummer stated it would depend on the value of the equipment. Goerger will follow-up with Kummer.

STEVE AND SHELLEY WOLF - ROAD WASHOUT

Wolf's explained their road has been washed out for over a year and they have been trying to get an update on it.

Highway Engineer Sedler and Emergency Manager Lambrecht explained that this is a FEMA crossing and they are waiting on hazard mitigation before any repair work can begin; as soon as FEMA allows it, the repairs can be done.

Berseth requested Sedler and Lambrecht keep Wolf's informed of any FEMA updates.

SHERIFF RUHL - STAFF INTRODUCTION

Sheriff Ruhl introduced recently hired Deputy Tyler Lawrence and his drug canine Nemo to the Board.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Radio Equipment - Sedler reported with the SIRN project their older radios are not compatible. A quote of \$94,883 was received for 39 radios from MinnKota Communications; with the SIRN Project we will be reimbursed \$1500 a radio so total cost to the County is approximately \$36,383. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to approve the expenditure for radios. Vote was unanimous.

Motor Grader - The last motor grader was received appx a month ago. Sedler briefly explained several leasing options to the Board.

- United Lease - (7) years with an annual payment of \$61,513 and a \$1 Buyout
- Cat Lease - (5) years with an annual payment of \$61,824 and a \$160,000 Buyout

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to proceed with the lease option offering the best interest rate. Vote was unanimous.

Eagle Twsp Bridge - Sedler presented contract documents for Bridge Project BRJ-0039(048). The project will be funded 100% State and Federal so there will be no cost to the County. A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Miller to authorize the required signatures. Vote was unanimous.

LP Bid Opening - The following bids were received:

	<u>Hankinson</u>	<u>Colfax/Wahpeton</u>	<u>250 gallon tank</u>
CHS Dakota Plains	\$1.50	\$1.60	\$1.70
Farmers Union So Valley	\$1.11	\$1.29	\$1.29
Lakes Gas Walcott	\$1.659	\$1.659	\$1.659

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to accept all bids received. Vote was unanimous.

Project Updates -

CR 81 & CR10 N will both be closed for several days for projects

Wage Adjustments - Sedler requested the wage adjustments for Highway Personnel approved at the June 6 meeting become effective August 16 rather than August 1 due to the Highway Department pay period. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to change the effective date from August 1 to August 16. Vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Visitor Rose Dotzenrod and a large group of visitors were present. Dotzenrod presented a Petition for Richland County Commission to Direct Attorney General to Investigate Ownership of and Regarding Midwest Carbon Express CO2 Pipeline Project, Proposed by SCS Carbon Transport LLC. The petition was signed by 176 individuals.

Discussion followed and included:

- several landowners spoke out on eminent domain threats received from Summit Carbon Solutions
- the requirement of the Attorney General to investigate once requested and the time frame
- the Resolution previously adopted by Richland County opposing the use of eminent domain
- verbage used by Burleigh and Emmons County in their requests to the AG

At the conclusion of discussion it was decided that State's Attorney Kummer look into the costs for requesting an AG opinion and Fossum look into the Verbage used by Burleigh and Emmons County in their requests to the AG. On August 1 the Commission will have more information and can address at that meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July

- 10 Park Board
- 11-13 Auditors Conference
- 18 Commission Meeting
- 18-19 Budget Meetings
- 20 Geology Tour

August

- 1 Commission Meeting
- 15 Commission Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Goerger.
Meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

ATTEST Sandy Fossum
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

Rollie Ehlert CHAIRPERSON
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Board of Richland County Commissioners