

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 6, 2020**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on October 6, 2020 with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DelVal and State's Attorney Kummer. Daily News Reporter Frank Stanko introduced new Reporter Tris Anderson.

Other County Personnel attending included: Jill Breuer, Michelle Eberhardt, Sarah Erickson, Sandy Fossum, Jesse Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M.

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

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Thompson to approve the minutes of meetings September 1 and September 15. Vote was unanimous.

MINIMUM SALE PRICE HEARING/TREASURER'S REPORT

Erickson distributed a listing of the proposed minimum sale prices. 9 parcels were taken back this year and there are 4 unsold properties from prior years. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to approve the minimum sale prices as presented. Vote was unanimous. (Copy attached to minutes).

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

JUNIOR LIFESAVER AWARD PRESENTATION

Evan Dockter was presented a Junior Life Saver Award by Communications/911 Manager Jill Breuer. Breuer reported on May 19th Evan took quick action, stayed calm, called 911, and got medical assistance for his father. Dispatcher Tera Morrison took the call.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

- Correspondence from the City of Lidgerwood for a proposed business tax incentive application presented by the Lidgerwood Progressive Development Corporation for the construction of a grocery store.

Fossum explained the Development Corp is applying for a fifteen year PILOT program. Notification to the County is required per NDCC when an incentive will be over five years, the County has the option to opt out of participation in the incentive.

Following discussion a motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to participate in the incentive. Vote was unanimous.

- Correspondence from Jim Stewart for Minn-Dak Bonding. Stewart is requesting the Commission approve a Resolution approving a Second Supplemental Indenture which changes the computation of the variable interest rate on the 2013 Bonds issued for Minn-Dak. The County is not liable for any of the principal or interest payments on the Bond.

Following discussion a motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Thompson to approve the Resolution approving a Second Supplemental Indenture of Trust. Vote was unanimous.

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

Hage reported the state has approved \$75/day for state-sentenced inmates that are being held in County Jails; the jail will determine the number of days and submit info to the state for reimbursement.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berseth to nominate Dan Thompson as the 2020 County delegate to the North Dakota State Fair. Vote was unanimous.

Hage reminded the Commission that the NDACo Convention will be online this year October 12-13; all Counties with registrants will be billed a flat fee of \$500, which can be cut in half if two Commissioners and two other officials attend the sponsored workshop at 2:00 pm October 13th.

Hage informed the Commission that she applied for a Covid-19 Response grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for the purpose of planning and operating safe and secure election administration. Richland County will receive \$6,370.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Sedler reported the following:

- crews will begin mowing today
- CR 8 is open and was seeded yesterday
- CR26 is open
- CR3 North of Barney the liner has been ordered
- crews are blading where they can, roads are dry and getting tore up
- one of the new flashing stop signs was stolen

Hage reported a letter was received from the NDDOT for the Transportation Alternatives Program, a copy will be sent to all cities in the County.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - Two individuals have been hired internally for vacant positions. Hage met with Hasbargen and Flieth regarding providing office space for Hasbargen now that she is working for the State; she will be provided an office in the Social Service area.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - There was some damage done to the front lawn of the Courthouse. John Anderson has applied for a boiler grant. Berseth has reached out to Bismarck about extending the start date of construction for the CH addition grant.
- C) Public Health - Michelle Eberhardt reported school superintendents are working hard to keep kids safe in the schools. The Health Department is busy with flu shots.
- D) JDA - A letter has been sent to communities regarding housing and spec homes; a loan was approved at the last meeting.
- E) Weed Board - Commercial spraying is complete, the rest should be complete by mid-October.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.

Ehlert asked about the Fall Township Officers Meeting. Hage replied it is typically handled by the Extension Office, she will follow up with Extension. The Board discussed the possibility of holding the meeting at the Hankinson Community Center.

- G) Park Board - Still looking for individuals interested in becoming Park Board Members. The Spring meeting will be held in Fairmount. Plans are to haul in some sand yet this month to put under the shelters where it has washed away.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to move into Executive Session to discuss Diversion Litigation. Vote was unanimous.

The meeting was called back to Order at 9:30 A.M.

H) Administration - The Auditors Office is busy preparing for Election. As of this morning 4,041 Ballots have been sent and 316 have been returned.

Thompson asked how/why Commissioners were not in Districts, he asked if this had been voted on at some point, or if it was state Statute.

The Board discussed upcoming meetings and whether they should continue to be virtual or on-site. It was the consensus of the Board that future meetings will be on-site.

Hage asked about the 5-County Meeting; Ehlert recommended a Virtual meeting after election. Hage will follow-up with the other County Auditors.

Kummer reported the Sadek hearing is over and the matter resolved.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October

12-13 NDACo Conference
20 Commission Meeting

November

10 Commission Meeting
24 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Voucher for August 1-31, and September 1-30, 2020.

ATTEST: Leslie Hage Sid Berg CHAIRPERSON
Leslie Hage Sid Berg
Auditor/Administrator Board of Richmond County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for September 2020

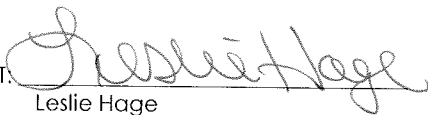
PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	251,172.88
Highway	87,661.97
911 Communications	44,309.72
County Agent	5,472.37
Veterans Service	7,858.94
Weed Officer	3,424.00
Public Health Fund	92,623.78
Income Maintenance	43,432.02
Foster Care	15,963.60
Child Protective Svc	24,371.39
Parent Aide	3,025.07
Family Soc Worker	10,331.41
Social Svcs	10,516.27
In-Home Care Spec	18,140.15
Adm Support	11,497.17
Human Svc Zone Board	500.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	630,300.74

EXPENSES: ** Refer to
resolution records

County General	182,500.65
County Highway	1,318,428.31
Bridge Replacement Fd	56,524.48
911 Communications	187,402.36
Cap Imp Fund	36,400.00
Water Rescue	93.53
County Agent	2,536.33
Veterans Service	3,683.78
Weed Control Levy	1,119.41
Public Health	70,209.62
Haz Chem Fund	600.00
Income Maintenance	17,962.71
Foster Care	3,628.98
Child Protective Service	8,907.85
Parent Aid	1,639.58
Family Social Worker	2,937.93
Social Service	4,323.48
In-Home Care Specialist	10,721.03
Administrative Support	6,303.10
Human Svc Zone Board	242.62
Safety/Perm Funds	479.47
Unallow Fed Program	17.02
General Assistance	2,500.00
State Medical Levy	284.60
Three Rivers Crisis Ctr	975.00
Garrison Div	284.60
Domestic Violence	455.00

Twsp Share Gas & Oil	401.55
State Aid	-401.55
Jail Concession	9,746.45
Sobriety Test Fund	480.00
SEMCA	4,739.67
JDA	63,565.00
Historical Society Fund	71.12
County Agent Special	203.35
Soil Cons District	284.60
Water Mngt Levy	959.20
Joint Water Resource	443.02
EXPENSE TOTAL	2,001,653.85
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	2,631,954.59

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