

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 6, 2022 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Perry Miller. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Fossum and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer; a Daily News Reporter and visitor Terry Goerger.

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berg to approve the Agenda. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Miller to approve the Minutes of meetings August 2 and August 16. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

JACKIE BABBIT - SCANNING QUOTE

County Recorder Babbit presented a proposal from US Imaging, Inc and Tyler Technologies for scanning mortgage and misc. books and implementing them into DocuPro.

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Campbell to proceed with the proposal from Tyler Technologies and US Imaging in the amount of \$76,512.92. Vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - No report.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - The final quote for the HVAC System in the Courthouse increased \$600,000. Grant funds in the amount of \$695,000 will be used for the project as well as ARPA funds.
- C) Public Health - Interviewing today for the Director of Nursing Position.
- D) JDA - A Housing meeting is scheduled today in Oakes.
SVEDA - Several contractors are interested in building 50-60 homes.
- E) Weed Board - Ditch spraying is being done.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - A meeting is scheduled for September 12 in Barney.
- H) Administration - Estimated tax statements were mailed last week.
Preparing for election; Fossum will follow-up with Bold Print about a bulk mailer.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence from Court Facilities Advisory Committee re- grant opportunity

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ehlert to send a letter of support for the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI) application for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant Program. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern were present. Also present was a small group of visitors for the Harvest Permit discussion.

Engineer Sedler gave a brief update on the following:

- Shop Update - the sides are up, should be doing roof work this week and concrete work toward the end of September. A construction meeting is scheduled for next week
- Chip Seal and fogging is complete, striping should be done next week
- Co Rd 10/City Drain 1 - new pipes will be installed at the intersection of 87, may need to close the road for 2-3 days. Our cost share is 40% with the city paying 60%
- FEMA will be here Thursday to look at several bridges
- Helendale Project - CR 23 will be cut this week

Harvest Permits - Currently Harvest Permits are available at \$500 for 30 days. Discussion was opened up for eliminating or keeping harvest permits.

Comments were heard from several area residents/farmers as well as representatives from Minn-Dak Co-op and included:

- Public Safety - if permits were eliminated there would be more trucks on the road and a longer hauling season
- Risk to crops with extending the season
- increased harvest costs and challenged labor pool with extending the harvest season
- current permit cost is higher than other counties
- dropping miles from 210 to the factory/3 miles of Red River Road

Engineer Sedler commented on:

- the studies and statistics on damages to the roads from overloads
- difficult for law enforcement to enforce if more than one type of permit (30 day or a harvest permit)
- safety risks as overload trucks take longer to stop, the tipping factor and the possibility of blown tires

At the conclusion of discussion a motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to implement Harvest Permits for the Season for \$1,000. Voting NO were Berg and Campbell. The remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

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

Foreclosure Properties - Miller reported he has encouraged an individual that was working on a loan for the Red House to work with the City of Wahpeton. State's Attorney Kummer will prepare a Resolution for the next meeting for a nonexclusive Agreement with Realtors.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September

- 7 Suicide Prevention Event in Hankinson
- 12 Park Board Meeting
- 14 Abercrombie Twsp Meeting with Savion
- 20 Commission Meeting/Final Budget Hearing

October

- 2-4 NDACo Annual Conference
- 4 Housing Authority
- 6 Commission Meeting
- 18 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:35A.M.

Reports Filed: Sheriff Department - Revenue and Expenses for July 2022;
Tax & Property Department - Revenue Voucher for July and August 2022.

ATTEST: Sandy Fossum Nathan Berseth CHAIRPERSON
Sandy Fossum Nathan Berseth
Auditor/Administrator Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for August 2022.

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	\$	256,009.05
County Highway	\$	89,169.71
911 Communications	\$	55,531.03
County Agent	\$	6,357.37
Veterans Service	\$	8,188.28
Weed Officer	\$	1,440.00
Public Health Fund	\$	88,449.07
Income Maintenance	\$	46,765.78
Foster Care	\$	16,425.58
Child Protective Svc	\$	32,179.18
Parent Aid	\$	3,200.70
Family Soc Worker	\$	4,650.00
Social Services	\$	43,616.94
In-Home Care	\$	20,711.67
Admin Support	\$	11,477.63
HSZ Board	\$	200.00
JDA	\$	-
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	684,371.99

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	\$	264,477.53
County Highway	\$	2,507,021.60
Bridge Replacement	\$	11,555.08
Road & Bridge	\$	178,182.64
15 Mill Road	\$	-
Emergency Assistance Donation	\$	595.98
Emergency Fund	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	51,558.66
NDRIN	\$	153.41
Capitol Improvement	\$	-
Water Rescue	\$	20.12
Special Response Team	\$	1,736.18
K9 Dog Donations	\$	-
County Agent	\$	18,081.69
Veterans Service	\$	3,669.90
Veteran Assistance Donation	\$	-
Weed Control Levy	\$	10,595.54
Public Health	\$	34,810.96
Haz Chem Fund	\$	-
Income Maintenance	\$	15,881.89

Adult Services	\$	-
Foster Care	\$	3,965.18
Child Protective Svc	\$	9,206.03
Parent Aid	\$	1,872.08
Family Soc Worker	\$	2,310.35
Social Services	\$	33,912.24
In-Home Care	\$	12,451.90
Admin Support	\$	6,213.13
HSZ Board	\$	55.00
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	255.00
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	150.00
General Assistance	\$	5,000.00
State Medical Levy	\$	411.35
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	975.00
FEMA Disaster Reimbursement	\$	3,643.67
Garrison Div	\$	411.35
Domestic Violence	\$	280.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	56,504.27
TeleComm Tax Fund	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	14,961.82
Jail Concession	\$	525.83
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	2,485.00
SEMCA	\$	2,375.20
County General Accounts	\$	28,108.38
JDA	\$	-
Diversion Settlement	\$	306,101.75
ND Income Tax W/H	\$	-
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	902.80
Historical Society	\$	223.52
Co Agent Special	\$	371.95
Soil Cons District	\$	388.52
Water Mngt Levy	\$	2,873.53
Joint Water Resource	\$	617.08
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	3,595,893.11

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES \$ 4,280,265.10

ATTEST: Sandy Fossum
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Auditor/Administrator

Nathan Berseth CHAIRPERSON
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Board of Richland County Commissioners