

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 3, 2025

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met at 8:00 A.M. on June 3, 2025 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Tim Campbell, Terry Goerger, Nathan Berseth, Rollie Ehlert, and Perry Miller. Others included Administrative Personnel Fossum and South, State's Attorney Kummer, Jesse Sedler, Donnie Witt, Brett Lambrecht, Damon DeVillers, Sarah Erickson, Kayla Carlson, Angie Conzemius, Danielle Flack, Kaci Manikowski, Tashana Sedler, Cindy Thompson, Amanda Tuura, Marcie Wald, Patty Lies, and Laurie Straus.

Commissioner Campbell called the meeting to order and asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Commissioner Berseth stated he would like to add Riverview Dairy. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda as amended. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Goerger and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of meetings May 13 and Special Session May 20. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous. Erickson informed the Commission that foreclosures have been sent to the Sheriff's Office to be served, there were a total of 123 parcels.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from St. Mary's School in Breckenridge, Fossum will respond.

US FOREST SERVICE UPDATE – AIDEN MCCARTY

Aiden McCarty, District Ranger for the Shewenne Ranger District, introduced himself to the Board of Commissioners. McCarty started in February and would like to try to coordinate burn restrictions between Richland County and Ransom County. Commissioner Berseth informed McCarty that burn bans are no longer required to be issued by the Board of Commissioners; Emergency Manager Brett Lambrecht can issue the bans. Lambrecht will notify McCarty if he knows a ban is going to be issued.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Sedler gave the following Highway updates:

CR 1 & 16 Bituminous Overlay Project – Bids were accepted at Special Meeting May 20th; Mark Sand & Gravel was the low bid at \$1,043,680.69. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berseth to award bid for CR 1 & 16 Bituminous Overlay Project to Mark Sand and Gravel. Vote was unanimous.

FEMA Bridge 105-06 Replacement Project – Bids were accepted at special meeting May 20; Young Guns Construction was the low bid at \$1,944,071.63. Sedler reported total construction for the project will be \$2,405,825 with the county share being \$360,873. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Goerger to award bid for FEMA Bridge 105-06 Replacement Project to Young Guns Construction. Discussion followed. Commissioner Berseth commented that he struggles with the county paying \$360,000 for a bridge for one resident, who doesn't pay taxes; when the majority of the land is federal land. Lambrecht stated that they tried to do a buyout with FEMA, but the landowner refused. Following the discussion, vote was unanimous.

Box culverts should be finished by the end of this week.

CR 1 & 3 Drain tile project will be starting next Monday.

Gravel crushing – crew has been crushing for about a week now, graveling will start when crushing is complete.

Sedler informed the Commission that Riverview Dairy is applying for the Ag Facility Grant through the state. The state will need a local entity to shuffle the money through. Sedler will need to approve any work that affects county roads and send to the state.

Commissioner Berseth reported that he was on a call last week with ND Water Commissioner regarding Riverview Dairy utilizing the Brightwood aquifer; he did not get the impression that the aquifer would be an option for Riverview.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to advertise for liquid propane bids for Highway. Vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Riverview Dairy – update was given by Commissioner Berseth earlier in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) HSZ Board – Meeting was rescheduled for June.

B) Buildings & Grounds – Commissioner Miller and Anderson to meet regarding budget.

- C) Public Health – Carlson to give update later in the meeting.
- D) JDA/JPA – JPA - Nothing to report. JDA needs to have a meeting.
- E) Weed Board – State roads have all been sprayed, took a week to complete. County roads were started yesterday.
- F) Soils Committee – Commissioner Goerger and Commissioner Berseth have a meeting tomorrow.
- G) Park Board – Bench was torn out at Mooreton Pond, needs to be put back in. Sedler has ordered a 4x8 sign for Mooreton. Rock is still being worked on.
- H) Administration – Fossum informed the Commission that she received the health insurance rates from NDPERS; they will be increasing approximately 15.2% in 2026. The Commission discussed different options; they will revisit at the next commission meeting.

