

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 3, 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, Sarah Erickson, and Jill Breuer.

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

A motion was made by Goerger and seconded by Ehlert to approve the minutes of meeting August 6. Vote was unanimous.

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

JILL BREUER – TEMP EMPLOYEE REQUEST

Breuer reported that she has two open positions in Dispatch and one staff member in training. She asked the Board if she could hire two part-time employees to alleviate OT in the department.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve two part-time employees for Dispatch to fill gaps and eliminate OT.

HVAC PROJECT UPDATE

Commissioner Miller gave the following updates on John Anderson's behalf:

Old sewer lines and water lines have been replaced. Water shutdown took less time than anticipated.

The offices involved in stage 3 will be moved back to their working areas today. The offices involved with stage 4 will be moved out next. The project is still about one month ahead of schedule.

Tunnel work is anticipated to be complete the beginning of October. At that time, the Extension Office and Highway Department will move back to their respective offices.

The air exchanger has been installed on the roof. BDT is in the process of running the duct work.

The concrete slab for the chiller will begin September 9th and take about two weeks. The west lot will be closed the first week, but handicap parking will still be available.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Berseth gave the following updates on Sedler's behalf:

Drain Tile – project is complete

Lanslide repair north of Mooreton – should start this week, expect closure for 1 week

CO RD 1 culvert repair south of 13 – was paved last week

Patch near Walmart – not complete

CO RD 16 – on track to be paved the first week of October - weather dependent, complete closure September 9th.

Fossum reported that there is additional work required in the Courthouse tunnel. The insulation needs to be replaced where sewer and water lines were redone.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to approve additional insulation replacement in tunnel for HVAC Project, not to exceed \$68,160. Vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) HSZ Board – Commissioner Goerger reported that indirect costs will no longer be calculated by a percentage; they will be calculated by actual cost.

B) Buildings & Grounds – Commissioner Miller gave a report earlier in the meeting.

C) Public Health – Commissioner Campbell reported that the Correctional RN position was offered, but it was turned down.

D) JDA/JPA – There was a SVEDA meeting on Friday for strategic planning.

E) Weed Board – New weed officer, still spraying.

F) Soils Committee – No report.

G) Park Board – Ehlert thanked Jesse Sedler for helping with maintenance at Mooreton Pond.

H) Administration – Fossum reminded the Board that the NDACo and NDCCA will be doing a County Tour in Richland County on September 11th at 9:00am. Fossum asked the

Board of Commissioners if they would like her to send out mailers with polling locations for the upcoming General Election, they indicated that they would. Fossum stated that the first Commission meeting in November is on Election Day. After discussion, it was decided that there will be one Commission meeting in November on the 12th. Fossum informed the Board that the NDACo's Annual Conference is October 20-22nd.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September

17 Commission Meeting/Final Budget Hearing

October

1 Commission Meeting

15 Commission Meeting

November

12 Commission Meeting

18 Canvass Board

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 A.M.

ATTEST: _____

Sandy Fossum

Auditor/Administrator

_____CHAIRPERSON

Perry Miller

Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for August, 2024

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	\$	280,962.45
County Highway	\$	113,385.99
911 Communications	\$	53,008.10
County Agent	\$	7,590.34
Veterans Service	\$	10,278.67
Weed Officer	\$	1,000.00
Public Health Fund	\$	75,170.45
Income Maintenance	\$	71,375.90
Foster Care	\$	19,575.00
Child Protective Svc	\$	38,322.14
Parent Aid	\$	4,643.30
Family Soc Worker	\$	5,333.41
Social Services	\$	69,161.16
In-Home Care	\$	20,497.24
Admin Support	\$	13,333.09
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	783,637.24

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General Accounts	\$	287,506.75
County Highway	\$	319,884.23
Bridge Replacement	\$	38,987.63
Road & Bridge Equipment Fund	\$	147,213.90
Prairie Dog Disbursements	\$	-
15 Mill Road	\$	-
Emergency Assistance Donation	\$	-
Emergency Fund	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	24,375.74
NDRIN	\$	158.90
Capitol Improvement	\$	-
Water Rescue	\$	327.92
Special Response Team	\$	190.00
Civil Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$	-
K9 Dog Donations	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	376,270.96
County Agent	\$	21,128.23
Veterans Service	\$	4,705.53
Veteran Assistance Donation	\$	-
Weed Control Levy	\$	6,916.54
Public Health	\$	33,433.40
Haz Chem Fund	\$	-
Income Maintenance	\$	24,374.85
Foster Care	\$	12,102.65
Child Protective Svc	\$	14,755.24
Parent Aid	\$	1,335.30

Family Soc Worker	\$	2,532.24
Social Services	\$	23,521.75
In-Home Care	\$	8,499.37
Admin Support	\$	18,204.84
HSZ Board	\$	-
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	-
Foster Care	\$	-
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	-
General Assistance	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	-
State Medical Levy	\$	651.55
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	1,291.23
FEMA Disaster Reimbursement	\$	-
Garrison Div	\$	651.55
Domestic Violence	\$	315.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	59,232.44
TeleComm Tax Fund	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	13,663.64
Jail Concession	\$	-
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	4,250.00
SEMCA	\$	2,206.91
County General Accounts	\$	-
Diversion Settlement	\$	587,023.50
ND Income Tax W/H	\$	-
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	1,100.36
Historical Society	\$	273.16
Co Agent Special	\$	37.04
Soil Cons District	\$	564.58
Water Mngt Levy	\$	3,366.62
Joint Water Resource	\$	977.39
Estimated Real Estate Tax	\$	-
Current Tax Holding Fund	\$	-
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	2,042,030.94
 TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	 \$	 2,825,668.18

ATTEST: _____
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

_____CHAIRPERSON
Perry Miller
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