

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on November 7, 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 a Daily News Reporter.

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

A motion was made by Goerger and seconded by Campbell to approve the Minutes of meetings October 3 and October 17. Vote was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

SHERIFF RUHL - DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ruhl distributed a department report to the Commission and reported in a two-month period they had 1,461 calls for service including saturation patrol, serving papers, domestic calls and assisting other agencies.

Ruhl requested authorization to purchase scheduling software for the Jail. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to authorize an expenditure from the Commissary Funds to purchase Scheduling Software for the Jail. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Sedler gave a brief update on Highway activities:

- The Helping Hands 4-H Club would like to "Adopt a Highway" - cleaning a stretch of Road on Hwy 81 North from Hwy 13.
The Board voiced no objections to the request.

Eagle Twsp Bridge - Progress is being made, the South embankment should be poured this week.

Wolfe Crossing - The crossing is passable, finish work will be done next Spring.

Commissioner Goerger asked about forming a Long Range Road Committee. Discussion followed and included:

- Township participation
- funding
- traffic counts
- review of which are County Roads and which are Township Roads
- educating Townships on funding and getting citizens involved

The consensus was to ask for volunteers at the Fall Township Officers Meeting and to map and do traffic counts next summer and compile additional data; Berseth will also have an illustration of numbers to present at the Township Officers meeting along with information on the cost for projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) HSZ Board - They are fully staffed.

B) Buildings & Grounds -A Construction walkthrough for the HVAC Project will be done mid-December, the project will begin in February. THE FFA Bench will be installed this week.

C) Public Health - Andrew Wildeman reported and distributed information on vaccinations and immunizations offered through the Health Department. The Department has given over 450 covid and flu vaccinations; every Friday they offer walk-in clinics; they also have outreach clinics.

Kayla Carlson briefly reported on the contract with NDSCS, the Health Department Services are offered on Campus Mondays and Thursdays from 10-2.

D) JDA/JPA - Several possible loans next month. 5-6 homes sold in the last few weeks. The Housing Summit has been moved to December 6 at 6 PM.

E) Weed Board - No report.

F) Soils Committee - No report.

G) Park Board - No report.

H) Administration - Polling locations for next years elections need to be set by year end. The Auditors are close to finishing up the Annual Audit.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Campbell to approve a Temporary Liquor License for Antelope Creek Mooreton for an event at the Bagg Farm on November 11. Vote was unanimous.

Fossum reported the terms of Clint Arndt on the Water Board and Willerd Ward on the Park Board are up at the end of the year.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November

- 21 Commission Meeting
- 21 County Tax Sale 10:00 AM
- 21 Township Officers Meeting 7:00 PM

December

- 5 Commission Meeting
- 6 JPA Summit
- 19 Commission Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Vouchers for September and October 2023.

ATTEST: Sandy Fossum Rollie Ehlert CHAIRPERSON
Sandy Fossum Rollie Ehlert
Auditor/Administrator Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for October, 2023

PAYROLL (inclusive)


General	\$	267,018.79
County Highway	\$	81,235.64
911 Communications	\$	53,230.59
County Agent	\$	6,869.80
Veterans Service	\$	8,940.54
Weed Officer	\$	640.00
Public Health Fund	\$	84,126.96
Income Maintenance	\$	63,531.01
Foster Care	\$	20,017.57
Child Protective Svc	\$	36,454.31
Parent Aid	\$	4,284.90
Family Soc Worker	\$	5,128.28
Social Services	\$	67,904.22
In-Home Care	\$	21,492.57
Admin Support	\$	13,643.93
HSZ Board	\$	300.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	734,819.11

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	\$	256,123.01
County Highway	\$	788,408.60
Bridge Replacement	\$	1,016.43
Road & Bridge Equipment Fund	\$	-
Prairie Dog Disbursements	\$	-
15 Mill Road	\$	-
Emergency Assistance Donation	\$	-
Emergency Fund	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	34,142.87
NDRIN	\$	-
Capitol Improvement	\$	-
Water Rescue	\$	-
Special Response Team	\$	34.79
Civil Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$	-
K9 Dog Donations	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	5,652.29
County Agent	\$	15,274.24
Veterans Service	\$	4,170.81
Veteran Assistance Donation	\$	-
Weed Control Levy	\$	2,629.97
Public Health	\$	91,411.61
Haz Chem Fund	\$	-

Income Maintenance	\$	22,904.42
Adult Services	\$	-
Foster Care	\$	7,517.14
Child Protective Svc	\$	14,282.35
Parent Aid	\$	1,310.10
Family Soc Worker	\$	2,022.60
Social Services	\$	22,131.89
In-Home Care	\$	13,844.02
Admin Support	\$	5,500.76
HSZ Board	\$	140.88
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	1,795.98
Foster Care	\$	-
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	32.00
General Assistance	\$	3,500.00
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	-
State Medical Levy	\$	652.33
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	-
FEMA Disaster Reimbursement	\$	-
Garrison Div	\$	652.33
Domestic Violence	\$	175.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	-
TeleComm Tax Fund	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	19,440.64
Jail Concession	\$	4,165.93
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	1,500.00
SEMCA	\$	1,241.92
County General Accounts	\$	-
Diversion Settlement	\$	2,663,241.09
ND Income Tax W/H	\$	-
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	1,290.90
Historical Society	\$	319.90
Co Agent Special	\$	754.61
Soil Cons District	\$	611.50
Water Mngt Levy	\$	4,068.48
Joint Water Resource	\$	978.48
Estimated Real Estate Tax	\$	-
Current Tax Holding Fund	\$	-
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	3,992,939.87

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES \$ 4,727,758.98

ATTEST: 
Sandy Fossum
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Rollie Ehlert
Board of Richland County Commissioners