

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 1, 2024

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on October 1, 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, Brett Lambrecht, Jesse Sedler, Sarah Erickson, and Jill Breuer.

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Ehlert to approve the agenda as amended. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Ehlert to approve the minutes of meetings September 3 and September 17. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

JILL BREUER – NDSCS CONTRACT

Breuer distributed the proposed 1-year contract to the Board of Commissioners. Miller asked how the contract compared to prior years. Breuer stated that it had gone \$4500 from last year.

A motion was made by Berseth and Seconded by Goerger to approve the NDSCS Contract with 911. Vote was unanimous.

BRETT LAMBRECHT – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

FEMA Flood 2023 – Relocation of house & shop on Wild Rice River - 75% federal, 10% state, 15% local. Owners will pay 15%, Richland would need to act as a sponsor for Grant, no cost to the County.

A motion was made by Goerger and seconded by Berseth to proceed with the hazard mitigation grant for relocation of home & shop on the Wild Rice River. Vote was unanimous.

HazMat Cleanup at Hankinson J-Star Site – West Central Environmental. Working with Fire Department and State of ND DES to complete.

HazMat Suits for Fire Departments for Removal of deceased Victims – ordering 15 from HazMat TIER II County Funds, \$24.50 per suit.

Homeland Security Grants –

2023 – 30+ New Encrypted Cameras added to the LEC & Courthouse. Outside Security Door Visiting System added to LEC.

2024 – Received for Colfax Highway Shop, 911 Communications, Lidgerwood Tower Building, Hankinson Tower, and Wahpeton Highway Shop.

Richland County Railroad Annex – LEOP – Added to Richland County Local Emergency Operation Plan. Lambrecht distributed copies to the Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to adopt a Richland County Railroad Annex Plan. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Sedler gave an update on the following Highway activities:

Co Rd 16 - Paving will start at noon today; should take 10 days to complete. Will be limited to local traffic until shoulder work is complete.

Co Rd 8, 3, 26, & 2N – Paving is complete, gravel is being placed at approaches.

Sedler announced new hire, Cory Metcalf, will be starting today.

Sedler announced Mark Vetter will be retiring October 15, 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) HSZ Board – No Report.

B) Buildings & Grounds – HVAC project is still ahead of schedule. Court Facilities Grant funds came in.

C) Public Health – Two open positions.

D) JDA/JPA – No report.

E) Weed Board – Steve did some work east of Colfax.

F) Soils Committee – No report.

G) Park Board – Will need new sign at Mooreton Pond for Spring.

H) Administration – Fossum reported that election prep continues, first round of absentee ballots were mailed out last week. 5 County Meeting is scheduled for December 12th,

location is still being determined.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Fossum informed the Board that the City of Lidgerwood sent a letter to request \$5000 in financial assistance on the demolition of a property. The Board called Mayor Kevin Oster to discuss via speakerphone during the meeting. Oster said the city wants to sell the lot to someone who plans to build on it.

A motion was made by Berseth and Seconded by Ehlert to approve \$5000 to the City of Lidgerwood for help on 47-1-2646.000; if there is a home there within three years, the Commission will give the city an additional \$5000. Vote was unanimous.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October

15 Commission Meeting/Minimum Sale Price Hearing
20-22 NDACo Annual Conference

November

12 Commission Meeting
18 Canvass Board
19 County Tax Sale

December

2 Commission Meeting
16 Commission Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 A.M.

ATTEST: _____
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

_____CHAIRPERSON
Perry Miller
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for September, 2024

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	\$	284,951.76
County Highway	\$	92,383.40
911 Communications	\$	50,570.78
County Agent	\$	7,353.22
Veterans Service	\$	10,278.67
Weed Officer	\$	1,060.00
Public Health Fund	\$	76,414.05
Income Maintenance	\$	71,361.90
Foster Care	\$	19,529.61
Child Protective Svc	\$	38,591.42
Parent Aid	\$	4,753.30
Family Soc Worker	\$	5,333.41
Social Services	\$	65,961.61
In-Home Care	\$	20,464.32
Admin Support	\$	17,483.09
JDA	\$	270.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	766,760.54

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General Accounts	\$	280,245.31
County Highway	\$	610,803.72
Bridge Replacement	\$	13,139.49
Road & Bridge Equipment Fund	\$	30,968.74
Prairie Dog Disbursements	\$	333,145.98
15 Mill Road	\$	-
Social Service Fund	\$	0.69
Emergency Assistance Donation	\$	-
Emergency Fund	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	22,417.21
NDRIN	\$	-
Capitol Improvement	\$	-
Water Rescue	\$	850.00
Special Response Team	\$	-
Civil Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$	-
K9 Dog Donations	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	500.00
County Agent	\$	1,630.92
Veterans Service	\$	4,685.85
Veteran Assistance Donation	\$	-
Weed Control Levy	\$	76,266.17
Public Health	\$	42,078.77
Haz Chem Fund	\$	504.00
Income Maintenance	\$	25,580.32
Foster Care	\$	7,803.99

Child Protective Svc	\$	14,407.03
Parent Aid	\$	1,289.85
Family Soc Worker	\$	2,450.26
Social Services	\$	24,816.51
In-Home Care	\$	9,234.44
Admin Support	\$	18,837.00
HSZ Board	\$	-
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	-
Foster Care	\$	-
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	-
General Assistance	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	-
State Medical Levy	\$	271.46
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	-
FEMA Disaster Reimbursement	\$	-
Garrison Div	\$	271.46
Domestic Violence	\$	315.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	-
TeleComm Tax Fund	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	22,090.79
Jail Concession	\$	-
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	463.96
SEMCA	\$	1,997.56
County General Accounts	\$	44,525.78
Diversion Settlement	\$	2,156,023.94
ND Income Tax W/H	\$	-
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	997.07
Historical Society	\$	246.12
Co Agent Special	\$	(209.07)
Soil Cons District	\$	239.11
Water Mngt Levy	\$	3,292.61
Joint Water Resource	\$	407.26
Estimated Real Estate Tax	\$	-
Current Tax Holding Fund	\$	-
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	3,752,589.30

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	\$	4,519,349.84
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