

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 15, 2023**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on August 15, 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. Visitors included Rose and Dan Dotzenrod and Deb Anderson.

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

BRETT LAMBRECHT - FEMA UPDATE & TOWNSHIP GRANT

Township Grant - Additional funding is available to Townships for roads through the DOT. Townships must apply through the County using the GRIT (Geographic Roadway Inventory Tool). The application deadline is September 8, 2023.

FEMA Flood 2023 - Received Presidential Declaration for Damages.

- 9 Townships have been received into the site tracker
- Richland County Highway Department had 18 sites
- City of Wahpeton
- Richland County Emergency Management, sand, sandbags & equipment
- Site inspectors will be here the next several weeks

Emergency Management Performance Grant 2023 - Have submitted all training, exercise & planning requirements for 2024, under Federal Standard for Richland County Emergency Management.

Train Derailment by Wyndmere update -

- all petroleum and glycol impacted soils have been removed
- all wood, rock, steel debris has been removed
- analytical samples have been collected and results showed two areas with impacts above state standards; additional soil was removed and we are waiting results on those samples
- rig mats will be removed following soil replacement
- will discuss any additional requests from landowner following rig mat removal

Wolf Crossing - Need FEMA permission before we can proceed, due to the amendment for an upgrade to the crossing it may be 21-60 days before the approval.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Donnie Witt. Sedler reported the following:

- Paving Projects should be completed up north today, striping will be completed in appx two weeks
- Tiling projects completed on CH 7 & 81
- Chip Seal should be completed by the end of the week or early next week
- Gravel Hauling continues
- Routine maintenance is on-going
- Will work with State's Attorney Kummer to draft a letter to Townships regarding "B" Roads

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Fossum reported she has contacted all Townships that were not at 18 mills and informed them of the eligibility requirements for the new flexible funding.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to appoint Sandy Fossum as the delegate for the ND Association of Counties conference in October. Voting NO was Campbell the remainder voted yes and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to continue with an Annual Audit for the County. Vote was unanimous.

Fossum reported on the plans in place for the Planned Protest on August 24 at the Courthouse.

DEB ANDERSON

Anderson reported the city of Lidgerwood is doing demo on several homes in the city. The estimated cost for demo of a small house is appx \$18,000 and an inspection for asbestos is appx \$1400. In the past, the County has participated in the demolition costs at \$2,000 a home. Anderson asked if that amount could be increased.

Berseth suggested that cities work with SVEDA or JPA for options on buildable lots or green space on a case by case basis. Discussion followed.

Berseth stated he would support \$6,000 or appx 1/3 of the cost for demo of these homes on a case by case basis and having JPA involved for options.

The Board recommended Anderson come back to the Board with a formal request.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August

- 21 Flickertail Meeting
- 22 SVEDA/JDA Meeting
- 24 Protest at Courthouse

September

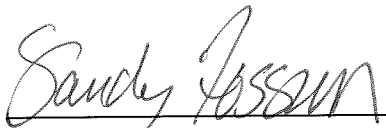
- 5 Commission Meeting
- 19 Commission Meeting

October

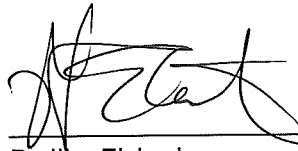
- 3 Commission Meeting
- 8-10 NDACo Annual Conference
- 17 Commission Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.

ATTEST:



Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator



Rolfe Ehlert
Board of Richland County Commissioners

CHAIRPERSON