

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on November 21, 2023 with Commissioners Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert, and Perry Miller. Commissioners Nathan Berseth and Terry Goerger joined by phone. Others included Administration Personnel Fossum; State's Attorney Kummer; Assistant State's Attorney Rydell and a Daily News Reporter. Visitors included Judge Cruff, Allie Corey and Heidi Arnhalt.

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

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Miller to appoint Willerd Ward to another term on the Richland County Park Board. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Miller to approve the sale of property in Lidgerwood to the City of Lidgerwood (parcel 47-0001-02646.000) contingent on it not being sold at the County Tax Sale today. Vote was unanimous. Fossum was directed to contact the City of Lidgerwood to get a quote on demolition costs before the Commission commits to a cost share for demolition.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Engineer Sedler and Donnie Witt.

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Miller to sign a Construction and Maintenance Agreement for Federal Aid Projects. Vote was unanimous.

Sedler reported on Highway activities -

- progress report on the Eagle Township Bridge
- working on hiring a part-time person for winter
- plows are on/we have sand & salt ready
- Wolfe Crossing is 85% complete

NEW BUSINESS

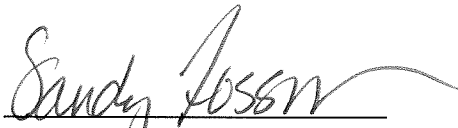
Opioid Litigation Funds - Fossum gave a history on funding received and reported the money has only been spent for Drug Court; 20% is supposed to be used for prevention.


Kummer gave a briefing on how legislation states that funds received after August 1 should be transferred to the Health Department. \$32,723 was received before Legislation. Kummer suggested transferring \$5645 to the Health Department and any future money received be transferred to the Health Department.

Kummer recommended a Memorandum of Understanding detailing how the money is spent and that some of the money is guaranteed for Drug Court. Fossum pointed out that Political subdivisions are allowed to keep 15%.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell directing Kummer to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding for the Board to review indicating that all Opioid litigation funds received after August 1 be transferred to the Health Department and that all expenditures of the funds come before the Commission. The motion also included that \$10,000 of the litigation funds already received be kept by the County to be spent on allowable expenses without Commission approval; and \$10,000 be allocated to Drug Court. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 A.M.

ATTEST: 
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Rollie Ehlert
Board of Richland County Commissioners