

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 17, 2019 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer and a Daily News Reporter.

The Agenda was approved as presented.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berseth to approve the August Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous.

Erickson distributed packets to the Board for setting minimum sale prices on delinquent tax properties. There are 76 properties plus 2 from prior years. The Minimum Sale Price Hearing will be held on October 15.

**BUDGET HEARING**

Hage distributed Budget Worksheets.

Jill Breuer reported the current 9-1-1 phone system is Windows 7 and will no longer be supported after January 20, 2019. Phones are budgeted for next year but she would like to start the purchase process now so that it can be installed the beginning of 2020. She requested approval to move 10% of the total cost from next years budget back into this year's budget for the down payment and to get the process started. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berg to move 10% of the 9-1-1 phone system cost to this years budget. Vote was unanimous.

Dave Paulson, Hankinson - Voiced concerns with where real estate taxes are going and how to control real estate taxation. He asked what the Commissioners were doing to change taxation laws at the State.

Richard Sweeney, Abercrombie - Voiced concerns with the increase of taxes each year - he does not have the services and amenities of cities or paved streets but his taxes are just as high as Fargo. He suggested that School Taxes be lowered through the Legacy Fund.

Earle Myhre, Abercrombie - Voiced concerns with the increase in Agland on various Soil Types. He suggested the Board look at Mills and where cuts can be made.

Jim Hermes, Hankinson - Voiced concerns with the large increase he received on his estimated Tax Notice.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehler to decrease the General Fund 2.5 Mills, decrease the Jobs Development Authority .25 Mills and decrease the Water Resource Board .25 Mills. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to Approve the Budget as Amended. Vote was unanimous. (Copy attached to minutes).

### **ASSESSOR - ADMINISTRATION OF FARM EXEMPTIONS**

Fossum reported with the Farm Exemption Rule Changes she anticipates a lot more people will qualify for the Farm Exemption. Senate Bill 2278 states any person claiming the exemption shall sign a verified statement of facts establishing the person's eligibility.

Fossum recommended that applicants bring their Tax Returns into the Office rather than a Worksheet or the form completed by a Tax Preparer; the Affidavits are no longer applicable.

State's Attorney Kummer was asked to review Bill 2278.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

Bridge 39-116-34.1 - Forming the deck, potential of rebar going in this week.

Railroad Work on County Roads (Surface Upgrades) -

- crossing on CR 81 east of Dwight, 3/4 of a mile south of CR 10 intersection scheduled for September 16-17. Plan to finish tomorrow.

- crossing on 78<sup>th</sup> St SE or 16<sup>th</sup> Ave N (Walmart Crossing), east of 181<sup>st</sup> Ave scheduled for September 18-19.

- crossing on CR10, east of 181<sup>st</sup> Ave SE intersection scheduled for September 23-24

FEMA - Met last week with the site inspector. We have 9 remaining sites. 4 sites are bridge clean-outs with the total cost of \$97,000. 85% will be paid by FEMA and the remainder will be paid by the Richland County Water Resource District.

Misc - Work continues on gravel, shoulder, mowing and culverts.

### **MIKE BASSINGTHWAITE, INTERSTATE ENGINEERING - FLOOD MAP UPDATE**

Bassingthwaite presented information on Interstate Engineering's study of the Otter Tail and Bois de Sioux River areas in an effort to provide FEMA with improved data to create a more accurate flood plain map of the area. Bassingthwaite explained Flood elevations are decided by two components: the geometry of the river and the hydrology.

Following the presentation a motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to submit the updated geometric data as provided by Mike Bassingthwaite of Interstate Engineering to FEMA for a flood map revision. Vote was unanimous.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

FEMA - Have completed site inspections in Townships. Will be submitting information for 15 Townships.

EMPG 2020 Grant - A Grant for 50/50 of Emergency Management Budget was received several weeks ago.

FEMA PW#2516 - FEMA Funds have been received for 2011 flood damages for an outstanding bill from Riley Bros.

### **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Berg to approve Temporary Liquor Licenses for the Black Pelican for events at the Red Barn & Berry Farm September 21-22 and September 28-29. Vote was unanimous.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### September

18 JDA Meeting

### October

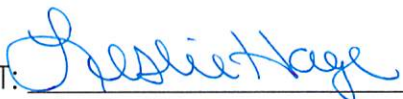
2 Commission Meeting  
6-8 NDACo Annual Meeting  
7 Federal Aid Meeting with NDDOT  
8 Load Pass Meeting at NDACO  
15 Commission Meeting  
15 Minimum Sale Price Hearing  
17 5-County Meeting

### November


5 Commission Meeting  
19 Commission Meeting  
19 Tax Sale 10:00 AM

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

ATTEST:



Leslie Hage  
Auditor/Administrator



CHAIRPERSON  
Danny D. Thompson  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

