

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 7, 2021**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on December 7, 2021 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Perry Miller. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Fossum and DeVal; and State's Attorney Kummer.

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

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berg to approve the Minutes of meetings November 2 and November 16. Vote was unanimous.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Campbell turned the meeting over to Fossum for Board Reorganization.

Fossum opened nominations for Chairman. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berg to nominate Berseth as Chairman. No other nominations were received - Vote was taken and Berseth was elected as Chairman.

Fossum turned the meeting over to Berseth.

Berseth asked for a moment of silence to honor former Richland County Commissioner Steve Campbell who recently passed away; he was a County Commissioner for 26 years.

Berseth opened nominations for Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Miller to nominate Ehlert as Vice Chairman. No other nominations were received - Vote was taken and Ehlert was elected as Vice Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous.

Erickson briefly explained the Legislative changes affecting Tax Foreclosure Properties and excess funds. The Board discussed various options for marketing these properties. Berseth requested a listing of properties for review at the next meeting.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern.

Bridge 115-33 - Sedler reported the bridge has to be either closed or repaired; it has been signed to 12 tons and is a well used bridge. The estimated repair cost is \$69,000. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to repair the Bridge. Vote was unanimous.

2022 Projects - The following projects are proposed for 2022:

- 58 miles of Chip Seal on Co Rd 2, Co Rd 3, Co Rd 10 and Hwy 81
- 26 miles of Tiling on Co Rd 8, Co Rd 10, Co Rd 17
- 5 miles of Paving/Chip Seal on Co Rd 3

Sedler is working on plans and estimates using American Rescue Plan Funds.

Courthouse Diagonal Parking - The City is applying for a grant for diagonal parking on 2nd Avenue between 4th & 5th Street and is requesting the County participate in the cost. The County's estimated cost share is \$91,000 with construction planned in 2024.

Equipment Operator - No applicants have been received for the vacant position. Sedler has re-worked routes with existing employees.

Discussion followed on the lack of applicants for vacant positions. Fossum reported that a pay study review, to include employee longevity, has been requested from Gallagher. Berseth reported the efficiency study from Eide Bailly Consulting is expected soon also.

Overload Permits - Campbell requested a report of all Overload Fines and Permits Issued over the past five years for the Board to review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Social Services - No Report.

B) Buildings & Grounds - Glen Adrian has been hired for the Maintenance position. John Anderson is working on grants for the Air System.

C) Public Health - The Director of Nursing Position was re-advertised and they are proceeding with interviews. Campbell requested that two Commissioners hold the Health Department Portfolio rather than just one Commissioner.

D) JDA -A meeting is scheduled for later today - there are 3 loans to review.
SVEDA - 14 homes are going up in the County.

E) Weed Board - No Report.

F) Soils Committee - No report.

G) Park Board - Two Board members have sent in letters requesting appointment to new terms on the Board; appointments will be made in December. The next meeting is scheduled for March.

H) Administration - No Report.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- an anonymous letter was received - No action was taken by the Board

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Ehlert to approve a Raffle Permit Application for the Richland County Wildlife Club. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Miller to approve a Game Site Authorization for Head of the Red Youth Activities Association for gaming at Texas Crossing. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Berg to approve the request from the City of Hankinson to purchase County owned vacant property in the City of Hankinson (parcel 48-1805-03867.000). Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Campbell to approve the request from the City of Hankinson to purchase County owned property in Hankinson (parcel 48-1805-03848.000) and to reimburse the City up to \$2,000 in demolition costs once the demo is complete and a bill submitted.
Vote was unanimous.

State's Attorney Kummer reported her office received a check in the amount of \$252.00 for a Civil Asset Forfeiture; she requested the funds be deposited into the State's Attorney Budget rather than the General Fund so the funds can be used for Office Supplies. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to deposit the funds into the State's Attorney Budget. Voting NO was Campbell the remainder Voted Yes and the motion carried.

Fossum reported the following:

- the Southern Valley Response Team will be using the Courthouse for a training today after 5:00 PM
- the next 5-County Meeting is scheduled for March 10 and it will be Richland County's turn to host. Fossum suggested the meeting be held in Wyndmere at the Black Pelican with a 4:00 PM meeting and a meal to follow with no scheduled tour.

State's Attorney Kummer reported receiving Notices of Bankruptcy for GTT Communications; she has checked with several other Departments, but no one is doing business with this Company. She will keep the Notices on File.

Campbell reported he was approached by an individual who asked if the Liquor Licenses would be prorated in 2022. The consensus was the 2022 Liquor/Beer Licenses would be the regular rates.

Fossum requested the Commission set the Precincts and Polling locations for the 2022 elections. Discussion followed. Fossum was directed to check into options for additional drop boxes in various cities.

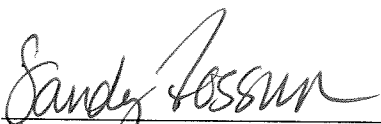
Fossum reported the Health Department has received a Grant for Family Planning and would like to install condom dispensers in the LEC.

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

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Vouchers October and November 2021; Sheriff Department - Revenue and Expenses for September and October 2021.

ATTEST:


Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator


Nathan Berseth
Board of Richland County Commissioners

CHAIRPERSON

The following claims were approved for November 2021.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	239,563.56
County Highway	82,313.54
911 Communications	46,783.07
County Agent	6,779.06
Veterans Service	7,858.94
Weed Officer	1,012.00
Public Health Fund	84,451.33
Income Maintenance	44,909.00
Foster Care	16,779.70
Child Protective Svc	36,779.75
Parent Aid	3,100.70
Family Soc Worker	9,280.72
Social Services	10,718.00
In-Home Care	16,060.17
Admin Support	11,176.94
HSZ Board	500.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	618,066.48

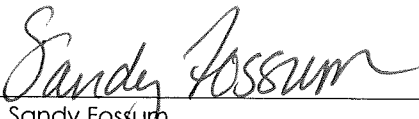
EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	160,671.02
County Highway	185,760.63
15 Mill Rd Fund	427,122.36
911 Communications	34,409.69
Cap Improvement Fd	495.00
Water Rescue Team	256.00
County Agent	2,645.98
Veterans Service	2,623.90
Weed Control Levy	57,544.64
Public Health	120,676.84
Income Maintenance	15,213.00
Foster Care	4,398.15
Child Protective Svc	13,199.42
Parent Aid	1,921.22
Family Soc Worker	4,551.70
Social Services	3,483.18
In-Home Care	10,689.58
Admin Support	5,893.70
HSZ Board	242.79
Safety Permanency Fd	1,175.69
Unallow Fed Costs	63.50
State Medical Levy	1,339.81
FEMA	4,046.01

Garrison Div	1,339.81
Domestic Violence	245.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	52,911.43
State Aid Distribution	13,456.33
Jail Concession	159.71
SEMCA	53,633.25
Diversion Settlement	48,316.57
Sr Citizen Fund	1,781.81
Historical Society	443.51
Co Agent Special	357.75
Soil Cons District	1,266.88
Water Mngt Levy	5,615.83
Joint Water Resource	2,009.71
EXPENSE TOTAL	1,239,961.40

**TOTAL PAYROLL &
EXPENSES** **1,858,027.88**

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Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator


Nathan Bersef
Board of Richland County Commissioners

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