

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 17, 2020

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on March 17, 2020 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Commissioner Tim Campbell was absent. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer and a Daily News Reporter.

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

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

A large group of visitors was in attendance. Public Health Director Michelle Eberhardt gave an Update on the Coronavirus and the role of the Public Health Department.

Hage reported that the Courthouse and LEC have been signed regarding visitors to the buildings; she also reported that Department Heads met to discuss school closures and employee concerns.

Emergency Manager Lambrecht presented an Emergency Declaration. A motion was made Ehlert and seconded by Thompson to approve the Emergency Declaration as presented. Vote was unanimous. (Copy attached to minutes).

Judge Cruff reported on an Admin Order from the Supreme Court, things are slowing down but it is business as usual - meetings are being held to discuss updates as needed.

Kristen Hasbargen reported that Sick Leave and Annual Leave will become a concern if schools continue to remain closed.

Discussion followed. Hage will research options and a Special meeting will be called if necessary for Board action.

SHERIFF LESHOVSKY - AWARD PRESENTATIONS

A large group of visitors was in attendance. Sheriff Leshovsky presented three employees with awards from the ND Peace Officers Association. Dispatcher Latasha Keller and Deputy Steven Nelk were recognized for an incident last September where an individual was arrested and charged; and Deputy Justin O'Hare with awarded the Life Saver Award for a Fire Call.

In other business, Leshovsky reported how the Sheriff Department and Jail are limiting exposures with equipment and subjects due to the Coronavirus as well as limiting vacations of staff so everyone is on-call and available if need be.

Leshovsky reported he is unable to get the new vehicles approved for his Department due to plants not producing right now.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

Overlay Bids - Mark Sand and Gravel Company was the low bid at \$1,008,803.65 for Section 1 (Co Rd 10 from Cty 81 to Cty 87) and \$320,602.20 for Section 2 (County 10 from Cty 10 to Cty 10). A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to award the bid to Mark Sand and Gravel Company for a total bid of \$1,329,405.85. Vote was unanimous.

Skid Steer - The following quotes were received for two models:

T-76	Lillegards	\$57,200
T-76	Swantson	\$57,271
T-770	Lillegards	\$60,675
T-770	Swantson	\$60,830

There is a Government Program to lease a new skid steer every year; the initial cost is to buy the first skid steer outright and the following years the cost for a new skid steer would be \$8/hr for 200 or \$12/hr over 200.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berseth to approve the purchase of Model T-770 from Lillegards. Vote was unanimous.

B-Roads - Will look to start phasing out B Roads, there are currently 77 miles of B-Roads in the county. Will be sending letters to Townships and discuss further at the Township Officers Spring Meeting.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you from the Lambrecht Family

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Thompson to approve a six-month Liquor and Beer License for Lady on the Lake Bed & Breakfast and Lake Elsie Wedding Barn. Vote was unanimous.

Hage reported the 5-County meeting scheduled for April 2nd has been postponed.

The Coronavirus was discussed along with options for keeping the Public and Employees safe. The Board directed Hage to work with State's Attorney Kummer and Mechelle Olsen in HR to discuss options regarding Sick Leave/Annual Leave, etc. and the Board will meet in Special Session on March 19 to discuss the Coronavirus Pandemic.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March

- 18 JDA Meeting
- 19 Commission Special Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

ATTEST: Leslie Hage
 Leslie Hage
 Auditor/Administrator

Sid Berg CHAIRPERSON
 Sid Berg
 Board of Richland County Commissioners

Richland County Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, Richland County is working to mitigate the potential of a Health Crisis of the COVID 19 Virus for the Citizens of Richland County.


WHEREAS, the potential for severe Pandemic is significant in all States of the United States including our State of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, necessary mitigation measures, preparedness actions and other responses must begin immediately to protect public health and safety of all Citizens of Richland County.

WHEREAS, the potential financial and personal well being are beyond normal anticipation and budgeted funds.

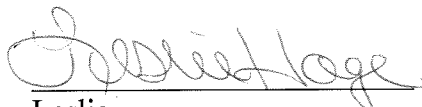
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners declares an emergency and orders the activation and utilization of County Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments and appendices to monitor the situation, develop a detailed damage assessment, alleviate hardship and initiate appropriate relief actions and mitigation measures by departments and agencies of local government to limit the hardships and impact of this emergency upon the citizens of Richland County.

DATED at Wahpeton, North Dakota, this 17th Day of March, 2020



Sid Berg, Chairman
Richland County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Leslie
Richland County Auditor