**SCHEDULE OF FUND ACTIVITY  
ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS**

Richland County

Budget for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Richland County

	<b>PROJECTED</b>					<b>BUDGETED</b>
Description of Fund	Fund Balance Jan 1, 2020	Revenues	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Expenditures	Fund Balance Dec. 31, 2020
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$3,547,494.62	\$7,881,063.00	\$34,000.00	\$2,314,500.00	\$6,389,166.00	\$2,758,891.62
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	\$2,994,920.66	\$8,791,521.00	\$3,849,000.00	\$1,568,500.00	\$11,845,189.00	\$2,221,752.66
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND</b>	\$173,286.96	\$2,525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175,811.96
<b>TOTAL TRUST &amp; AGENCY FUNDS</b>	\$7,657,472.72	\$29,779,793.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,774,793.34	\$7,662,472.72
<b>GRAND TOTALS ALL FUNDS - 2020</b>	<b>\$14,373,174.96</b>	<b>\$46,454,902.34</b>	<b>\$3,883,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,883,000.00</b>	<b>\$48,009,148.34</b>	<b>\$12,818,928.96</b>
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</b>						
DSR ADMINISTRATIVE	\$0.00					\$0.00
COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT	\$42.56	\$2,971,172.00	\$1,363,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,334,130.00	\$84.56
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT FUND	\$1,384.36	\$10,000.00	\$289,000.00		\$300,000.00	\$384.36
ROAD & BRIDGE EQUIPMENT	\$168.91	\$10,000.00	\$538,500.00		\$548,212.00	\$456.91
15 MILL ROAD	\$2,015,064.07	\$1,561,170.00	\$0.00	\$1,534,500.00	\$800,000.00	\$1,241,734.07
SOCIAL SERVICES	\$133.64	\$1,662,305.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,701,216.00	\$1,222.64
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	\$4,099.57	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	\$4,099.57
EMERGENCY FUND	\$160,609.50	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160,609.50
911 COMMUNICATIONS	\$299.71	\$515,000.00	\$922,000.00		\$1,436,854.00	\$445.71
911 WIRELESS	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NDRIN FEES	\$28,143.50	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,179.00	\$38,964.50
CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE	\$35,475.39	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	\$35,475.39
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CO PROPERTY	\$61,087.56	\$1,355.00			\$0.00	\$62,442.56
DRUG COURT FUND	\$199.87	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$199.87

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Budget for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Richland County

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Description of Fund	PROJECTED	Revenues	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Expenditures	BUDGETED
	Fund Balance Jan 1, 2020					Fund Balance Dec. 31, 2020
WATER RESCUE FUND	\$2.40	\$200.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$202.40
SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM	\$3.05	\$500.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,500.00	\$3.05
COUNTY AGENT FUND	\$110,370.20	\$157,655.00			\$160,377.00	\$107,648.20
VETERAN SERVICE FUND	\$312.59	\$153,235.00			\$145,404.00	\$8,143.59
WEED CONTROL LEVY	\$353.74	\$329,795.00	\$10,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$305,186.00	\$962.74
PUBLIC HEALTH FUND	\$103,637.30	\$448,342.00	\$460,000.00		\$965,968.00	\$46,011.30
HOME HEALTH FUND	\$327.25	\$180,900.00	\$222,500.00		\$403,291.00	\$436.25
FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM FUND	\$37,518.70	\$97,000.00	\$0.00		\$112,169.00	\$22,349.70
WIC PROGRAM FUND	\$489.19	\$86,927.00			\$86,927.00	\$489.19
HAZCHEM FUND	\$13,172.27	\$4,100.00			\$2,150.00	\$15,122.27
FEMA DISASTER REIMB.	\$39,053.80	\$120,000.00			\$120,000.00	\$39,053.80
JAIL CONCESSION FUND	\$54,146.79	\$24,000.00			\$17,000.00	\$61,146.79
SOBRIETY TEST FUND	\$30,943.48	\$27,500.00			\$22,300.00	\$36,143.48
COUNTY PARK FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$297,881.26	\$403,365.00			\$363,326.00	\$337,920.26
SHERIFF-COUNTERACT FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
COUNTY AGENT SPECIAL ACCOUNT	\$0.00	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,994,920.66</b>	<b>\$8,791,521.00</b>	<b>\$3,849,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,568,500.00</b>	<b>\$11,845,189.00</b>	<b>\$2,221,752.66</b>
<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY FUNDS</b>						
STATE MEDICAL LEVY FUND	\$342.54	\$97,815.00			\$97,815.00	\$342.54
GAME & FISH LICENSE FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
THREE RIVERS CRISIS	\$0.00	\$2,800.00			\$2,800.00	\$0.00
GARRISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$342.54	\$98,615.00			\$98,615.00	\$342.54
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUND	\$175.00	\$2,400.00			\$2,400.00	\$175.00
TOWNSHIP SHARE GAS & OIL TAXES	\$0.00	\$260,000.00			\$260,000.00	\$0.00

