

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SESSION
FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session at 9:00 A.M. on February 10, 2021 with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Perry Miller. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Fossum and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer; and a Daily News Reporter. Guests included County Personnel John Anderson, Jesse Sedler, Ron Hohenstern, Brett Lambrecht and Hankinson City Auditor Kristi Kelley.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

HANKINSON SHOP/EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Plow Trucks - Sedler reported he is working with NDIRF on insurance for equipment that was totaled out. Five plow trucks were damaged and the actual cash value of trucks from insurance is \$470,145.

2003 Sterling - \$50,000
2007 Sterling - \$75,145
2009 Sterling - \$90,000
2014 International - \$125,000
2016 International - \$130,000

Cost of New Trucks from Nelson International in Fargo is:

- Truck equipped with snow equipment and underbody \$232,000
- Truck equipped with snow equipment without underbody \$222,000

Sedler requested authorization to purchase two trucks with underbodies and three trucks without underbodies for a total cost of \$1,130,000; he would like to order this week in order to receive the trucks by July.

Financing options were discussed -

- Financing through International is at 2.75%
- Financing through Lincoln State Bank is at 1.55% with a "lease to buy" for seven years with a total of \$172,135/yr in payments and a purchase price at the end of the lease for \$1.00

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to purchase the five trucks as requested by Sedler from Nelson International with the financing options to be explored. Vote was unanimous.

Inland Marie Insurance - Still waiting on insurance.

Business Auto Policy - Anticipate a settlement of \$632,220.

Blades - Three blades are now clear of their leases due to the fire/insurance.

We currently have three loaner blades, two from Butler and one from RDO for appx \$30,000/month until we get replacements - Butler has given us a proposal that we could continue to use the blades at no cost, if we purchase three Cat blades at their last bid price. If we go through "Sourcewell" it would eliminate the bidding process.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berg to pursue the three blades through "Sourcewell." Vote was unanimous.

Fire & Tornado Insurance - looking at either replacing from the wash bay to the offices and fixing up the offices or replacing the building - they are weighing the options. We hope to know more by the end of this week.

Miller asked if it would be at the same location if we have to rebuild - the consensus of the Board was it would be at the current location.

COURTHOUSE ADDITION

Berseth reported the bids were tabulated and came in at \$2.4 million; including the boiler replacement of \$100,000; we received \$728,000 in grant funds. Bids came in 66% higher than anticipated. Berseth stated he could not justify the Courthouse Addition at this time.

John Anderson reported the boiler project is estimated at \$275,000 and the grant is for \$100,000.

Berseth and Ehlert both stated they could support the boiler replacement portion of the project but neither felt they could support the Courthouse Addition at this time.

Lambrech commented that originally plans were for just the Walkway and security and later we added the Commission Room and Restrooms, etc.; he asked if the Grant Committee should be contacted and asked to review our grant application again with modifications to just the walkway/security.

Berseth replied that we would need to submit a new grant application and the next grant cycle won't be until January 2022. Berseth will followup with the Grant Committee.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to proceed with Boiler Equipment in the basement of the LEC. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion followed and included:

- Fossum asked about sending a letter to the Grant Committee notifying them that we will not be proceeding with the Courthouse Addition project at this time. Berseth stated he would notify the Grant Committee.
- Lambrecht asked if he should continue to secure the 20/20 grant for \$17,750 for cameras and body scanner for the new addition. Ehlert commented the equipment would still be needed if we go for a smaller project. Berseth suggested asking if an extension is available.
- Berseth stated he could not support one entry point if we have to hire additional staff. He would like this addressed/discussed at a Department Head Meeting.
- Fossum reported that the architect for the addition has been paid more than \$75,000 already and recommended the State's Attorney review the existing contract.

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

ATTEST: Sandy Fossum Tim Campbell CHAIRPERSON
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Auditor/Administrator Board of Richland County Commissioners