

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 16, 2024

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on April 16, 2024, with Commissioners Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert, Terry Goerger and Perry Miller. Others included Administration Personnel Fossum; State's Attorney Kummer, Highway Department Personnel Sedler and Witt, a Daily News Reporter, Tyler Mauch, Jay Carmack, Janet Gagelin, Darlene Lee and Matt Syvertson.

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

Jay Carmack, Wahpeton FFA member, addressed the Commission regarding the sign project at Riverside Cemetery. The project is complete and Mr. Carmack shared photos of the completed project. Janet Gagelin and Darlene Lee each addressed the project. The Commission thanked Jay for his work on this project and thanked Janet Gagelin and Darlene Lee for the work that they do at the cemetery.

Tyler Mauch addressed the Commission on behalf of End of the Woods Task Force. Mauch requested to use asset forfeiture funds to reimburse the City of Wahpeton for a new ballistic vest. The company only accepts bulk orders, so the Wahpeton Police Department added an extra vest to their order. A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Berseth to approve a \$745.00 reimbursement to the City of Wahpeton for the purchase of a ballistic vest. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Sedler gave an update on the CR 16 project. The right of way information has been sent to landowners. Some of the landowners are willing to donate the land and there are a few that would like compensation. Most of the parcels that are needed are .9 acres. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to authorize Sedler to negotiate a deal with landowners at his discretion with a limit of \$2,000 per acre compensation. Vote was unanimous.

Sedler stated that NDDOT is not loaning out traffic counters any longer, he has checked into purchasing the counters. The counters will keep track of traffic count as well as speed of traffic and the volume of traffic at certain times. Sedler is to visit with the Sheriff's Department to see if they would be interested in them as well. Sedler will get pricing and bring the information to the next Commission meetings for consideration.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion was held on the issuance of special event permits to liquor license holders. A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Ehlert to authorize the Auditor to approve and issue the special event permits providing all required documentation and the fee is provided. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to approve sight authorizations for Texas Crossing and Terrace Lanes requested by Head of the Red for gaming operations. Vote was unanimous.

Fossum informed the Commission that a letter was received from the Environmental Quality Department regarding the Abercrombie landfill. This was a follow up letter to a letter sent November 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the 2024 beer license application for Dakota Vines Vineyard and Winery LLC. Vote was unanimous.

Fossum presented a list of inspectors that will work at the 2024 Primary Election. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Goerger to approve the list of inspectors for the 2024 Primary Election and authorize Fossum to fill any vacancies that may arise. Vote was unanimous.

Kummer informed the Commission that the Drug Treatment Court has received a grant from the State of North Dakota from the funds received from the opioid litigation settlement. Kummer indicated that the money would have to be run through the county and that a contract needs to be signed to allow Richland County to receive the funds and disperse them to the drug treatment court. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to authorize the Chairman of the Commission to sign the contract for the opioid grant funding for the drug treatment court. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

Sedler informed the Commission that he applied for a grant for the flex transportation funding and was informed that Richland County received \$2,500,000. The money will be used for the CR 16 project.

Representatives from several Townships attended the meeting to have a discussion on B Roads in Richland County. The representatives in attendance were as follows:

Dwight Township: Brady Miller and Dale Rubish
Summit Township: Greg Meyer

Brightwood Township: Paul Tiegs, Mark Jean and Steve Ginsbach
Fairmount Township: Francis Rubish
Homestead Township: Carson Klosterman and Don Hoffert
Duerr Township: Jim Prchal, Mike and Kathy Skroch
Barney Township: Dan Pellman and Jim Stallman
Greendale Township: Arnie Anderson
Nansen Township: Craig Olson
LaMars Township: Gordie Luick

The Townships were allowed to voice concerns and ask questions. The Commission and the Highway Department Engineer will evaluate the information provided and will decide regarding the maintenance of B roads in the next couple of months. The decision will be relayed to the Townships.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

ATTEST: _____ CHAIRPERSON
Sandy Fossum Perry Miller
Auditor/Administrator Board of Richland County Commissioners