

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 2, 2019**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on July 2, 2019 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Commissioner Sid Berg was absent. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer and a Daily News Reporter.

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

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to approve the minutes of meetings June 4, June 18 and the Equalization Meeting June 4. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

KRISTEN HASBARGEN - POSITION VACANCY

Hasbargen reported a Vacancy in Social Services for a Foster Care Case Manager and requested authorization to fill the vacancy. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to authorize Hasbargen to advertise and fill the vacancy in Social Services. Vote was unanimous.

Hage reported a presentation was given by the State on the Social Service redesign at the Auditors Convention last week in Bismarck; there will be indirect costs not anticipated, which concerned many of the Auditors who attended the presentation.

Hasbargen reported that several Commissioners from a County in our proposed Zone have concerns about the proposed Zone Board Members and the proposed Host County following a meeting that was held June 11 where these items had been discussed.

The Board directed Hage to request that Social Service Redesign be added to the 5-County Meeting Agenda scheduled for July 11 in LaMoure County so concerns can be addressed.

JILL BREUER - CRIB BOARD APPOINTMENT AND SIRN 20/20 RADIO CONSOLE

Breuer reported her two-year appointment on the Coordinated Regional Interoperability Board (CRIB) Board will expire soon and requested the Commission appoint someone from the County to the CRIB Board. A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Ehlert to appoint Jill Breuer to the CRIB Board, with Brett Lambrecht being the alternate. Vote was unanimous.

Breuer presented a quote of \$378,896 for three consoles in Dispatch which are needed for the SIRN 20/20 state wide interoperable radio system. With this system there would be a re-occurring cost of \$1,500 per month for the connection as well as annual maintenance fees. The system has a 20-25 year life expectancy. Breuer and Lambrecht have applied for two grants which may cover up to \$15,000; Breuer has budgeted \$400,000. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to approve the purchase as presented. Vote was unanimous.

SANDY FOSSUM - SOILS COMMITTEE

Fossum presented a Policy for Applying Modifiers (copy attached to minutes) which the Soils Committee has approved and they are requesting the County Commission also approve. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the Policy for Applying Modifiers. Vote was unanimous.

Fossum reported a Vacancy on the Soils Committee in District 7 and that Brady Theede has been recommended to fill the vacancy. A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Berseth to appoint Brady Theede to the Soils Committee District 7. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

Construction Engineering for Project BRO-0039(046) - Richland County advertised for construction engineering services for Bridge 39-116-34.1. Only one proposal was received, it came from Interstate Engineering. A selection committee interviewed Interstate Engineering on June 19 and it is the recommendation of the selection committee to award the construction engineering to Interstate Engineering. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to enter into a Contract with Interstate Engineering Inc for Construction Engineering for Project BRO-0039(046). Vote was unanimous.

Paving - Knife River Material started paving on July 1.

3rd Avenue Project - The paving has been completed; we will sign spots for County vehicles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - Hasbargen reported earlier in the Commission meeting.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - Several trees have been removed from the property and the monuments cleaned up. The Reno-Dry Project has been installed.
- C) Public Health - No Report.
- D) JDA - Board appointments were discussed at the last JDA meeting. The City of Wahpeton has recommended Perry Miller be appointed to the JDA Board.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to appoint Perry Miller to the JDA Board. Vote was unanimous.

- E) Weed Board - Fund surplus has been depleted, will discuss at budget time.
- F) Soils Committee - Fossum reported earlier in the Commission meeting.
- G) Park Board - The next meeting is scheduled for July 15.
- H) Administration - Hage reported a Vacancy in the Recorders Office for a Deputy Recorder and requested authorization to fill the vacancy. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to advertise and fill the vacancy in the Recorders Office. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Hage informed the Commission an ad will be placed for expiring terms on the Health Board and the Social Service Board.

Hage reported the Wahpeton City Council submitted the names of three individuals for consideration of appointment to the Vector Control District No. 5. The Commission discussed the request and the need for a non-city representative because of the Vector Board's ability to levy. The Commission tabled the appointments.

Hage informed the Commission the Assn of Counties Annual meeting is scheduled for October 6-8 in Bismarck.

Hage reported the old election equipment will be picked up next week and that the County will be receiving one central count machine and 13 individual equipment pieces for the precincts at a later date.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

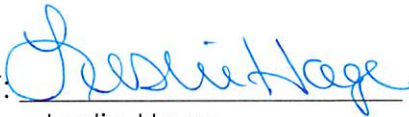
July

- 11 5-County Meeting
- 15 Park Board Meeting
- 16 Commission Meeting
- 16-17 Budget Meetings
- 17 JDA Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Voucher for May.

ATTEST:



Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator



Danny D. Thompson
CHAIRPERSON
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The following claims were approved for June, 2019.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	241,995.17
County Highway	93,960.84
Social Services	104,214.03
911 Communications	45,527.11
County Agent	5,180.14
Veterans Service	4,267.47
Weed Officer	3,793.00
Public Health Fund	77,244.52
PAYROLL TOTAL	576,182.28

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	246,068.65
County Highway	223,948.32
Road & Bridge	71,918.67
15 Mill	22,405.66
Social Service	41,387.29
911 Communications	55,602.95
Drug Court	129.18
Water Rescue	298.61
Special Response Team	16.99
County Agent	3,074.35
Veterans Service	3,621.41
Weed Control Levy	482.37
Public Health	57,090.34
State Medical Levy	313.08
Three Rivers Crisis Ctr	1,072.50
Garrison Div	313.08
Domestic Violence	245.00
Jail Concession	1,092.21
Sobriety Test Fund	1,990.00
SEMCA	86.06
JDA	84,176.35
Sr Citizens Fund	313.08
County Agent Special	829.58
Soil Cons District	313.08
Water Mngt Levy	1,252.67
Joint Water Resource	509.99
EXPENSE TOTAL	881,551.47

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES **1,394,733.75**

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POLICY FOR APPLYING MODIFIERS

Modifiers may be placed on agricultural land by the local board of equalization. The modifiers must be requested by the land owner or an individual with an interest in the property, such as the person that rents the land. The placement of modifiers shall be done at the equalization meeting of the jurisdiction.

Careful consideration of the soil conditions shall be considered when applying modifiers. Modifiers shall be placed in 10% increments, with a 30% limit per modifier and a maximum of 40% per soil type. Blanket modifications of a soil type or of an entire jurisdiction will not be permitted. Modifiers are to be considered on an individual landowner/interested party basis only.

This policy may be revised upon recommendation of the Richland County Soils Committee and approval of such recommendation by the Richland County Board of Commissioners.