

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 18, 2023**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on April 18, 2023 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert, Terry Goerger and Perry Miller. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Fossum and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer; Assistant State's Attorney Rydell; and a Daily News Reporter.

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

JEN KLOSTREICH - NRCS GEOLOGY TOUR

Klostreich informed the Commission of a Geology Tour that is being planned. The tour is open to everyone and will be held on July 20.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Flood Update

- received 116,000 sandbags - 16,000 going to Sargent County
- some rural residents have been calling about sandbags
- filled sandbags - two 10 ton National Guard Trucks, City Trucks, and five pallets

Train Derailment Update

- Finished cleaning process on rail cars, they are now scrapping the last ten cars
- Environmental Crews will come in after Scrappers are done to start earth work cleanup
- Air Monitoring discontinued as of April 17
- Working with Canadian Pacific Railroad on Grant
- Fixing Township Roads and Richland County #14

Snow Removal Grant Process - Working with Red River Telephone on issues getting e-mails sent to Townships.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

A small group of visitors was present for the bid openings.

Bid Opening - Bituminous Seal Coat on CR 16- The following bids were received:

\$637,110.80	Asphalt Surface Technologies, St Cloud MN
\$580,091.95	Morris Sealcoat Trucking, Morris MN

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to accept all bids received. Vote was unanimous.

Flood Update

- Antelope drains are flooding
- quite a few roads are closed on the southern area of the County
- a lot of snow left to melt on the northwest area of the County
- some areas will need attention when the flooding is done

Staff Update

A new employee started yesterday but still expecting to be down three employees by mid-June due to resignations/retirements

Christine Intersection - The city would like to make it a 4-way Stop. Sedler reported a traffic study would need to be done, they can't just put up stop signs. He is working with Interstate Engineering on a cost estimate.

Bid Opening - Mill & Bituminous Overlay on CR 8, 8E & 10 N - The following bids were received:

\$2,177,976.84	Central Specialties, Alexandria MN
\$2,062,301.30	Knife River Materials, Bemidji MN
\$2,115,915.25	Mark Sand & Gravel, Fergus Falls MN

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to accept all bids received. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Miller gave a brief update on Buildings & Grounds - Issues continue with the pigeons at the Courthouse.

Campbell reported he was contacted by an individual wanting to look at a tax foreclosure property in Fairmount; Campbell will work out the details and get a new lock put on the house.

BRAD PAULY - INFRASTRUCTURE IN HOMESTEAD ADDITION

Pauly presented a proposal (copy attached to minutes) to the Board on behalf of the Wahpeton Community Development Corporation as a follow-up to the commitment made by the Commission at a meeting last December (to commit up to \$1.1 million for 19th St and 14th Ave in the Homestead Development- with conditions).

The proposal/request is asking for the County to pay WCDC \$200,000 for every \$10 million tax base.

Fossum asked for clarification on the tax base - is it True & Full Value or Taxable Value.

Following discussion a motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to reimburse the Wahpeton Community Development Corp \$200,000 for every \$10 million of true & full value as established by the February 1st assessment date. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Public Health Report - Danielle Flack reported on the WIC Program. The WIC Program serves income eligible moms and babies up to age 5, they are provided EBT cards for certain foods. The program also assists them with healthy food choices. There are 232 participants in Richland County. 50% of the babies born in North Dakota are on a WIC Program.

Human Service Zone Report - Lynn Flieth distributed a handout and reported on legislative topics related to Human Service Zones including - Budgets, Salary & Benefit inequities, timeline for salary increases, state employment of HSZ, and indirect costs.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to approve the Liquor License Renewal Application for the Hankinson American Legion. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to approve the Raffle Permit for the Richland County Wildlife Club. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to approve Site Authorizations for Head of the Red Youth Activities Association for gaming at Terrace Lanes and Texas Crossing. Vote was unanimous.

- Notice of Final Environmental Impact Statement for proposed Wahpeton Expansion Project

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to give Monday, July 3 as an additional Paid Holiday to County employees. Discussion followed and the second to the motion was withdrawn by Campbell.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to give Monday, July 3 as an additional Paid Holiday to County employees with the following stipulations for the 24/7 departments - if someone works July 3 they will not be paid overtime, and if not scheduled to work July 3, they would have the selection of another paid day off. Vote was unanimous.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May

- 2 Commission Meeting
- 8 Legislative Update
- 16 Commission Meeting
- 31 Veterans Expo

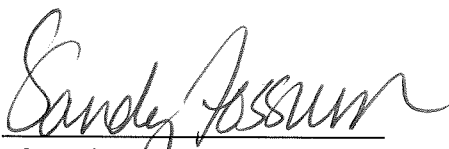
June

- 6 Commission Meeting/Equalization Meetings
- 20 Commission Meeting

July

- 18 Commission Meeting
- 18 Budget Meetings
- 19 Budget Meetings
- 20 NRCS Geology Tour

Motion to adjourn by Goerger.
Meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

ATTEST: 
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Rolfe Ehlert
Board of Richland County Commissioners

4.18.23 Mtg

Proposal to support infrastructure in Homestead

(4-12-2023)

2,080,000	Sale of RE to RISE and Lowry
<u>120,000</u>	Sale of RE dedicated to Community Center to RISE
2,200,000	Total proceeds to WCDC
(500,000)	Pay-off Bell Bank
(300,000)	Lift Station - 1/3 of estimated cost
<u>(200,000)</u>	Natural Gas
1,200,000	Available to support Homestead infrastructure

10,000,000	Estimated infrastructure costs for Homestead
<u>(3,000,000)</u>	TIF supported
7,000,000	City Bonded amount

Request

7,000,000	City bonded amount from above
<u>(1,100,000)</u>	WCDC Pays for infrastructure
5,900,000	Net amount to be bonded by City
(5,000,000)	Irrevocable Letter of Credit from developers
<u>(100,000)</u>	WCDC (pledge net balance from RE sale)
800,000	City of Wahpeton uncovered risk

Event of Default for ILOC would be late payment of special assessments.

WCDC funds appr. \$1.1MM to road development

County to re-imburse WCDC as tax base is increased

Ex. - for every \$10MM tax base, county pays WCDC \$200,000