

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SESSION
MARCH 19, 2020**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on March 19, 2020 in Special Session at the Richland County LEC with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Commissioner Tim Campbell joined by Speaker Phone. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DelVal; and State's Attorney Kummer. A Daily News Reporter joined the meeting by phone.

Visitors included County Personnel John Anderson, Todd Christie, David Iverson, Michelle Eberhardt, Brett Lambrecht, Jesse Sedler, Ron Hohenstern, Jill Breuer, Mechelle Olsen, Kristen Hasbargen, Mary Vetter, Chandra Langseth, Sheriff Leshovsky, Judge Cruff and ND State Representative Alisa Mitskog.

The meeting was called to Order at 8:00 A.M. by Chairman Berg who stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Hage reported that yesterday, March 18, the Richland County Courthouse, Law Enforcement Center, Highway Department Shops and any other County offices went on lock down on an Emergency Basis. A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Ehlert to approve the Emergency Lock down. Vote was unanimous.

Hage reported 34 of the 53 North Dakota Counties are on Lock Down and 3 are on modified Lock Down as of Yesterday afternoon. She along with State's Attorney Kummer and Mechelle Olsen from HR met yesterday afternoon to discuss options for employees. Human Service Zone Employees are not under the County and will be addressed by the State so any decisions made by the Board today will not affect the Human Service Zone Employees.

Berg asked for comments - various options and ideas were discussed by those in attendance. Following discussion, a motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the Policy Summary as discussed which includes the following:

Tier 1 - Business as usual - utilizing the employee policy manual

Tier 2 - County Buildings locked-down with access only for essential business, additional flex hours, telecommuting and paid leave implemented

Tier 3 - Shut- Down - Emergency Staff Only

Vote on the motion was unanimous. Hage will Draft Up the Policy and send it out to the Board Members later today.

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.

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