

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 2, 2025

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 A.M. December 2, 2025 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Tim Campbell (via phone), Terry Goerger, Nathan Berseth, Rollie Ehlert, and Perry Miller (via phone). Others included Administrative Personnel Fossum and South, State's Attorney Kummer, Jesse Sedler, Donnie Witt, Sarah Erickson, Brett Lambrecht, Damon DeVillers, and Daily News reporter Manisha Reddy.

Commissioner Campbell called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to approve the agenda. Vote was unanimous.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Commissioner Campbell turned the meeting over to Auditor Sandy Fossum. Fossum opened nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Goerger nominated Nathan Berseth as Vice Chair. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Goerger to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Berseth as Vice Chair. Vote was unanimous.

Fossum opened nominations for Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Ehlert nominated Terry Goerger as Chair. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Goerger as Chairman. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berseth to approve the minutes of meetings November 4 and November 18. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests submitted for public comment.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway personnel in attendance were Jesse Sedler and Donnie Witt.

Sedler gave the following updates regarding Highway activity:

- crews were out all weekend clearing roads, will be sanding today
- switching to an aggressive salt mixture, no change in policy
- will find out about NDDOT Flex Funding end of December

- Helendale bridge deck is ready to pour, looking at week of the 15th, due to warmer weather
- County snow blade was rearended on CR2, no injuries occurred

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) HSZ Board – Board met last week.
- B) Buildings & Grounds – Anderson will be applying for the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Grant for the parking lot. Still working with Trane on temperature control.
- C) Public Health – Board will meet Friday. Wrapping up Flu season, vaccines are still available. Have two car seat trainers now, no fee for class. Conducting vision and hearing screenings.
- D) JDA/JPA – Nothing to report.
- E) Weed Board – Landowner Assistance Program checks will go out this month.
- F) Soils Committee – Waiting on price per acre from the state. Committee will meet after info is received.
- G) Park Board – Board will meet in March. There is work that needs to be done at Mooreton Pond.
- H) Administration – Fossum reported that Interstate Engineering sent letters requesting comment on three projects planned for 2026. Damon DeVillers gave a brief update regarding the projects.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to allow the Auditor the authority to approve annual beer & liquor licenses for the county. Vote was unanimous.

Correspondence from ND Water Resources regarding Senate Bill 2027 – updated floodplain ordinances are due by June 1, 2026.

Commissioner Campbell left the meeting at 8:33 A.M.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve January 2 as an additional paid day off; those required to work will receive an additional comp day. Vote was unanimous.

Brett Lambrecht gave a brief update regarding Senate Bill 2027 and the amended floodplain ordinance requirements. He will prepare an update to be presented at the Township Officer meeting tonight.

The possibility of a building inspector for the county was discussed.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

December

- 8-9 ND County Commissioners Summit
- 11 County Christmas Party
- 16 Commission Meeting

January

6 Commission Meeting
20 Commission Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Berseth.
Meeting adjourned at 8:57 A.M.

Reports filed: Sheriff's Department – Revenue & Expenses for October 2025.

ATTEST: _____ CHAIRPERSON
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator
Terry Goerger
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for November, 2025

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	\$	349,296.65
County Highway	\$	105,912.20
911 Communications	\$	54,965.48
County Agent	\$	5,780.32
Veterans Service	\$	11,043.06
Weed Officer	\$	545.00
Public Health Fund	\$	69,522.36
Income Maintenance	\$	68,222.28
Foster Care	\$	21,202.95
Child Protective Svc	\$	39,480.27
Parent Aid	\$	4,920.60
Family Soc Worker	\$	5,493.41
Social Services	\$	90,105.22
In-Home Care	\$	25,408.75
Admin Support	\$	17,655.08
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	869,553.63

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General Accounts	\$	229,942.59
County Highway	\$	441,199.42
Bridge Replacement	\$	367,307.53
Road & Bridge Equipment Fund	\$	-
Prairie Dog Disbursments	\$	-
15 Mill Road	\$	-
Social Services Fund	\$	39.50
Emergency Assistance Donation	\$	-
Emergency Fund	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	35,873.88
NDRIN	\$	158.90
Capitol Improvement	\$	2,230.00
Water Rescue	\$	-
Special Response Team	\$	495.00
Civil Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$	-
K9 Dog Donations	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	-
County Agent	\$	1,987.15
Veterans Service	\$	5,926.54
Veteran Assistance Donation	\$	-
Weed Control Levy	\$	426.88
Public Health	\$	41,554.75
Haz Chem Fund	\$	-
Income Maintenance	\$	23,386.10
Foster Care	\$	8,005.42
Child Protective Svc	\$	17,760.35

Parent Aid	\$	1,779.91
Family Soc Worker	\$	4,719.90
Social Services	\$	30,244.38
In-Home Care	\$	12,815.57
Admin Support	\$	26,150.29
HSZ Board	\$	-
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	-
Foster Care	\$	-
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	-
General Assistance	\$	-
Program Cost Revenue	\$	-
State Medical Levy	\$	1,757.39
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	-
FEMA Disaster Reimbursement	\$	-
Garrison Div	\$	1,757.42
Domestic Violence	\$	245.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	76,341.39
TeleComm Tax Fund	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	18,427.41
Jail Concession	\$	-
Sobreity Test Fund	\$	-
EWTF	\$	1,493.61
County General Accounts	\$	-
Diversion Settlement	\$	478,438.17
ND Income Tax W/H	\$	-
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	2,970.04
Historical Society	\$	737.27
Co Agent Special	\$	446.41
Soil Cons District	\$	1,177.08
Water Mngt Levy	\$	9,063.93
Joint Water Resource	\$	2,636.06
Estimated Real Estate Tax	\$	-
Current Tax Holding Fund	\$	-
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	1,847,495.24
 TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	\$	 2,717,048.87

ATTEST: _____

Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

CHAIRPERSON

Terry Goerger
Board of Richland County Commissioners