

RSR Human Service Zone Board Meeting

RSR Human Service Zone Board met at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. This meeting was held at Milnor Fire District and by teleconference over TEAMS. The Board members present were Lyle Bopp, Wayne Ulven, Valerie Nelson and Lynn Flieth. Present via TEAMS: Becky DeVries, Brenda Wyckoff, Connie Gilbert, and Rep. Alisa Mitskog. Also present, Tammy Metzen, Ransom County citizen, and Stephanie Cameron, RSR Administrative Assistant, in-person. Tia Bopp, Sargent County Auditor, and Sandy Fossum, Richland County Auditor, via TEAMS.

The meeting was called to order at 1:01pm by Lynn Flieth, Director. A motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting by Lyle Bopp; seconded by Valerie Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried

Monthly Expenditures – Wayne Ulven made a motion, seconded by Becky DeVries, to approve the summary of April bills. Motion carried.

Financial report - Revenue is 51.37% and Expenses are 25.68%. Lyle Bopp made a motion, seconded by Valerie Nelson, to approve March financial report. All in favor. Motion carried.

Items for Review – Discussion – Decision:

a. Agency Updates

- i. Ransom County Board Member Vacancy: Tammy Metzen has expressed interest in serving on the zone board as a Ransom County citizen representative. Pending appointment from the Ransom County Board of Commissioners
- ii. Personnel Update: Interviews are being held for the open CPS position this week. There is an expected eligibility vacancy coming. Also recently 2 Direct Care staff/homemakers indicated retirement. There was some discussion on the need to fill both positions. Referrals in rural areas are down in the past year. There is concern about the “useability” of the Aging Resource Link, as well as concerns for the accuracy of information being provided.
- iii. Economic Assistance updates: There have been several changes to processes in March. Progress on the backlog is approximately 3 weeks behind and has gone from 15,000 items down to 12,000 items. The Task force is meeting weekly through April and there will be a presentation of the outline of the plan in May.
- iv. Interim Legislative Workgroup Updates:
 1. HB1556 focuses on youth with complex needs that we have no placement for. They are school issues, juvenile courts, child welfare, etc. Regional meetings and conversations are occurring on this topic.
 2. Diversion Task Force meets monthly; focusing on clarifying roles and expectations for response to problematic student behavior in schools and the community.
 3. UND is studying attendance and will work with the K-12 Council.
 4. Juvenile Justice Advisory group received a grant to explore and develop family resource hubs. The goal would be to provide standard response, and connection to resources for youth exhibiting unruly or low level delinquent behavior.

b. Misc:

- **Commissioner updates:**

- i. Sargent County Offices will have new windows installed soon.
- ii. Richland County Veterans Service Offices are moving to the old US Bank Building that was purchased by the JPA across from the courthouse. They will be asking all Department Heads to come to the May Commissioners' Meeting to discuss the potential move. The Commissioners will be deciding what department may move over there in the future.

Date of the next meeting: May 26, 2026. Meeting adjourned at 2:16 pm.



Chair