

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 2, 2024

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on April 2, 2024 with Commissioners Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert, Terry Goerger and Perry Miller. Others included Administration Personnel Fossum and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer, a Daily News Reporter and visitor Candice Jeanotte.

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

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to approve the Minutes of meetings March 5 and March 19. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel included Engineer Sedler and Donnie Witt.

CR 22 Drain Tile - Bids were opened at the March 19 Commission Meeting. Traxler Construction of LeCenter MN was the low bidder.

A motion was made by Goerger and seconded by Campbell to award the bid to Traxler Construction. Voting NO was Berseth the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried. Berseth commented that Ellingson Drainage was local and he would like them to be given an opportunity for the project.

Sedler gave an update on Highway activities:

- CR 16 project will be awarded at the April 16 meeting
- Ice Slicer is a de-icer product we will try next year, may consider a hoop shelter
- Crews will begin four-ten hour shifts next week
- Crews will be assisting the Extension Office with relocating for the HVAC Project
- B Roads - there will be a sign up sheet at the Township Officers meeting
for affected Townships to set up a time to meet with Commissioners and
Highway personnel

JOHN ANDERSON - HVAC PROJECT UPDATE

Anderson reported the project is moving along, ceilings will be installed in the Highway and Water Resource offices next week and they should be able to move back into their offices shortly after that; Extension and Emergency Management will begin moving from their offices today and tomorrow for the next phase of the project.

The original Court Room blueprints show a Leaded Art Glass Skylight. Anderson would like to pursue exposing it when the roofing project takes place. Miller suggested talking to the roofer to determine what would be the easiest way to determine if the skylight is still under the dome.

In other business, Anderson reported the only option for an appraisal of the historical painting that was in the Commission Room, may be to take it to Minneapolis. Ehlert recommended it be kept safe during the HVAC Project and then it be hung back in the Commission Room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) HSZ Board - Lynn Flieth will be back next week from Medical Leave. The Department is fully staffed.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - John Anderson reported earlier in the meeting.
- C) Public Health - Covid and RSV Vaccinations are on-going as well as foot clinics;

Partnering with NDSCS on a grant.

D) JDA/JPA - Berseth gave a brief overview of on-going projects and the housing program.

E) Weed Board - the Weed Board will be selling a spray truck, Goerger is working with Fossum on advertising.

F) Soils Committee - No report.

G) Park Board - Distributions were discussed.

H) Administration - Dean Larson from Eagle View Aerial Imagery will come to the May Commission Meeting to give a demonstration.

The Commission congratulated DelVal on her upcoming Retirement and thanked her for her years of Service to the County.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Miller reported the Barrie Township Property sold at the auction for approximately \$80,800

- Berseth reported a Tax Foreclosure Property in Fairmount has sold.

CANDICE JEANOTTE - RSR ZONE BOARD

Visitor Candice Jeanotte asked about qualifications of Board Members assigned to County Boards and shared concerns/complaints regarding the RSR Zone Board. Goerger will follow up with the Zone Director.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

- Notice of Public Hearing - SCS Carbon Transport LLC

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to send a letter of support to Bolten & Menk regarding the Water Transmission Line near Hankinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to adopt a Resolution approving an Agreement with Lake Agassiz Regional Council for the Purpose of Regional Livestock Planning Grant Acceptance. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to approve a Raffle Permit for Do It Well Inc. Vote was unanimous.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May

- 7 Commission Meeting
- 21 Commission Meeting

June

- 4 Commission Meeting
- 4 Equalization Meetings
- 11 Election Day
- 21 Commission Meeting
- 24 Canvas Board

July

- 2 Commission Meeting
- 16 Commission Meeting
- TBD Budget Meetings

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department- Revenue Voucher for February 2024.

ATTEST: _____

Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

_____ CHAIRPERSON

Perry Miller
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for March, 2024

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	\$	285,221.41
County Highway	\$	88,859.85
911 Communications	\$	53,964.71
County Agent	\$	7,353.22
Veterans Service	\$	10,278.67
Weed Officer	\$	500.00
Public Health Fund	\$	97,862.63
Income Maintenance	\$	59,610.00
Foster Care	\$	20,098.57
Child Protective Svc	\$	38,322.68
Parent Aid	\$	4,494.90
Family Soc Worker	\$	5,128.28
Social Services	\$	67,607.22
In-Home Care	\$	21,635.17
Admin Support	\$	17,796.87
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	778,734.18

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General Accounts	\$	248,378.53
County Highway	\$	235,236.81
Bridge Replacement	\$	16,055.00
Road & Bridge Equipment Fund	\$	3,500.00
Prairie Dog Disbursements	\$	-
15 Mill Road	\$	-
Emergency Assistance Donation	\$	-
Emergency Fund	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	34,435.06
NDRIN	\$	158.90
Capitol Improvement	\$	-
Water Rescue	\$	667.00
Special Response Team	\$	-
Civil Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$	-
K9 Dog Donations	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	77,071.16
County Agent	\$	2,311.45
Veterans Service	\$	4,662.85
Veteran Assistance Donation	\$	-
Weed Control Levy	\$	484.45
Public Health	\$	45,561.77
Haz Chem Fund	\$	3,069.56
Income Maintenance	\$	22,122.24
Foster Care	\$	6,495.27
Child Protective Svc	\$	13,145.71
Parent Aid	\$	950.93

Family Soc Worker	\$	3,768.49
Social Services	\$	23,803.09
In-Home Care	\$	13,123.69
Admin Support	\$	7,183.91
HSZ Board	\$	-
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	-
Foster Care	\$	-
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	-
General Assistance	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	-
State Medical Levy	\$	43,119.31
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	-
FEMA Disaster Reimbursement	\$	63,944.06
Garrison Div	\$	43,119.31
Domestic Violence	\$	175.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	-
TeleComm Tax Fund	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	21,842.32
Jail Concession	\$	163.44
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	252.97
SEMCA	\$	2,314.99
County General Accounts	\$	77,797.53
Diversion Settlement	\$	3,133,903.42
ND Income Tax W/H	\$	-
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	139,909.45
Historical Society	\$	10,955.98
Co Agent Special	\$	530.00
Soil Cons District	\$	36,662.57
Water Mngt Levy	\$	121,095.41
Joint Water Resource	\$	64,678.89
Estimated Real Estate Tax	\$	-
Current Tax Holding Fund	\$	-
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	4,522,650.52
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	\$	5,301,384.70

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_____CHAIRPERSON
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