

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 7, 2026

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 A.M. April 7, 2026 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Terry Goerger, Nathan Berseth, Rollie Ehlert, Perry Miller, and Tim Campbell. Others included Administrative Personnel Fossum and South, State's Attorney Kummer, Jesse Sedler, Donnie Witt, Sarah Erickson, Lacy Christopher, Deb Evenson, Dee Dee Rezac, Cindy Zick, Jay Julson, and Daily News Reporter Manisha Reddy.

Commissioner Goerger called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda. Vote was unanimous (4-0).

Commissioner Berseth entered the meeting at 8:01 A.M.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to approve the minutes of meetings March 3 and March 17. Vote was unanimous (5-0).

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests submitted for public comment.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Sedler gave the following updates regarding Highway activities:

- bid opening for CR 1 project was moved to Thursday, April 9th at 11:30am
- special meeting to be held Friday, April 10th at 8:00am to accept and possibly award bid
- weekend plowing went well, two vehicles got stuck in the ditch
- gravel roads look good considering the winter weather
- tractor lease was up in February, Sedler checked with local companies, but did not have any luck

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve a 12-month tractor lease with NDACo for \$11,400. Vote was unanimous (5-0).

Sedler informed the Commission that the Highway Department has a semi that is in tough

shape. Sedler would like to purchase a used semi and park the plow truck to save miles. Sedler said the purchase falls within his budget. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the purchase of a used semi; up to \$40,000. On a roll call vote, vote was unanimous (5-0).

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Fossum informed the Commission that the group in Fairmount that requested demolition assistance from the county has demoed the house and submitted invoices with proof of payment for reimbursement totaling \$9900. Fossum said there is still cleanup to be done, so additional invoices may be submitted. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to approve \$9900 reimbursement to MFGA LLC for demo costs on property in Fairmount. On a roll call vote, vote was unanimous (5-0).

Lacy Christopher, Deb Evenson, and Dee Dee Rezac were present from the Extension Office. Christopher introduced administrative new hire, Dee Dee Rezac to the Board of Commissioners and said she is handling her new role well. Christopher announced that Evenson is retiring after 25 years with the county but will stay on to do some contract work in the Extension Office. The Commission thanked Evenson for her years of service and welcomed new hire Rezac to the county.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) HSZ Board – Commissioner Campbell reported the board met at the end of February. Applications for assistance are taking much longer than normal, some 6 to 8 months to process. The issue is statewide and has put an additional burden on churches and food pantries in the community.
- B) Buildings & Grounds – Commissioner Miller reported that John is back and will likely be doing half days to start. The Commission thanked the Highway Department for assisting with duties in his absence.
- C) Public Health – Commissioner Goerger reported that the department hired Cassie Martinez for the Correctional RN position. Martinez is doing some training but will officially start in July. Free biometric screenings for National Public Health Week. STI testing at NDSCS. Offer free access to safety locks for gun cabinets.
- D) JDA/JPA – Commissioner Berseth reported that the JDA approved a PACE loan for Giant Snacks in Wahpeton. JPA bought US Bank building. Queen Ann is still progressing and will be a featured project for the JPA.

E) Weed Board – Will meet Tuesday, April 14th in Barney.

F) Soils Committee – Nothing to report.

G) Park Board – Will meet Monday, April 20th.

H) Administration – Fossum reported that the Assessing Office did a nice job executing their extra duties over the last month with changes from HB1176. Notices were required to be sent to every parcel in the county; approximately 15,000. Fossum said the City of Wahpeton sent their own notices, which was much appreciated.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to approve a raffle permit for the Vietnam Vets Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to approve gaming site authorizations for Head of the Red at Texas Crossing and Terrace Lanes/Alley Cat Lounge. Vote was unanimous.

County election filings were briefly discussed. Election postcards to be mailed May 1st. The election rotation drawing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9th at 4:15pm. Assistant State's Attorney Rydell to oversee as State's Attorney Kummer is on the ballot. Commissioner Miller or Commissioner Campbell to serve on the Canvassing Board, as Commissioner Goerger, Commissioner Berseth, and Commissioner Ehlert are on the ballot.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to approve the payment of the bills. Vote was unanimous (5-0).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April

10 Special Meeting – Board of Commissioners
21 Commission Meeting

May

5 Commission Meeting
19 Commission Meeting

Reports filed: Tax & Property Department – Revenue Voucher for March 2026.

Motion to adjourn by Miller.
Meeting adjourned at 9:01 A.M.

ATTEST: _____
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

_____ CHAIRPERSON
Terry Goerger
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for March, 2026

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	\$	330,008.79
County Highway	\$	106,384.19
911 Communications	\$	57,872.32
County Agent	\$	10,688.77
Veterans Service	\$	11,424.40
Weed Officer	\$	559.00
Public Health Fund	\$	71,038.64
Income Maintenance	\$	73,543.88
Foster Care	\$	21,211.95
Child Protective Svc	\$	37,646.00
Parent Aid	\$	4,934.60
Family Soc Worker	\$	5,507.41
Social Services	\$	87,915.50
In-Home Care	\$	23,438.20
Admin Support	\$	17,810.56
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	859,984.21

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General Accounts	\$	291,989.46
County Highway	\$	488,039.14
Bridge Replacement	\$	14,015.98
Road & Bridge Equipment Fund	\$	-
Prairie Dog Disbursements	\$	-
15 Mill Road		
Social Services Fund	\$	-
Emergency Assistance Donation	\$	-
Emergency Fund	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	17,162.06
NDRIN	\$	-
Capitol Improvement	\$	1,653.25
Water Rescue	\$	-
Special Response Team	\$	891.54
Civil Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$	-
K9 Dog Donations	\$	-
County Agent	\$	3,504.08
Veterans Service	\$	5,340.20
Veteran Assistance Donation	\$	-
Weed Control Levy	\$	810.40
Public Health	\$	46,145.87
Haz Chem Fund		
Income Maintenance	\$	23,428.90
Foster Care	\$	8,404.04
Child Protective Svc	\$	19,818.26
Parent Aid	\$	1,958.89

Family Soc Worker	\$	2,552.89
Social Services	\$	29,532.54
In-Home Care	\$	13,518.37
Admin Support	\$	18,075.71
HSZ Board	\$	-
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	-
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	-
General Assistance	\$	-
Program Cost Revenue	\$	-
State Medical Levy	\$	48,323.52
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	-
FEMA Disaster Reimbursement	\$	544,268.90
Garrison Div	\$	48,325.40
Domestic Violence	\$	105.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	-
TeleComm Tax Fund	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	18,916.93
Jail Concession	\$	-
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	2,040.00
EWTF	\$	43,231.00
County General Accounts	\$	-
Diversion Settlement	\$	126,414.20
ND Income Tax W/H	\$	-
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	154,295.29
Historical Society	\$	12,232.54
Co Agent Special	\$	310.68
Soil Cons District	\$	40,565.95
Water Mngt Levy	\$	147,099.38
Joint Water Resource	\$	72,484.26
Estimated Real Estate Tax	\$	-
Current Tax Holding Fund	\$	-
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	2,245,454.63
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	\$	3,105,438.84

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Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

_____CHAIRPERSON
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