KAYLA CARLSON – REQUEST RESOLUTION FOR HEALTH DISTRICT

Carlson gave a brief department update. Vaccine clinics will be held later this week at Colfax, Lidgerwood, and St. Johns. The department is actively monitoring for measles and working with Wilkin County on how to manage if a case should arise.

Carlson addressed the Commission to request a Resolution to transition the Richland County Health Department to a Health District. Carlson distributed the proposed Resolution to the Board of Commissioners and shared some of the advantages that a Health District can provide for the county and community. Carlson explained that the Board of Commissioners would appoint Board of Health members and approve mills for the Health District, the Board of Health would approve the budget and determine salaries.

Discussion followed and included:

- would the Health District use IT services/office space from Richland County
- what would happen with vehicles
- if Health Districts in ND move to Zones and Richland County is chosen as host, will the duties fall back on Richland County Human Resources
- how many mills does the Health District anticipate asking for

Following the discussion, the Board of Commissioners advised Fossum and Carlson to meet to discuss questions regarding the resolution request and bring findings to next Commission Meeting.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June

17 Commission Meeting

July

1 Commission Meeting

22 Commission Meeting

22 Budget Meetings

August

5 Commission Meeting

19 Commission Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Goerger.
Meeting adjourned at 9:57 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Voucher for April 2025.

ATTEST: _____

Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

_____CHAIRPERSON

Tim Campbell
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for May, 2025

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	\$	312,691.38
County Highway	\$	107,263.24
911 Communications	\$	56,571.03
County Agent	\$	7,875.00
Veterans Service	\$	11,043.08
Weed Officer	\$	680.00
Public Health Fund	\$	73,009.70
Income Maintenance	\$	64,276.07
Foster Care	\$	14,229.61
Child Protective Svc	\$	38,720.14
Parent Aid	\$	4,643.30
Family Soc Worker	\$	5,347.41
Social Services	\$	80,724.79
In-Home Care	\$	19,909.82
Admin Support	\$	17,383.09
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	814,367.66

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General Accounts	\$	358,671.48
County Highway	\$	127,280.39
Bridge Replacement	\$	8,501.50
Road & Bridge Equipment Fund	\$	-
Prairie Dog Disbursements	\$	-
15 Mill Road	\$	-
Social Services Fund	\$	-
Emergency Assistance Donation	\$	-
Emergency Fund	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	70,908.14
NDRIN	\$	158.90
Capitol Improvement	\$	83,102.00
Water Rescue	\$	-
Special Response Team	\$	-
Civil Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$	-
K9 Dog Donations	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	-
County Agent	\$	4,717.38
Veterans Service	\$	6,896.99
Veteran Assistance Donation	\$	-
Weed Control Levy	\$	101,454.90
Public Health	\$	29,592.17
Haz Chem Fund	\$	-
Income Maintenance	\$	22,028.85
Foster Care	\$	5,669.77
Child Protective Svc	\$	25,829.60

Parent Aid	\$	1,414.08
Family Soc Worker	\$	2,412.96
Social Services	\$	14,209.92
In-Home Care	\$	9,456.98
Admin Support	\$	21,645.43
HSZ Board	\$	-
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	-
Foster Care	\$	-
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	-
General Assistance	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	-
State Medical Levy	\$	3,184.21
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	682.00
FEMA Disaster Reimbursement	\$	-
Garrison Div	\$	3,184.21
Domestic Violence	\$	70.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	55,444.89
TeleComm Tax Fund	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	14,023.82
Jail Concession	\$	-
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	3,170.00
SEMCA	\$	2,271.12
County General Accounts	\$	-
Diversion Settlement	\$	342,846.15
ND Income Tax W/H	\$	-
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	3,644.85
Historical Society	\$	909.22
Co Agent Special	\$	108.60
Soil Cons District	\$	2,126.53
Water Mngt Levy	\$	10,372.92
Joint Water Resource	\$	4,776.34
Estimated Real Estate Tax	\$	-
Current Tax Holding Fund	\$	-
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	1,340,766.30
 TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	\$	 2,155,133.96

ATTEST: _____
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

_____CHAIRPERSON
Tim Campbell
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