

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 1, 2023**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on August 1, 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; and Daily News Reporter Frank Stanko. A large group of visitors also attended a portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Goerger to approve the Agenda. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to approve the Minutes of the July 18 meeting. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to approve the Minutes of Budget Meetings July 18-19. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) HSZ Board - Representative Mitskog attended the last meeting and was added to the RSR Zone Board.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - Fossum reported on the Proposal from RADCO Restoration for masonry work on the Courthouse. The total cost is \$108,640.
 - Dome Masonry Repairs \$37,385
 - Main Structure Masonry Repairs & Wash \$71,255

The project will not be done until 2024.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Berseth to proceed with the proposal from RADCO Restoration. Vote was unanimous.

Berseth recommended Anderson apply for the next round of Courthouse Facilities Grants for help with this project.

C) Public Health - No Report.

D) JDA/JPA - Need representation from Wahpeton on the Jobs Development Authority.

E) Weed Board - L & M Roadside Service is appx 70% completed in the County. The Weed Board will put some excess equipment on the consignment auction in Hankinson.

F) Soils Committee - No report.

G) Park Board - The next meeting will be held in September.

H) Administration - Fossum reported on new requirements that require Townships to levy a minimum of 18 mills to be eligible for additional funding from the state.

ROSE DOTZENROD - INVESTIGATION INTO OWNERSHIP OF SUMMIT CARBON

Ehlert informed Dotzenrod the Board had listened to her concerns at several previous meetings and asked if she had any new information for the Board to hear. Ehlert stated the Commission has adopted the Resolution opposing Eminent Domain and the concerns the Commission has heard from Dotzenrod are with the PSC and not the Commission.

Dotzenrod replied the Legislature has provided a way for the County to request that the Attorney General investigate the ownership of Summit Carbon.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Ehlert to direct the State's Attorney to draft a letter requesting the Attorney General investigate ownership of Summit Carbon Solutions on behalf of Richland County. Voting NO was Miller the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Sedler updated the Board on the following projects:

CR 7 - is completed

Co Hwy 10 - appx 7.5 miles left, project should take appx two more weeks

- Have started paving and milling projects
- one independent contractor is graveling, working on the North end

Wolf Crossing - FEMA has approved but only back to pre-existing conditions; Sedler would like to install larger pipes to stop the problem from reoccurring so has sent back to FEMA.

Overloads - Sedler may look at permit options for overloads. The Board had no objections.

SHERIFF RUHL

Sheriff Ruhl reported on meetings to address available resources for the upcoming protest.

Ruhl requested authorization to advertise a vacant position; he had an employee transfer to the jail. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Berseht to advertise the vacant position in the Sheriff Department. Vote was unanimous.

Deputy Duray gave the Commission a demonstration on the new drone.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August

15 Commission Meeting

September

5 Commission Meeting

19 Commission Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

ATTEST: Sandy Fossum
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

Rollie Ehlert CHAIRPERSON
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Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for July 2023

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	\$	271,227.73
County Highway	\$	85,939.35
911 Communications	\$	54,350.22
County Agent	\$	6,851.33
Veterans Service	\$	8,940.54
Weed Officer	\$	1,530.00
Public Health Fund	\$	93,676.15
Income Maintenance	\$	63,192.77
Foster Care	\$	20,028.07
Child Protective Svc	\$	35,206.34
Parent Aid	\$	-
Family Soc Worker	\$	5,128.28
Social Services	\$	67,369.74
In-Home Care	\$	25,508.03
Admin Support	\$	13,664.93
HSZ Board	\$	400.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	753,013.48

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	\$	193,866.16
County Highway	\$	362,987.54
Bridge Replacement	\$	21,560.20
Road & Bridge Equipment Fund	\$	61,688.00
Prairie Dog Disbursements	\$	-
15 Mill Road	\$	-
Emergency Assistance Donation	\$	-
Emergency Fund	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	47,552.32
NDRIN	\$	-
Capitol Improvement	\$	-
Water Rescue	\$	-
Special Response Team	\$	1,613.00
Civil Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$	10,495.07
K9 Dog Donations	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	9,438.62
County Agent	\$	1,651.47
Veterans Service	\$	3,958.24
Veteran Assistance Donation	\$	-
Weed Control Levy	\$	21,135.87
Public Health	\$	59,696.03

Haz Chem Fund	\$	2,477.00
Income Maintenance	\$	22,595.06
Adult Services	\$	-
Foster Care	\$	4,631.54
Child Protective Svc	\$	14,008.87
Parent Aid	\$	146.93
Family Soc Worker	\$	2,230.22
Social Services	\$	22,521.88
In-Home Care	\$	14,596.80
Admin Support	\$	5,821.91
HSZ Board	\$	144.71
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	1,690.72
Foster Care	\$	-
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	32.00
General Assistance	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	-
State Medical Levy	\$	597.39
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	-
FEMA Disaster Reimbursement	\$	37,509.06
Garrison Div	\$	597.39
Domestic Violence	\$	280.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	-
TeleComm Tax Fund	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	18,319.41
Jail Concession	\$	1,511.51
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	1,825.00
SEMCA	\$	2,756.40
County General Accounts	\$	44,286.07
Diversion Settlement	\$	366,875.00
ND Income Tax W/H	\$	15,165.76
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	1,199.13
Historical Society	\$	297.14
Co Agent Special	\$	-
Soil Cons District	\$	561.52
Water Mngt Levy	\$	3,766.30
Joint Water Resource	\$	896.08
Estimated Real Estate Tax	\$	-
Current Tax Holding Fund	\$	-
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	1,382,983.32

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES \$ 2,135,996.80

ATTEST: *Sandy Fossum*
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