

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

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on October 2, 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.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Berg to approve the Agenda as presented.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Berg to approve the minutes of meetings September 3 and September 17. Vote was unanimous.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

The Minimum Sale Price Hearing for delinquent tax properties is October 15; there are a total of 15 properties.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence from Flood Diversion Authority re-CLOMR overview and concurrence form

- Correspondence from USDOT Build America re-TIFIA

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Campbell to approve a Temporary Liquor License for the Black Pelican for an event at the Bagg Farm October 12-13. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Berg to appoint County Agent Chandra Langseth and Commissioner Dan Thompson as Delegates to the North Dakota State Fair. Vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - Hage received an e-mail from Dickey County Auditor stating the Dickey County Commissioners will be sending a letter and a Resolution to the State with concerns about the changes to Social Services.

- B) Buildings & Grounds - Compliments have been received from employees and the public on the courthouse landscaping; plant placement is on hold until next spring.

- C) Public Health - Meeting on October 9th.

- D) JDA - Looked at a potential company.

- E) Weed Board - No Report.

- F) Soils Committee - No Report.

- G) Park Board - Berg reported on the issue with the culvert at Mooreton Pond. The state has agreed to pay for the material and culvert if the County provides the labor. Will coordinate with the Highway Department to replace the culvert.

GALLAGHER GROUP - COMPENSATION STUDY

Megan Olson and Greg Mangold from Gallagher Group joined the meeting by Speaker Phone. Others in attendance were HR Personnel Mechelle Olsen, and Highway Personnel Jessie Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

Gallagher representatives summarized the Compensation Study to the Commission highlighting -

- Project Objectives
- Methodology
- Salary Structure Development
- Implementation and Cost Options
- Recommendations and Ongoing Administration

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

Mooreton Pond - Sedler asked if the elevations had been taken for the Mooreton Pond Culvert Project Berg reported on earlier in the meeting and Sedler also questioned the labor costs for the project. Ehlert replied Interstate Engineering has specifics on the elevations. Ehlert and Sedler will set up a meeting.

Railroad Work on County Roads - Surface upgrades have been completed by Red River Valley and Western Railroad at the following locations:

- crossing on CR 81 east of Dwight, 3/4 of a mile south of CR 10 intersection
- crossing on 78th St SE or 16th Ave N (Walmart Crossing), east of 181st Ave
- crossing on CR10, east of 181st Ave SE intersection

Bridge 39-116-34.1 - The deck will be poured on October 4.

Misc -

- Will be working on gravel shoulder, mowing and culverts the next few weeks
- October 1 was the deadline for mowing ditches

ASSESSOR - ADMINISTRATION OF FARM EXEMPTIONS

At the September 17 meeting, Fossum had requested the Board make a decision on the Administration of Farm Exemptions and whether to accept worksheets or require Tax Returns - the Board tabled the request and asked State's Attorney Kummer to review Senate Bill 2278.

State's Attorney Kummer has reviewed the Statute, and reported "written statement" is unclear in the Statute - It is her opinion that it is the Board's decision on "what" is a written statement.

Fossum reported that her office has been receiving calls, however the State has not yet published the Form.

Fossum stated that if applicants bring their Tax Returns into the Courthouse, she would take the information directly from the return and not keep copies of any Tax Returns in her office.

Following discussion a motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell that the applicant would need Verification with a Tax Return.

Ehlert voiced concerns that the law was rewritten and the form and details are not available from the State. Ehlert recommended waiting until the form is published before the Board take action and the Assessor's Office can notify any callers that we are waiting on the State for clear guidance. A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Ehlert to Table the earlier motion until the Tax Commissioner provides information. Vote was unanimous.

TODD CHRISTIE - VACANCY IN JAIL

Todd Christie and Gary Ruhl were present.

Christie requested authorization to advertise and fill a vacancy in the Jail for an employee who has resigned. A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Campbell to authorize Christie to advertise and fill the vacancy in the Jail. Vote was unanimous.

AMY CLARK - COURT SERVICES CONTRACT

Attorney Clark requested the Board approve a Court Services Contract between the State, the County, and the City of Colfax.

Clark represents the City of Colfax and explained there were some law changes and there is a statute to contract with the County if the Commission approves. If the City goes to a jury trial it has to go into District Court and it involves State paid judges and the County Clerks of Court. The State will get 60% of all amounts collected; the City 30% and the County will get 10%. Clark reported this is also contingent on the City passing an Ordinance.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Berg to approve the Contract; contingent on the City passing an Ordinance. Vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS continued

H) Administration - Staff attended Election Training September 30-October 1; there will be a mock election this fall and additional trainings.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

- Berseth commented on reporting requirements for granting PILOT's longer than five years - before granting a PILOT for longer than a five-year term, the city has to notify the County Commission and each school district by certified letter.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October

- 2 Department Head Meeting
- 6-8 NDACo Annual Meeting
- 15 Commission Meeting
- 15 Minimum Sale Price Hearing
- 17 5-County Meeting
- 19 Battle Cross Monument Ceremony

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Voucher for August 2019;
Sheriff's Department - Revenue and Expenses for August 2019.

ATTEST: 
Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Danny D. Thompson
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for September, 2019.

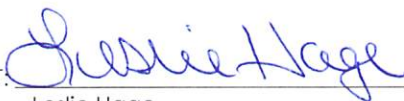
PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	251,145.54
County Highway	77,072.57
Social Services	105,526.18
911 Communications	45,456.58
County Agent	5,161.97
Veterans Service	6,968.51
Weed Officer	3,208.00
Public Health Fund	75,546.64
PAYROLL TOTAL	570,085.99

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	252,537.42
County Highway	475,193.99
Bridge Repl Fund	31,615.06
Road & Bridge Eqpt	3,556.00
Social Service	50,104.38
Emergency Assistance	253.66
911 Communications	32,188.14
Water Rescue	285.17
County Agent	3,944.90
Veterans Service	4,079.21
Weed Control Levy	15,525.75
Public Health	43,442.52
State Medical Levy	132.76
FEMA	360.84
Garrison Div	132.76
Domestic Violence	455.00
Jail Concession	3,678.43
Sobriety Test Fund	1,705.00
SEMCA	9.57
Sr Citizens Fund	132.76
Historical Society Fund	33.17
County Agent Special	395.32
Soil Cons District	132.76
Water Mngt Levy	530.90
Joint Water Resource	218.85
EXPENSE TOTAL	920,644.32

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES **1,490,730.31**

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