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Description of Fund	PROJECTED					BUDGETED
	Fund Balance Jan 1, 2020	Revenues	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Expenditures	Fund Balance Dec. 31, 2020
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX FUND	\$0.00	\$185,292.00			\$185,292.00	\$0.00
STATE AID DIST.(PP&ST REV)	\$0.00	\$159,540.00			\$159,540.00	\$0.00
SEMCA PROGRAM FUND	\$11,697.46	\$47,124.00			\$47,124.00	\$11,697.46
ND STATE INCOME TAX W/H	\$12,922.34	\$60,000.00			\$60,000.00	\$12,922.34
SENIOR CITIZENS FUND	\$342.54	\$184,943.00			\$184,943.00	\$342.54
HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUND	\$85.62	\$25,948.00			\$25,948.00	\$85.62
SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$342.54	\$98,895.00			\$98,895.00	\$342.54
WATER MANAGEMENT LEVY FUND	\$1,370.32	\$338,705.00			\$338,705.00	\$1,370.32
JOINT WATER RESOURCE FUND	\$685.15	\$147,780.00			\$147,780.00	\$685.15
ESTIMATED REAL ESTATE TAX	\$2,984.00	\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00	\$2,984.00
CURRENT TAX HOLDING FUND	\$7,550,000.00	\$7,555,000.00			\$7,550,000.00	\$7,555,000.00
TAX PROTEST FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTION HOLDING FUND	\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
CITY FUND ACCOUNTS	\$18,606.21	\$4,348,576.34			\$4,348,576.34	\$18,606.21
PARK DISTRICT ACCOUNTS	\$2,581.11	\$752,600.00			\$752,600.00	\$2,581.11
SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTS	\$39,215.94	\$11,242,000.00			\$11,242,000.00	\$39,215.94
TOWNSHIP FUND ACCOUNTS	\$5,557.89	\$1,738,160.00			\$1,738,160.00	\$5,557.89
COUNTY DRAIN ASSESSMENTS	\$6,711.00	\$1,376,000.00			\$1,376,000.00	\$6,711.00
FIRE DISTRICT ACCOUNTS	\$2,654.79	\$801,000.00			\$801,000.00	\$2,654.79
AMBULANCE DISTRICT ACCOUNTS	\$855.73	\$231,600.00			\$231,600.00	\$855.73
VECTOR DISTRICTS ACCOUNTS	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL TRUST &amp; AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,657,472.72</b>	<b>\$29,779,793.34</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$29,774,793.34</b>	<b>\$7,662,472.72</b>

County of Richland  
 2019-2020 Maximum Levy Worksheet - For Tax Year 2019

TAXING DISTRICT      COUNTY

<u>Levy No.</u>				<u>2018</u>
1201	GENERAL	57.50 MILLS		56.05
1204	HIGHWAY LEVY	10.00 MILLS		10.00
1208	CAPITAL PROJECTS	MILLS		3.00
1210	EMERGENCY	MILLS		
1211	SOCIAL SECURITY	MILLS	REPEALED 2015	
1212	15 MILL ROAD	15.00 MILLS		15.00
1213	VETERAN SERVICES	1.50 MILLS		0.85
1214	COUNTY AGENT	1.50 MILLS		1.50
1216	HISTORICAL SOCIETY	0.25 MILLS		0.25
1219	JOB DEVELOPMENT	2.75 MILLS		3.00
1220	SOCIAL SERVICES	MILLS	REPEALED 2017	
1221	SENIOR CITIZENS	1.00 MILLS		1.00
1224	ADVERTISING LEVY	MILLS	REPEALED 2015	
1226	CO LOAN PAYMNT	MILLS	REPEALED 2015	
1227	SPECIAL ASSMT	MILLS		1.50
1235	INS. RESERVE	MILLS	REPEALED 2015	
1258	WEED CONTROL LEVY	2.00 MILLS		0.75
1261	COUNTY INSURANCE	MILLS	REPEALED 2015	
1264	WATER RESOURCE	3.25 MILLS		4.00
1265	JOINT WATER	1.50 MILLS		1.50
1269	COUNTY PARK LEVY	MILLS	REPEALED 2015	
	TOTAL COUNTY MILLS	<u>96.25</u> MILLS		<u>98.40</u>
2301	SOIL DISTRICT	1.00 MILLS		1.00
1101	GARRISON DISTRICT	1.00 MILLS		1.00
1001	STATE MEDICAL LEVY	<u>1.00</u> MILLS		1.00
		<b><u>99.25</u></b> TOTAL 2019 MILLS LEVIED		<b><u>101.40</u></b>

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