

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on February 6, 2024 with Commissioners Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert, Perry Miller and Terry Goerger. Others included Administration Personnel Fossum; State's Attorney Megan Kummer and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the agenda as amended. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from North Dakota Water Resources

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to approve a special event permit for Antelope Creek Bar and Grill for an event March 2, 2024 at the Bagg Farm. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve applications for local gaming permits for Dakota Antique Tractor Club and the Galchutt Legion. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Goerger to approve the minutes of meetings January 9 and the Special Session January 30. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

STEVE ACKERMAN – PRELIMINARY SURVEY

Steve Ackerman provided copies of the preliminary survey of the land owned by the County in Barrie Township. There are some discrepancies in the legal description in the deed from 1936. Mr. Ackerman indicated that he would need to review the abstract when it is completed. If an attorney is needed to do a quiet title action it is the consensus that an outside attorney would be used.

JILL BREUER – HANKINSON TOWER CONTRACT

Jill Breuer presented copies of the Hankinson contract to the Commission for review. A motion was made by Goerger and seconded by Campbell to approve the Hankinson Tower Lease and Use Agreement. Vote was unanimous.

Breuer informed the Commission that one of the dispatchers will be moving to the Sheriff's Department in the early summer. Breuer indicated that she has multiple applicants at this time and requested to be able to hire a replacement now instead of waiting. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the hiring of a dispatcher to replace a dispatcher that will be leaving this summer. Vote was unanimous.

HAYLEE VIGER AND MITCH CALKINS – REGIONAL LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING GRANT

Haylee Vigor explained the grant options available for site analysis for livestock planning. Ransom and Traill County have applied and have had the site analysis done. The grant could be \$12,000 for the County and up to \$500 per Township. There should be no fiscal note to the County.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to have Lake Agassiz be our fiscal agent for filing for the Regional Livestock Development & Planning Grant. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Donnie Witt.

Engineer Sedler gave a brief update on Highway activities:

- Landowner meeting for CR 16 project
- ROW easements for the CR 16 project
- The DOT has pushed back all bridge funding for a year

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) HSZ Board – A written report from Lynn Flieth was presented.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - Highway Dept. has helped move things for the HVAC renovation.
- C) Public Health – Kayla Carlson informed the Commission that Cindy Thompson has taken the Home Health Care Coordinator; Amanda Tuura has accepted the position of the Public Health Coordinator and Tashana Sedler has accepted the position of Correctional Health RN. The accounting specialist position is still open. Some of the grants will be ending in June/July of 2024, the department is looking for new grants.
- D) JDA/JPA – Approved a loan; have done a lot of Pace buy down loans. Brief overview of projects in Hankinson, Colfax and Wahpeton. There is a new set of plans that have been drawn up for the Homestead addition.
- E) Weed Board – Approval has been given for new chemicals to add to the LAP Program. The effectiveness of the new sprays will have to be documented. These chemicals are more expensive than the ones previously used. Will have a meeting in March.
- F) Soils Committee – No Report.
- G) Park Board – Meeting March 11, 2024.
- H) Administration – Fossum informed the Board that she will be in Bismarck for election training March 6 – 8.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February

- 20 Commission Meeting
- 20 State of the City Meeting in Lidgerwood

March

- 5 Commission Meeting
- 11 Park Board Meeting
- 19 Commission Meeting
- 20 County Commissioner Summit

April

- 2 Commission Meeting
- 16 Commission Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

ATTEST: _____
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

_____ CHAIRPERSON
Perry Miller
Board of Richland County Commissioners