

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MARCH 19, 2024**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on March 19, 2024 with Commissioners Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert, and Perry Miller; Commissioners Nathan Berseth and Terry Goerger joined via phone. Others included Administration Personnel Fossum and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer and a Daily News Reporter.

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

**SHERIFF RUHL - DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Jail Inspection - Ruhl presented the Board with information regarding jail updates including windows, locks, doors, toilets, etc. The State will be here today and tomorrow for a pre-inspection. Ruhl will visit with the inspector about the State's recommendation for the installation of a toilet in Section 7.

LEC Doors and Locks - A grant included securing door/hallway in the LEC and security access entrance to the LEC.

Grain Elevator Burglaries - Some tools were stolen.

Beet Piler Burglaries - Stealing cables.

Overloads - Will start this week.

Saturation Patrol - Will start this week.

Staffing - Staffing is going well. Steve Gjerdevig has moved from Patrolling to Chief Corrections Officer and Aaron Grenz has moved to Patrol Sergeant.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel included Engineer Sedler and Donnie Witt.

Bid Opening - CR 22 Drain Tile - The following bids were received:

\$399,366.00	Ellingson Drainage, Harwood ND
\$408,442.50	Red Rock Tiling & Excavating, Kensington MN
\$373,145.00	Traxler Construction, LeCenter MN

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Ehlert to accept all bids received. Vote was unanimous.

Sedler gave an update on Highway activities:

- crews have been crack sealing, tree trimming, etc.
- roads are getting soft
- meeting with Interstate Engineering today re- CR 16 easements
- Eagle Twsp Bridge - work is progressing
- B Roads - there will be a sign up sheet at the Township Officers meeting for affected Townships to set up a time to meet with the Commissioners and Highway personnel

## **JOHN ANDERSON - HVAC PROJECT UPDATE**

Anderson reported the Project is ahead of schedule and is going well.

Anderson presented two change orders, both within the contingency budget:

- plaster/paint repair for the lower level
- elevated heater units in Administration Vault and Human Resources Office

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Ehlert to approve the Change Orders for plaster repair and elevated units. Vote was unanimous.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT continued**

Bid Opening - Culverts - Bids were received from the following:

- True North Steel, Fargo
- Contech
- Oldcastle Infrastructure

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to accept all bids received. Vote was unanimous.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

Barrie Township Property - Miller reported that Attorney Fred Strege recommends the property be sold by Quit Claim Deed and the County retain Tract 1; there is some confusion on the Trail piece. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berseith to move forward with the sale of the property excluding Tract 1. Vote was unanimous.

Fossum requested authorization to send a mass Postcard Mailing with election information prior to the Primary and General Elections. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Campbell to proceed with election mailings as requested. Vote was unanimous.

Fossum reported the Weed Board is considering selling the Weed Board Spray Truck; Miller suggested this item be discussed at the next Commission Meeting when the full Board is in attendance.

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Ehlert to approve a Gaming Permit for the Wahpeton FFA Alumni Association. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 A.M.

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

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