

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 19, 2023**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on December 19, 2023 with Commissioners Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert, Terry Goerger and Perry Miller. Others included Administration Personnel Fossum and DelVal; Assistant State's Attorney Rydell; and a Daily News Reporter.

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

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve all 2024 Beer and Liquor License applications contingent upon satisfaction of all licensing requirements. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to approve a Raffle Permit Application for Wahpeton JO Volleyball. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve Vote Centers for the 2024 elections at the following locations: Wyndmere, Hankinson, Colfax, Fairmount, Lidgerwood, Wahpeton and Abercrombie. Vote was unanimous.

Request from Mark Evanger to purchase property. The Board had tabled action on the request at a previous meeting until further information was available. Fossum updated the Board with information from the Assessors Office on Sales. Discussion followed on getting bids or auctioning the property and also the trails through the property and an easement for those trails. Fossum was directed to contact Bob Helbing for professional services.

Fossum reported Willerd Ward requested the County Park Board meet after the first of the Year to meet with a potential grounds keeper for Mooreton Pond.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to appoint Clint Arndt to another Term on the Water Resource Board. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Donnie Witt.

Engineer Sedler gave a brief update on Highway activities:

- Eagle Twsp Bridge
- Crews are working on routine maintenance
- A Construction meeting with landowners to discuss ROW for CR 16 is scheduled for January 11.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Kayla Carlson introduced Cindy Thompson to the Board. She was recently hired as an RN in Home Health.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

John Anderson gave a brief update on Department activities:

- A walk-through of the offices in the Courthouse is scheduled for tomorrow at 10:30 for the HVAC Project.
- Anderson is working on Grants.
- An auction should be held after the HVAC Project is completed for unused Office equipment and furniture.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Goerger to approve the purchase of a 3/4 ton Chevy pickup from Smith Motors for \$37,900 after the trade-in of the 2011 half ton pickup. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Ehlert has followed up with the VSO Officer in regard to a parking area in Hankinson for the VSO Van as discussed at the December 5 Meeting and at this time it isn't needed.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to authorize the Highway Department to purchase the pickup from the Health Department for the market value of \$38,000. Vote was unanimous. Listing the Health Department Trailer for sale was also briefly discussed, Berseth will follow-up with Visto's for a value.

Fossum will compile the Commission Portfolios for 2024 and get them to Chairman Miller for assignments.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

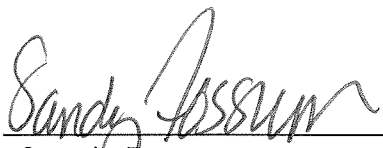
January

- 2 Housing Authority 11:30
- 9 Commission Meeting
- 11 County Christmas Party

February

- 6 Commission Meeting
- 20 Commission Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST: 
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Perry Miller
Board of Richland County Commissioners