

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 2, 2018**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on October 2, 2018 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, and Rollie Ehlert. Commissioner Dan Thompson was absent. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer; and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Berg to approve the minutes of meetings September 4 and September 18; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Fossum reported she received a letter from the Office of the State Tax Commissioner directing Richland County to increase all residential assessments by 7% (excluding the city of Wahpeton). She will be mailing out the notices within 30 days.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- there are currently 15 properties in foreclosure
- the minimum sale price hearing is scheduled for October 16 at 8 A.M.
- the auction is scheduled for November 20

CHRIS DEVRIES - LETTER OF SUPPORT

Devries requested a letter of support for the City of Wahpeton's application for a five-year extension of the Renaissance Zone. Devries explained structured development planning and the revitalization of structures is important to community growth and a Renaissance Zone assists in these efforts. A motion was made by Berseth to approve a letter of support as requested; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

JILL BREUER - CAMERA'S/DVR REPLACEMENT

Breuer presented an estimate from Minn-Kota Communications in the amount of \$14,090 for Camera and DVR replacements in the Courthouse and LEC. If done separately we will have to pay the labor twice, the Courthouse will cost \$6300 and the LEC \$8200.

Breuer has funds in the budget this year for the replacement in the LEC and next year could apply for grant funds for the Court floor of the Courthouse, however we will be paying for the labor twice if done this way.

Hage suggested waiting until next year for the entire project being we are already into October of this year.

Following discussion it was the recommendation of the Board to wait until next year for the entire project and to apply for grant funds.

In other business, Breuer requested the Board appoint an alternate to the CRIB Board (Coordinated Regional Interoperability Board) if she is unable to attend meetings. The Commission had appointed Breuer to this Board in February of 2017; she will talk to several individuals and bring a recommendation back to the Board.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Jesse Sedler, Ron Hohenstern, Lowell Bladow and Moriah Herding.

Bids for Walcott Property - The following bids were opened at the September 18 Commission Meeting. The recommendation is to award the bid to Cooper Anderson.

Cooper Anderson	\$75,110
Brent Jordheim	\$58,777
Kelly & Doug Muscha	\$52,500
Joe Alm	\$35,001
City of Walcott	\$22,000

A motion was made by Berseth to award the bid to Cooper Anderson; motion seconded by Campbell. Voting NO was Berg, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried. State's Attorney Kummer will draw up the Purchase Agreement.

Equipment Operator Position -

The application deadline has closed - plan to interview the end of the week or early next week.

Misc -

- Co Rd 1 chip seal is complete
- Plan to begin shouldering on Co Rd 4 next week
- Bladow reported a "No Lifeguard on Duty" sign has been placed at Horseshoe Lake as requested at a previous meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

G) Park Board - A meeting was held last night - discussed the need for gravel on the roads, getting some dirt moved and rocks placed and the removal of an old outhouse structure. The terms for Delmer Steffen and Jerome Mauer end in December and both are interested in continuing on the Board. The next Park Board Meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2019.

A) Social Services - Hasbargen has been attending meetings to discuss legislative changes.

B) Buildings & Grounds - The door on the NE side of the LEC will remain closed off until the new step is installed in conjunction with the 3rd Ave Project.

C) Public Health - Flack has not given a definite retirement date. Still discussing options for relocating the VSO Office.

D) JDA - Met at the Crooked Lane Farm, discussed several loans.

E) Weed Board - No Report.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

H) Administration - A Department Head Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. In the process of the Phone Upgrade.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Kummer reported the Sheriff Department was involved in a Large Theft Case Recovery - the unclaimed items were auctioned off. The plan is to split the proceeds from the auction among the victims identified for the property that wasn't recovered.

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

Berg honored Former County Commissioner Bryan Flaa who passed away on September 18 in Sioux Falls; Berg stated Flaa was an outstanding leader for Richland County and will be truly missed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October

- 4 5-County Meeting
- 7-9 NDACo Annual Meeting
- 16 Commission Meeting

December

- 11 Commission Meeting
- 24-25 Closed All Day

November

- 7 Commission Meeting
- 20 Commission Meeting

January

- 8 Commission Meeting
- 22 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

ATTEST: 
 Leslie Hage
 Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
 Rollie Ehlert
 Board of Richland County Commissioners

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Dept - Revenue Voucher for August 1-31, 2018;
 Sheriff Department - Revenue & Expenses for August 2018.

The following claims were approved for September, 2018.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	231,246.93
County Highway	77,441.06
Social Services	101,127.76
911 Communications	46,346.37
Drug Court	3,918.51
County Agent	4,985.28
Veterans Service	4,153.17
Weed Officer	3,568.00
Public Health Fund	77,554.98
SEMCA	10,008.69
PAYROLL TOTAL	560,350.75

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	187,174.78
County Highway	946,664.60
Bridge Repl	25,231.00
15 Mill	3,744.80
Social Service	45,069.46
Emergency Assistance	372.16
911 Communications	27,319.35
Drug Court	1,309.73
County Agent	26,181.83
Veterans Service	3,229.86
Weed Control Levy	3,257.15
Public Health	53,242.80
State Medical Levy	119.22
Garrison Div	119.22
Domestic Violence	280.00
Jail Concession	553.44
Sobriety Test Fund	3,170.00
SEMCA	2,185.78
JDA	35,218.90
Sr Citizens Fund	119.22
Historical Society	29.81
County Agent Special	200.00
Soil Cons District	119.22
Water Mngt Levy	476.95
Joint Water Resource	232.09
EXPENSE TOTAL	1,365,621.37

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES **1,925,972.12**

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Auditor/Administrator


Rollie Ehlert
CHAIRPERSON
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