

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on November 15, 2022 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Perry Miller. Commissioner Nathan Berseth joined by Speaker Phone. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Fossum and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer, a Daily News Reporter and visitor Terry Goerger.

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

RED RIVER COMMUNICATIONS

Tom Steinolfson and Kari Kleingartner were present.

Steinolfson and Kleingartner have attended several Commission Meetings and informed the Commission of the company's plans to bring fiber broadband service to an underserved area in Richland County.

Steinolfson reported Red River Communications will be applying for a grant that will be administered by the State based on the American Rescue Plan Act - the NDIT Capital Project Fund Broadband Grant.

Steinolfson requested the County partner and asked if the County could make a financial contribution; they will be hiring a consultant to review the grant application and it will cost appx \$1,000 for the consultant to review.

Fossum explained that the rules for the use of ARPA Funds were revamped; after the HVAC Project is completed using ARPA funds, there will be approximately \$690,000 left in ARPA funds.

The consensus of the Board was this request should be presented to the JDA Board. Kummer recommended there also be a Memorandum of Understanding.

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Berg to approve a letter of support that will be presented to the Job Development Authority for the Red River Communications grant application. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Miller to approve a Memorandum of Understanding. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Sedler and Ron Hohenstern were present.

Sedler gave a brief update on activities that have been completed or are being worked on including the following:

- 11th Street Project - County share is \$40,156
- Diagonal Parking on 2nd St - Wahpeton Grant application was denied
- the state requested use of our tower sheds to house their equipment
- shop progress
- CR 10 update
- Helendale Drain

Eagle Twsp Bridge - Sedler recommended alternative B2 a 252 ft long bridge; the construction engineering and costs are 100% covered, the estimated cost is \$2,750,000. A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Miller to authorize the Chairman to sign the documents for the Bridge Replacement. Vote was unanimous.

Maintenance Certification/County Federal Aid Projects - A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Campbell to authorize the required signatures on the Maintenance Certification. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Berg to appoint Patty Lies to a new term on the Richland County Health Board. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Campbell to send a Letter of Support for the Safe and Efficient Grain by Rail in the Red River Valley Project. Vote was unanimous.

Board Members recognized and thanked Commissioner Berg for his years of service on the Commission.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November

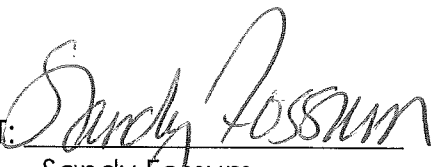
- 22 Township Officers Meeting
- 29 WBI (Federal Energy Commission Open House at Wahpeton City Hall)

December

- 6 Commission Meeting
- 8 5 County Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST:


Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator


Nathan Berseth
CHAIRPERSON
Board of Richland County Commissioners