

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 21, 2024**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on May 21, 2024, with Commissioners Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert, and Terry Goerger. Commissioner Perry Miller joined via telephone. Others included Administration Personnel Fossum and South; State's Attorney Kummer, Highway Department Personnel Sedler and Witt, Jill Breuer, Dean Larson, Sheriff Ruhl, Wahpeton Chief of Police Matt Anderson, Darcie Huwe, Brett Lambrecht, Matt Syvertson, Tyler Schlotterbeck, Melissa Brown, Rod Romereim, Wendy Matejcek, Rick Score, and a Daily News Reporter.

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

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Sedler brought in Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed contracts for Knife River Materials for the CR 16 project. The project was awarded in a Special Meeting May 16, 2024; the contracts require a signature from the board. Sedler anticipates the project will start in June.

Sedler reports that liquid propane bids are due in July and the county needs to advertise for bids.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Goerger to advertise for propane bids for next year. Vote was unanimous.

Sedler brought in Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed contracts for Traxler Construction for the CR 22 Drain Tile project. The contracts require a signature from the board.

**JILL BREUER – SE CRIB APPOINTMENT**

Jill Breuer handed out Richland Co Communications/911 Stats for 2023 and 911 Fee Breakdown to the board.

Breuer asked the board for a motion to approve her appointment to SE Crib with Rick Teberg as an alternate.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to appoint Jill Breuer to SE Crib and have Rick Teberg as alternate. Vote was unanimous.

Breuer asked the board if they had any questions on the Communications Contract that she has been working on with the City of Wahpeton.

Breuer presented a cost breakdown of current 911 fees vs fees associated with switching to State Radio. Richland County gets \$1.30 back from the \$2.00 that goes to the ND Association of Counties. State Radio would cost \$1.39 and would only take 911 calls.

Miller asked Breuer what different MBC Hexagon refers to under State Radio's cost breakdown. Breuer explained that the equipment that the county currently has in their squad cars would not be compatible with State Radio's equipment, rendering Richland County's current equipment obsolete.

Breuer presented the contract that she has been working on with City of Wahpeton Police Chief Matt Anderson.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to approve a 1 year Communications Agreement with City of Wahpeton for 2025. Vote was unanimous.

### **DEAN LARSON – EAGLEVIEW**

Dean Larson, District Manager at Eagleview, gave a presentation to the board to demonstrate the technology that their company has to offer.

Larson stated that most imagery used today is straight down imagery, which does not give the full picture. Eagleview uses oblique imagery that is obtained by using Sesna planes flying low and slow.

Larson handed out an informational brochure with a list of county departments that have benefited from using Eagleview's imagery. His list included: Assessors and Appraisers, Community Planning, Environmental Assessment and Development, Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, 9-1-1, Engineering, and Transportation and Utilities.

Larson recommended a three-year contract for Richland County as it provides the greatest cost advantage.

Ehlert asked how access would be managed. Larson stated that it would be up to the county to decide which parts of the program are accessible to the public and which parts are not.

Berseth asked if Eagleview would be linked to Richland County's website or would it be an app for employees to use. Larson stated that it would be both.

Fossum asked for pricing. Larson stated that hosting, training, and imagery would cost \$135,000 over three years with no finance charge. After three years, the cost is \$1700 per year.

Berseth asked Melissa Brown if Eagleview would be beneficial to the Assessor's Office, she stated that it would be. Brett Lambrecht stated that it would also help with Emergency Management.

Fossum will reach out to other counties that have signed on with Eagleview to find out their input on the technology.

The Board of Commissioners will revisit at that time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Fossum reports that the county has received a Distribution Agreement between the JPA and Wyndmere Child and Adolescent Resources and Education. The JPA has issued a forgivable loan to the project in Wyndmere. The Wyndmere Child and Adolescent Resources and Education is asking for Richland County's approval as they are not a political entity.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the Distribution Agreement for JPA and Wyndmere Child and Adolescent Resources and Education. Vote was unanimous.

## **MISC/CORRESPONDANCE**

Fossum reported that the county received a letter from the ND Department of Environmental Quality on May 15, 2024 stating that T & G Sanitation applied for a permit to have a transfer station at 2450 15<sup>th</sup> St N in Wahpeton. The public comment period is May 1 – May 30.

Fossum received an email yesterday announcing that the Red River Retention Authority will be having a Partner Summit on July 31, 2024 in Grand Forks; Collin Peterson will be speaking.

Fossum reports that we will need to have a 5 county meeting; the Treasurer for Sargeant County is retiring. A new Chair and Secretary need to be appointed. A tentative meeting is scheduled July 27<sup>th</sup> in Wyndmere.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### June

- 4 Commission Meeting
- 4 Equalization Meetings
- 11 Election Day
- 18 Commission Meeting
- 24 Canvas Board
- 27 Five County Meeting

### July

- 2 Commission Meeting
- 23 Commission Meeting
- 23 Budget Meetings

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 A.M.

Reports Filed:

Distribution Agreement – JPA and Wyndmere Child and Adolescent Resources and Education  
2023 Statistics Richland County Communications/911 and 9-1-1 Fee Breakdown

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandy Fossum  
Auditor/Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRPERSON  
Perry Miller  
Board of Richland County Commissioners