

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on October 15, 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, Jesse Sedler, Donny Witt, Sarah Erickson, John Anderson, Steve Gjerdevig, Sheriff Ruhl, Tracy Hansen, Matt Syvertson, David Reid, and visitors Jason Flack, and Tyler Kellen.

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

MINIMUM SALE PRICE HEARING

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to approve the minimum sale prices as adjusted for foreclosure properties. Vote was unanimous. (Copy attached to minutes).

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Matt Syvertson introduced new GIS Technician David Reid to the Board of Commissioners. Reid started September 16, 2024.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Sedler gave the following updates on Highway activities:

Co Rd 16 – Change order will be submitted to Flex Funding for reimbursement. Phase 1 is complete, currently working on phase II to Greatbend. Phase III will be the portion west of interstate. Rumble strips will be placed, seeding and permanent sign work should be completed next week.

Co Rd 8, 3, 26, & 2N – Roads are complete.

Sedler reported that Mark Vetter's last day is today.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Ehlert to appoint Terry Goerger and Rhonda Gripentrog as delegates to the ND State Fair. Vote was unanimous.

Fossum informed the Commission that Brian Fuder with Red River Retention Authority invited them on a tour of Fairview Dairy in Campbell, MN on October 24 at 10:00 A.M.

Fossum informed the Commission that Corteva is having an Open House Tuesday October 22nd at 11:30 A.M.

JAIL STUDY

Chris Sailors and Jill Breuer joined the meeting via Teams. Jason Flack and Tyler Kellan of Comstock Construction were present. Sailors asked the Board what questions they had for him. It was the consensus of the Board that if the project was to be considered, a strategic plan needs to be developed with a way to pay for the new facility.

Flack distributed a Conceptual Estimate Summary for the proposed correctional facility to the Board while Sailors read the estimate. Sailors stated that the budget for the proposed facility will depend on staffing. Other factors include utilities, gas, sewer, electric, etc. Sailors stated projected revenue should also be considered. Sailors recommended reaching out to a municipal advisor or someone in the area that could help with bonding. Commissioner Berseth asked Sailors how many employees it would take to run a 200-bed facility. Sailors estimated about 26.

Sheriff Ruhl distributed an Operational Cost Summary for the current Jail and an Estimated Operational Cost Summary for a 200-bed facility; estimated revenues were also projected. Berseth asked Gjerdevig if we are breaking even in the current situation. Gjerdevig stated that some months we break even and others we come out a little bit ahead. Berseth stated that with the estimated projections, the proposed facility would net 1.8 million annually. The Board of Commissioners discussed the estimated operational costs and projected revenues as well as next steps. The future of LEC needs to be considered; demolition costs will likely be involved. An estimate should also be prepared for the existing LEC to be expanded vs building new.

Sailors stated he would nail down a budget, get a staffing analysis, and work with Dave Sholl on a conceptual design for the existing LEC to be expanded.

Flack stated he would work on an estimate for demolition/preservation of existing structure.

Commissioner Miller asked Gjerdevig to check with the DOCR to see if they have a consultant who can help.

Sheriff Ruhl distributed a YTD Call for Service Report to the Board of Commissioners.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October

20-22 NDACo Annual Conference

November

12 Commission Meeting

18 Canvass Board

19 County Tax Sale

December

3 Commission Meeting

17 Commission Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 A.M.

ATTEST: _____

Sandy Fossum

Auditor/Administrator

_____CHAIRPERSON

Perry Miller

Board of Richland County Commissioners

OWNER OF PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	LOT BLK OR SEC TWP R	MINIMUM SALE PRICE	STREET ADDRESS	LAST AVAILABLE TRUE&FULL	
	BELFORD TOWNSHIP					
WOLTER, GERALD & SHERIDY 24.0000.04552.100	COM NECR NE1/4 4 131 50 S640.19' POB: S548.22' W794.57' N548.22' E794.57'/BEG	4 131 50 (10.0 AC)	\$ 93,000.00	8415 CO RD 25 MANTADOR ND 58058	32,300 61,600 93,900	RL RS
	LIDGERWOOD CITY					
ANDERSON, THOMAS & LEABO, JEFF *47.0001.03144.00	LIDGE OT: LOTS 15-18 BLK-24 THOMAS AND & JEFF LEABO	15-18 2	\$ 75,000.00	117 WILLEY AVE S LIDGERWOOD ND	3,600 135,800 139,400	CL CS
BELCHER, LUCINDA *47.0001.03262.000	LIDGE OT: LOT-1 & N6' LOT-2 BLK-32 MIKE BELCHER	1-2 3	\$ 8,500.00	202 3RD AVE SE LIDGERWOOD ND	2,000 35,700 37,700	RL RS
	HANKINSON CITY					
ASCHEMAN, DOMINIC JAMES *48.0110.04406.000	HANK ALBRECHTS: LOT 12 & S5' LOT 13 BLK-10	12-13	\$ 2,400.00	409 3RD AVE SW HANKINSON ND	2,400	RL
	UNSOLD PROPERTIES FROM PRIOR YEARS:					
	WYNDMERE CITY					
PIPPEN, DAVID *45.0001.01823.000	EAST WYND: LOT-3 BLK-19	3 1	\$ 5,000.00	330 3RD ST WYNDMERE ND	3,500 46,100 49,600	RL RS
	FAIRMOUNT CITY					
DACOTAH FRONTIER VALLEY LLC *46.0001.02141.000	FAIRMOUNT ORIGINAL TOWNSITE: LOT 17 BL 16	17 1	\$ 15,000.00	112 MAIN AVE FAIRMOUNT ND	700 22,800 23,500	CL CS
	*DENOTES DRAINS OR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTY.					
	KEY:					
RL	RESIDENTIAL LOT					
RS	RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE					
CL	COMMERCIAL LOT					
CS	COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE					
FM	AGRICULTURAL LAND					