

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on November 16, 2021 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Perry Miller; Administration Personnel Fossum and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer, and Daily News Reporter Frank Stanko.

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

LEE FERGUSON, TRC COMPANIES - SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS

Ferguson is a contractor for Summit Carbon Solutions. He explained the proposed pipeline project which will span nearly 2000 miles across 5 States which includes approximately 63 miles of pipe in Richland County. The CO2 will be safely stored underground west of Bismarck. The proposed project will involve 208 parcels of land in Richland County. Ferguson answered questions and concerns from the Board.

The Board encouraged better communications with landowners and suggested utilizing local radio and newspapers to get information out to landowners.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

Special Legislative Session - American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) were discussed in the Special Session. Various road funding scenarios were discussed, including the concept of a proportional distribution based on the UGPTI "20-year road needs" by County. Richland County allocation is expected to be \$2,911,618.

MARY VETTER, VSO REPORT

Vetter reported last week Congressman Armstrong presented Veteran Alfred Collins with nine military awards that he was entitled to in a ceremony at the Courthouse; the honors included the Purple Heart. He earned the medals while serving in the Navy from 1967-1971 during the Vietnam War.

Vetter also received an award from Armstrong, an American flag which previously flew over the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

JOHN ANDERSON - COURTHOUSE AIR SYSTEM

Anderson asked the Commission to consider using ARPA funds to add an air system to the Courthouse. A rough estimate received in 2019 was \$1.5 million for the project.

Berseth suggested Fossum look at funds and different options as well as how the ARPA Funds can be allocated and used.

Anderson was also encouraged to look for any grants that may be available for the project.

In other business, Anderson reported a custodian has been hired and will begin December 1.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence from the ND Dept of Environmental Quality re- Abercrombie Landfill

Fossum reported the following:

- no updates have been received on the Efficiency Study, Berseth will follow-up
- vacancies for terms ending on the County Park Board, Water Board and Jobs Development Board will be advertised
- 2022 Liquor License Applications have been mailed out
- The Board will be reorganizing the first meeting in December, Portfolio requests will be distributed prior to that meeting

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Berg to approve the Fraud Risk Assessment Policy as presented. Vote was unanimous.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November

- 23 Township Officers Meeting
- 29 Redistricting Meeting

December

- 2 5- County Meeting in Ransom Co
- 7 Commission Meeting
- 21 Commission Meeting

January

- 4 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

ATTEST: Sandy Fossum
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

Tim Campbell CHAIRPERSON
Tim Campbell
Board of Richland County Commissioners