

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 7, 2021 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Perry Miller. Others present were Administration Personnel Fossum and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer, and Daily News Reporter Tris Anderson. Others attending portions of the meeting included Mechelle Olsen and Joan Oland.

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

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Berg to send a letter of support for Phase VI of the EPA 319 Grant that is sponsored by the Richland County Soil Conservation. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Ehlert to approve the minutes of meetings August 3, August 10, August 17 and August 25. Vote was unanimous.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Erickson distributed Foreclosure Packets to the Board; there are 82 parcels this year and 7 from prior years for a total of 89 parcels. The Minimum Sale Price Hearing is scheduled for October 6 and the Sale Date will be November 16.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

2021 State Homeland Security Grant - expecting Final approval November or December.

2020 State Homeland Security Grant - request has been submitted to move funding to camera replacements in the Jail.

## **BUDGET HEARING**

Fossum reported the proposed 2022 final budget information was emailed to the Commissioners for review prior to today's meeting with the adjustments made, as requested by the Board at a previous meeting.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the 2022 Budget as presented at 98.44 mills. Vote was unanimous.

## **CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE**

Jason Weber requested a Civil Asset Forfeiture of Cash in the amount of \$1,088 be transferred from Richland County to SEMCA Drug Task Force. Weber explained that Richland County is the Fiscal Holder per State Guidelines and any expenditure of these funds would still need to come before the Commission. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Berg to approve the Transfer Request. Vote was unanimous.

## **KAYLA CARLSON - COVID UPDATE and REQUEST TO FILL POSITION**

Covid Update - Active Cases are increasing and the CDC rating for Richland County is at High Transmission. Vaccination Clinics are ongoing at various locations.

Health Officer Service Agreement - Carlson requested the Board approve a new Health Officer Service Agreement with Sanford to appoint Ted Hasken as the new Health Officer to replace Dr Halvorson who is retiring. A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Ehlert to approve the Health Officer Services Agreement as presented. Vote was unanimous.

Director of Nursing Position - At the August 17 meeting a motion to advertise the Director of Nursing position failed so Carlson is again asking the Board to consider a request to advertise this position.

Following lengthy discussion a motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berg to move forward with advertising and hiring a Director of Nursing. Voting NO were Miller and Berseth. The remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Joint Powers Agreement - In May of 2002 the City of Hankinson and Richland County entered into an Agreement for the City to provide sanitary sewer and waterlines to the County Shop in Hankinson and in exchange the County would provide maintenance to Richland County Road 1a. Because the County is building a new shop the Joint Powers Agreement is no longer necessary. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berseth to terminate the Joint Powers Agreement. Vote was unanimous.

Trucks - One truck box came in so we may have one new truck soon. Have visited with neighboring Counties about borrowing equipment and also with area farmers regarding storage.

Jake Brake Signs - Signs have been ordered for Colfax and Christine.

Shop Financing - Fossum inquired with the Bank of North Dakota regarding financing for the new shop, they suggested she visit with Arnston & Stewart. Berseth indicated he would follow-up with the Bank of North Dakota.

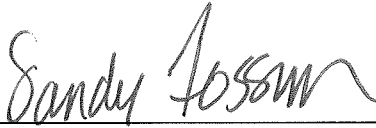
## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A) Social Services - No Report.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - The Boilers are in and the Monument project is moving along.
- C) Public Health - The Commission received an update from Carlson earlier in the meeting,
- D) JDA - No meetings held in August.
- E) Weed Board - A contractor will be spraying the South half. Townships need to do a better job of reporting; a new County Extension Agent has been hired so this could be helpful with reporting.
- F) Soils Committee - No report.
- G) Park Board - A meeting is scheduled for September 13 in Barney.
- H) Administration - Campbell reported he spoke with Chief Deputy Ruhl and a Contract with Ransom County is being reviewed.

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

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department Revenue Voucher July 1-31, 2021.  
Sheriff Department - Revenue and Expenses for July 2021.

ATTEST:   
Sandy Fossum  
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON  
Tim Campbell  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for August, 2021.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	228,692.08
County Highway	81,753.62
911 Communications	49,254.07
County Agent	5,341.97
Veterans Service	7,490.72
Weed Officer	400.00
Public Health Fund	84,734.88
Income Maintenance	44,227.46
Foster Care	14,635.08
Child Protective Svc	33,342.71
Parent Aid	3,100.70
Family Soc Worker	9,280.72
Social Services	10,668.00
In-Home Care	15,255.46
Admin Support	11,208.44
HSZ Board	450.00
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>599,835.91</b>

EXPENSES: \*\* Refer to resolution records

County General	166,215.83
County Highway	684,960.80
Bridge Repl Fund	113,285.26
Road & Bridge	46,091.96
Emergency Assistance	262.00
911 Communications	24,517.40
NDRIN	89.99
Cap Improvement Fd	14,551.51
Special Resp Team	815.65
County Agent	10,566.84
Veterans Service	2,263.96
Weed Control Levy	610.79
Public Health	73,357.84
Haz Chem Fund	2,726.79
Income Maintenance	16,788.13
Foster Care	5,502.04
Child Protective Svc	7,945.63
Parent Aid	1,804.24
Family Soc Worker	4,187.28
Social Services	3,028.36
In-Home Care	9,712.28
Admin Support	4,823.86
HSZ Board	154.31
Safety Permanency Fd	302.18

Unallow Fed Costs	41.00
General Assistance	3,845.58
State Medical Levy	193.70
Three Rivers Crisis Ctr	1,950.00
Garrison Div	193.70
Domestic Violence	315.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	54,044.70
State Aid Distribution	40,013.96
Jail Concession	134.65
SEMCA	1,448.73
JDA	50,000.00
Diversion Settlement	1,851,463.93
Sr Citizen Fund	1,508.05
Historical Society	371.26
Co Agent Special	222.42
Soil Cons District	184.56
Water Mngt Levy	5,213.72
Joint Water Resource	290.58
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>3,206,000.47</b>

**TOTAL PAYROLL &  
EXPENSES** **3,805,836.38**

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