

## **RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 17, 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, Brett Lambrecht, Mechelle Olsen, Sarah Erickson, Steve Gjerdevig, Kayla Carlson, and Jen Klostreich.

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

### **FINAL BUDGET HEARING**

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the final budget with 4% COLA & a step on the scale. Vote was unanimous.

### **STEVE GJERDEVIG – ADDED POSITION CORRECTIONS**

Steve Gjerdevig asked the Board if he could hire criminal justice students from NDSCS to fill in at the Jail. Gjerdevig stated that these positions would be part-time, non-benefited.

Berseth asked what kind of training would be involved. Gjerdevig stated standard training, PREA, CPR/First Aid would all be done in house.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to allow corrections to hire on part-time NDSCS Criminal Justice students to fill in at the Jail. Vote was unanimous.

### **JEN KLOSTREICH – LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Jen Klostreich asked the Commission for a letter of support for her EPA 319 grant proposal to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality. Klostreich stated that this is the seventh grant she will be applying for and she appreciates the support from the Board.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to approve a letter of support for Richland County Soil Conservation Grant. Vote was unanimous.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Sedler gave updates on the following highway activities:

CO RD 1 south of Mooreton – was paved two weeks ago, project is complete

Landslide Repair north of Mooreton – dirt work will be completed today, paving Thursday

CO RD 10 west of Walmart – paving this morning, should open this afternoon

CO RD 16 – tiling this week, paving to start 1<sup>st</sup> week of October

CO RD 2N, 3, 8, and 26 – all have been milled, CO RD 8 is being paved and should open today.

Selder reported there will be a 50/50 split with Wilkin County for the Enloe Bridge repair.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berseth to accept Interstate Engineering for CE on Flex Grant. Vote was unanimous.

### **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

Sarah Erickson distributed foreclosure packets to the Board. The Minimum Sale Price Hearing is scheduled for October 15 and the Sale Date will be November 19.

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Goerger to approve Election Inspectors and allow Fossum to fill vacancies. Vote was unanimous.

Fossum reported that there is a 5 County Meeting scheduled October 10. The Board asked Fossum to inquire about rescheduling after Election.

Commissioner Miller stated that he would like to see exit interviews done in person rather than by email. The Board agreed and felt that Fossum and Olsen should conduct the interviews. Fossum stated that a policy would be drafted for approval at the next meeting.

### **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Campbell reported that he reached out to Paul Laney after the last meeting to let him know that Richland County needs a business plan for the proposed Correctional Facility.

Commissioner Miller gave an update on the joint Water Supply Project meeting he attended a few weeks back. SE Water is taking the lead on an effort to access water in the Brightwood Aquifer, which is a fraction of the cost of the initial project. The group may still look at a cooperative agreement to nominate for 1 CFS in the Missouri River Water Supply Project.

The Board of Commissioners thanked Fossum for her efforts in preparing the Final Budget.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### October

1 Commission Meeting  
15 Commission Meeting  
20-22 NDACo Annual Conference

### November

12 Commission Meeting  
18 Canvass Board  
19 County Tax Sale

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

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

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