

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 3, 2024

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on December 3, 2024 with Commissioners Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert, Terry Goerger and Perry Miller. Others included Administration Personnel Fossum and South, State's Attorney Kummer, Sheriff Ruhl, Jesse Sedler, Donny Witt, Sarah Erickson, and Damon DeVillers.

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

States Attorney Kummer administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioners Perry Miller and Tim Campbell.

A motion was made by Goerger and seconded by Berseth to approve the minutes of meetings November 12. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Commissioner Miller opened nominations for Chairman. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to nominate Tim Campbell as Chairman. A motion was made by Goerger and seconded by Berseth to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Campbell as Chair. Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Miller turned the meeting over to Commissioner Campbell.

Commissioner Campbell opened nominations for Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Miller and Seconded by Berseth to nominate Terry Goerger as Vice Chair. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Goerger as Vice Chair. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve a Resolution for Box Culverts in Lamars and Fairmount Townships. Vote was unanimous. (Copy attached).

Sedler gave an update on the Helendale Bridge. Waiting on archeological study. Possible bid opening in March and construction over the summer and into fall.

SHERIFF RUHL – JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve a Joint Powers Agreement with Ransom and Sargent Counties.

In other business, Sheriff Ruhl requested authorization to move a part-time position to a full-time position before 2025 to alleviate staffing shortages in Corrections.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to allow Corrections to add the FTE approved for 2025 now. Vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) HSZ Board – No report.

B) Buildings & Grounds – Miller reported that tile work may be needed.

C) Public Health – Still hiring. Restructuring again. Just awarded a multi-year grant. Campbell shared a 2025 grant overview for the department with the Board.

D) JDA/JPA – JDA has a meeting coming up.

E) Weed Board – Goerger reported that the Board met last week. Dan Thompson and Terry Goerger will be assisting with the program. Steve Ginsbach will be on call. Excess equipment will be auctioned off or go to the Highway Department. The shop will be cleaned out. The Board thanked Commissioner Goerger for his efforts on the Weed Board.

F) Soils Committee – No report.

G) Park Board – Next meeting is in March.

H) Administration – Fossum stated that she would put together the 2025 Portfolios and get them to Commissioner Campbell.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed possible sites for a new correctional facility.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Goerger and seconded by Ehler to approve all 2025 Beer and Liquor License applications contingent upon satisfaction of all licensing requirements.
Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to sell 47-3262.000 to the City of Lidgerwood for \$1. Vote was unanimous.

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

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS continued

The Board discussed the possibility of a Public Information Officer for the County.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

December

- 12 5 County Meeting
- 17 Commission Meeting

January

- 7 Housing Authority
- 9 County Christmas Party
- 14 Commission Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

ATTEST: _____
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

_____ CHAIRPERSON
Tim Campbell
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for November, 2024

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	\$	308,367.35
County Highway	\$	93,142.92
911 Communications	\$	50,851.14
County Agent	\$	7,590.34
Veterans Service	\$	10,278.67
Weed Officer	\$	845.00
Public Health Fund	\$	71,801.57
Income Maintenance	\$	71,971.88
Foster Care	\$	19,666.61
Child Protective Svc	\$	38,469.14
Parent Aid	\$	4,643.30
Family Soc Worker	\$	5,333.41
Social Services	\$	71,765.51
In-Home Care	\$	23,828.04
Admin Support	\$	17,311.09
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	795,865.97

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General Accounts	\$	298,111.58
County Highway	\$	2,478,666.21
Bridge Replacement	\$	592.50
Road & Bridge Equipment Fund	\$	-
Prairie Dog Disbursements	\$	2,033,669.83
15 Mill Road	\$	-
Social Services Fund	\$	-
Emergency Assistance Donation	\$	-
Emergency Fund	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	20,855.93
NDRIN	\$	-
Capitol Improvement	\$	-
Water Rescue	\$	-
Special Response Team	\$	520.25
Civil Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$	-
K9 Dog Donations	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	357,996.32
County Agent	\$	3,683.73
Veterans Service	\$	5,630.69
Veteran Assistance Donation	\$	-
Weed Control Levy	\$	360.65
Public Health	\$	31,064.80
Haz Chem Fund	\$	-
Income Maintenance	\$	25,760.89
Foster Care	\$	6,545.46
Child Protective Svc	\$	14,374.03

Parent Aid	\$	1,222.03
Family Soc Worker	\$	2,503.90
Social Services	\$	23,561.60
In-Home Care	\$	11,259.64
Admin Support	\$	27,501.08
HSZ Board	\$	-
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	-
Foster Care	\$	-
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	-
General Assistance	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	-
State Medical Levy	\$	2,052.51
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	-
FEMA Disaster Reimbursement	\$	-
Garrison Div	\$	2,052.51
Domestic Violence	\$	210.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	56,548.87
TeleComm Tax Fund	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	18,615.30
Jail Concession	\$	-
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	4,130.00
SEMCA	\$	2,563.06
County General Accounts	\$	-
Diversion Settlement	\$	1,850,097.87
ND Income Tax W/H	\$	-
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	2,663.98
Historical Society	\$	663.31
Co Agent Special	\$	255.90
Soil Cons District	\$	1,754.01
Water Mngt Levy	\$	7,789.86
Joint Water Resource	\$	3,078.68
Estimated Real Estate Tax	\$	-
Current Tax Holding Fund	\$	-
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	7,296,356.98
 TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	 \$	 8,092,222.95

ATTEST: _____

Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

_____CHAIRPERSON

Tim Campbell
Board of Richland County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the bid in the amount of \$755,610.90 from Gladen Construction Inc. received in the bid opening of November 15, 2024 for Project BRP-BRJ-0039(049) was the low bid received.

WHEREAS, this bid is considered reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of RICHLAND County will award to Gladen Construction Inc. the contract for Project BRP-BRJ-0039(049) and hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract.

It is further understood that the County shall reimburse the North Dakota Department of Transportation for any payments made under this contract, which are not collectible from the Federal Highway Administration.

ATTEST:

Sandy Fossum
County Auditor

[Signature]
Chairman, Board of County
Commissioners

County: RICHLAND _____

This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted and passed at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at Richland County on December 3, 2024

Sandy Fossum
County Auditor