

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 4, 2023

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met via Teams on April 4, 2023 with Commissioners Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert, Terry Goerger and Perry Miller. Others included Administration Personnel Fossum and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer; Assistant State's Attorney Rydell; Daily News Reporter Frank Stanko; Highway Personnel Sedler and Witt, Sheriff Ruhl, Jill Breuer, Brett Lambrecht, Sara Erickson, Steve Ackerman, Clint Arndt, Jesse Rydell and Ed Dankbar.

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

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to approve the Minutes of meetings March 7 and March 21. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Flood Prep -

- ordered sandbags of 116,000 - 16,000 going to Sargent County
- some rural residents have been calling about sandbags
- 30,000 with the city of Wahpeton
- may possibly pre-fill sandbags next week
- continue to submit city emergency declarations

Sky Warm Training - Scheduled for April 12th

Train Derailment - Ed Dankbar, Haz Matt Officer with CP Rail gave an update on a train derailment outside of Wyndmere on March 26. 31 cars derailed and a leak was found in one of the oil carrying cars. The leak was stopped soon due to the cold temperatures solidifying the oil. The cleanup progress continues and things are moving forward; it may take 6-9 months for an official determination from the FRA on the cause of the derailment.

SHERIFF RUHL - DRONE PROGRAM

Sheriff Ruhl requested authorization to pursue the drone program. Ruhl stated it would be a useful tool that could be used for accidents, floods, courtroom security, etc. Ruhl distributed information on the Mavic 2 enterprise which is a mid-range thermal imaging drone made for law enforcement. The estimated cost for the drone and training (training for 6) is \$17,000. Following discussion a motion was made by Berseith and seconded by Campbell to approve an expenditure up to \$20,000 for the drone program. Vote was unanimous.

The Board questioned whether or not Opioid Settlement Funds could be used for this expense. Fossum was directed to follow-up and determine where the funds come from as this item was not included in the Budget.

STEVE ACKERMAN - SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS (SCS) PIPELINE EASEMENTS

Ackerman shared concerns with easement documents for the SCS pipeline

- with the last few easements recorded, Exhibit B is referenced in the document nine times however there is no Exhibit B in the document to know where the pipeline is located;
- there is reference in the easement that Exhibit B may be replaced by Exhibit B1;
- Exhibit B is a sketch on file with the company and will not be recorded

Ackerman was informed the Commission had no control on easements as they are between the grantor and grantee. The Board recommended Ackerman address his concerns at the SCS Public Hearing scheduled for April 11.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bid Openings - Chip Seal and Overlay Bids will be opened at the April 18 meeting.

Staffing - Expecting to be down three employees by mid-June

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) HSZ Board - Campbell will invite someone to present a report at the next Commission Meeting.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - Monument dedication pushed back until the weather is better. The Air Quality in the LEC is fine.
- C) Public Health - Campbell will invite someone to present a report at the next Commission Meeting.
- D) JDA - A meeting is scheduled for next week.
JPA - Working on apartment complex in Wyndmere
- E) Weed Board - One bid was received and will be reviewed soon.
- F) Soils Committee - No report.
- G) Park Board - No report.
- H) Administration - Fossum reported a meeting was held recently with NDIRF representatives. Fossum presented Liability Limit options to the Board. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to increase the coverage limit of liability insurance to \$3 million. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

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

Homestead Development - Berseth reported he was contacted by Brad Pauly in regard to the commitment made by the Commission last December; and if the Board would loosen up what they had agreed to (to commit up to \$1.1 million for 19th St and 14th Ave in the Homestead Development).

The consensus of the Board was the commitment still remains as is - it needs to be tied back to taxable properties.

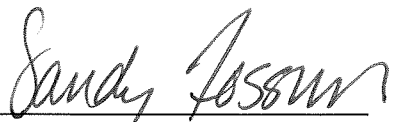
UPCOMING MEETINGS

April

- 4 Housing Authority
- 11 Public Hearing SCS Application for Pipeline Project
- 18 Commission Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Goerger.
Meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Reports Filed: Sheriff Department - Revenue and Expenses for November 2022.

ATTEST: 
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Rollie Ehlert
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for March 2023

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	\$	254,710.95
County Highway	\$	105,030.79
911 Communications	\$	48,079.94
County Agent	\$	6,687.05
Veterans Service	\$	8,940.54
Weed Officer	\$	770.00
Public Health Fund	\$	89,333.59
Income Maintenance	\$	50,897.13
Foster Care	\$	17,719.20
Child Protective Svc	\$	31,419.99
Family Soc Worker	\$	4,743.00
Social Services	\$	61,711.46
In-Home Care	\$	20,688.37
Admin Support	\$	12,672.71
HSZ Board	\$	300.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	713,704.72

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	\$	245,429.75
County Highway	\$	448,442.83
Bridge Replacement	\$	36,894.38
Road & Bridge Equipment Fund	\$	-
Prairie Dog Disbursements	\$	-
15 Mill Road	\$	496.61
Emergency Assistance Donation	\$	304.41
Emergency Fund	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	51,398.24
NDRIN	\$	383.11
Capitol Improvement	\$	-
Water Rescue	\$	-
Special Response Team	\$	-
Civil Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$	2,640.00
K9 Dog Donations	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	121,046.00
County Agent	\$	2,121.30
Veterans Service	\$	3,944.67
Veteran Assistance Donation	\$	-
Weed Control Levy	\$	713.44
Public Health	\$	61,967.60
Haz Chem Fund	\$	-
Income Maintenance	\$	17,705.34

Adult Services	\$	-
Foster Care	\$	6,474.98
Child Protective Svc	\$	9,124.29
Parent Aid	\$	93.82
Family Soc Worker	\$	2,383.09
Social Services	\$	19,984.67
In-Home Care	\$	12,620.09
Admin Support	\$	4,968.13
HSZ Board	\$	115.89
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	532.36
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	32.00
General Assistance	\$	4,200.00
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	(70,236.25)
State Medical Levy	\$	36,397.39
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	-
FEMA Disaster Reimbursement	\$	-
Garrison Div	\$	36,397.39
Domestic Violence	\$	175.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	-
TeleComm Tax Fund	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	18,570.89
Jail Concession	\$	453.29
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	1,899.00
SEMCA	\$	1,765.94
County General Accounts	\$	-
Diversion Settlement	\$	159,694.52
ND Income Tax W/H	\$	19,695.70
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	129,197.19
Historical Society	\$	9,249.14
Co Agent Special	\$	150.00
Soil Cons District	\$	34,213.54
Water Mngt Levy	\$	102,239.61
Joint Water Resource	\$	54,596.14
Estimated Real Estate Tax	\$	1,591.04
Current Tax Holding Fund	\$	-
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	1,590,066.53

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES \$ 2,303,771.25

ATTEST: Sandy Fossum
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Auditor/Administrator

Rollie Ehlert CHAIRPERSON
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