

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 21, 2022**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on June 21, 2022 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Perry Miller. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Fossum and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer; and Daily News Reporter Frank Stanko. Visitor Rich Slagle attended a portion of the meeting.

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

JILL BREUER - STAFFING and CRIB

Staffing - Breuer reported that current Senior Tele-Communications Specialist, Tracy Hanson has been hired to replace Communications/911 Assistant Manager Lack who will be retiring the end of August or early September; when Lack retires this will leave an open Dispatch position. Breuer requested authorization to open the Dispatch position back up. Hanson's position is also now vacant and Breuer would like to change that position - the Senior Telecommunications Specialist to a Night Supervisor and that would be done internally - they would not be hiring an extra person. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Campbell to approve the staffing request. Vote was unanimous.

Breuer distributed a Draft of the Communications Service Agreement between Richland County and the City of Wahpeton. She asked the Commission to review and offer any comments or changes. Following review, the Board had no objections to Breuer proceeding with the Contract.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

Shop Update - The footings have been dug and will be poured this week.

Propane Tank - A larger propane tank will be needed for the new shop- Farmers Union Southern Valley has a 14,500 gallon tank for \$58,500. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to proceed with the purchase. Vote was unanimous.

Rumble Strips - have been cut on Co Rd 10, Co Rd 4 and Co Rd 81.

Bridges - Will apply for BRP Funding (HB 1505) as follows:

2023 - Eagle Twsp Bridge

2024 - Great Bend Bridge

2025 - possibly Brandenburg Twsp Bridge

Borings - A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to authorize up to \$12,500 for borings for Bridge 123-9 in Eagle Twsp. Vote was unanimous.

Tiling Projects - Completed on Co Rd 10 and Co Rd 17, will start on Co Rd 8 next.

Pre-construction Meeting - for Co Rd 3 through Barney is scheduled for June 22.

Road Foreman Position - Ron Hohenstern will be retiring in December. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to advertise the position. Vote was unanimous.

Township Mileage Certifications - Officer Manager Herding reported she is still waiting on several Townships.

FEMA - Still working with FEMA on several crossings.

Co Rd 1 Restrictions - Co Rd1 is still restricted from 16 to 13, will keep at 6 ton.

BRETT LAMBRECHT - HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Lambrecht gave an update on Homeland Security Grants -

2020 Grant - kept the body scanner machine

2021 Grant - additional lighting, panic button and Door FOBS

2022 Grant - FOB Updates, entrance system camera & buzzer, cross arm gates

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- correspondence from the ND Dept of Environmental Quality re - Minn-Dak

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to approve a Raffle Permit Application for the Dist. 10 American Legion Riders, Wahpeton ND Post 20. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Campbell to approve the Sale of County Property in Hankinson to the City of Hankinson. (Parcel 48-0305-04659.000) Vote was unanimous. Miller suggested that in the future, prior to approving the sale of tax foreclosed properties, the Commission should be made aware of City intentions for those properties.

Auditor Fossum reported:

- the next 5-County meeting is scheduled for July 7 in Gwinner
- Brandon O'Hara has been hired as the County IT Network Administrator and will begin on July 5

Election Update - Fossum reported that Election went well however 7 Vote Centers are too many locations, with all the equipment that needs to be available as well as finding poll workers. The Commission recommended revisiting Polling Locations and Vote by Mail options no later than the August Meeting agenda.

The Board discussed June Nineteenth, recently granted to County employees as an additional paid Holiday. State's Attorney Kummer stated that Columbus Day is also a Federal Holiday but is not listed in the Policy Manual. The Board directed Fossum to review the Holidays listed in the Policy Manual and add all Federal Holidays not listed.

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

ATTEST: Sandy Fossum
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

Nathan Berseth CHAIRPERSON
Nathan Berseth
Board of Richland County Commissioners