

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 20, 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; Terry Goerger and Steve Dale.

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

FINAL BUDGET HEARING

A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Miller to approve 95.44 mills for the 2023 Budget. Vote was unanimous.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

FEMA Flood Disaster 2022 - Have submitted the following to FEMA: Helendale Bridge, Helendale Township, Moran Township and Richland County Highway Department.

2020 Homeland Security Grant - Installed a new jail encrypted camera system and changed out all cameras. Received a new body scanner for entry into Courtrooms/Buildings.

2021 State Homeland Security Grant - have applied and waiting for response for:

- LEC security hallway doors, boiler and electrical room entrances with FOBS
- add (4) lights to front courthouse entrance
- add (5) lights between main entrance doors between buildings, doors, sidewalk and parking lot
- secure 100' communications tower in Barney with 10' security fencing
- emergency panic alarm in Assessors Office

2022 State Homeland Security Grant - have applied and waiting for response for:

- security entrance to LEC lobby with video entry system
- encrypted all doors in LEC, security for Jail, Sheriff Dept, Health Dept & Social Services

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern were present.

Engineer Sedler gave a brief update on the following:

- Helendale Bridge - working with FEMA, estimated cost for removal and new bridge is \$1.5 million 75% FEMA, 10% state & 15% local
- Bridge north of Mooreton - working with FEMA
- Chip Seals - should be done painting by the end of the week
- Shop Update - two bays are completely covered, the rest of the bays should be covered this week, the contractor will also work on floor drains this week

Sedler requested an epoxy improvement for the new shop floor to prevent damage caused by sand. The change order cost is \$24,000. A motion was made by Ehlert and seconded by Berg to approve the change order as requested. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Miller to appoint Mary Schradick to a new term on the RSR Human Service Zone Board. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Campbell to appoint Sid Berg and Lacy Christopher as delegates to the North Dakota State Fair. Vote was unanimous.

SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS - QUARTERLY UPDATE

Joey Borracci and Charlie Adams were present. Borracci distributed handouts and gave an update on the pipeline project which included:

- a map showing 65.29 miles of anticipated pipeline in Richland County with a pump station in Barney Twsp
- in Richland County 17.26 easement miles have been acquired
- in North Dakota over 135 miles of voluntary easement have been acquired
- Milestones include 50% acquisition in Iowa/ 30 miles each week of voluntary easements

Adams introduced himself, he is a Resource to Landowners with Summit Carbon Solutions. He has met with Engineer Sedler to discuss road crossings. He also had a luncheon in Wahpeton for landowners who have signed easements.

RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS

Tom Steinolfson and Kari Kleingartner were present.

Steinolfson outlined the company's plans to bring fiber broadband service to an underserved area in Richland County.

Earlier this year Red River Communications applied for a USDA Grant but was unsuccessful in being awarded those grant funds.

Red River Communications will be applying for another grant opportunity through a State Broadband Grant based on the American Rescue Plan Act. The application process opens October 15. Steinolfson will come back to the Commission to request a letter of support in October.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Campbell reported a resignation in the Health Department and requested the Board approve advertising the position. A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Ehlert to advertise the Administrative Assistant position in the Health Department. Vote was unanimous.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

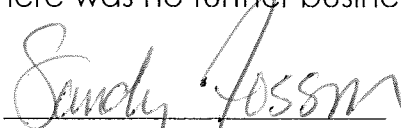
October


- 2-4 NDACo Convention
- 6 Commission Meeting
- 6 5-County Meeting in Dickey County
- 18 Commission Meeting
- 31 Public Test of Election Equipment

November

- 1 Commission Meeting
- 2 Poll Worker Training
- 8 Election
- 15 Commission Meeting
- 15 County Sale of Properties
- 21 County Canvassing
- 22 Township Officers Fall Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

ATTEST: 
 Sandy Fossum
 Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
 Nathan Berseth
 Board of Richland County Commissioners