

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 7, 2023

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on February 7, 2023 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Rollie Ehlert, Terry Goerger, Tim Campbell, and Nathan Berseth. Perry Miller joined by phone. Others in attendance were Administrative Personnel Fossum, State's Attorney Kummer, Assistant States Attorney Rydell, Sheriff Ruhl, Highway Personnel Jesse Sedler and Donnie Witt; RSR HSZ Director Lynn Flieth, Health Department Personnel Kayla Carlson, Melissa Gaukler and Suzie Ouradnik; 911 Communications personnel Jill Breuer and Tracy Hansen, a Daily News Reporter and visitor Dan Thompson.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to approve the agenda with the addition of Jill Breuer and Sheriff Gary Ruhl. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to approve minutes of meetings January 3 and January 17. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell seconded by Goerger to approve the Treasurer's report. Vote was unanimous.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Kayla Carlson introduced Suzie Ouradnik, Director of Nursing.

Melissa Gaukler gave an update of the programs that she works with on behalf of Richland County Public Health.

RSR HUMAN SERVICE ZONE

Lynn Flieth gave the RSR HSZ update on the new eligibility platform that will begin February 13, 2023.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Sedler gave a brief update on progress of the shop in Hankinson. He also informed the Commission that the Downtown Initiative Grant for the project on 2nd Ave N in front of the courthouse was denied. The City plans to reapply for the grant with anticipated construction in 2025.

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Goerger to approve the purchase of a welder, air compressor and water softener for the Hankinson shop not to exceed \$22,000. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to fix the Vangsness bridge with financial help from FEMA. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to advertise for gravel crushing bids to be opened March 7, 2023. Vote was unanimous.

DISPATCH REPORT

Jill Breuer addressed the Commission and informed them that she has a new opening. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to advertise the opening. Vote was unanimous.

Breuer also informed the Commission that she would like to send two people to the National Conference in Nashville, TN. A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to approve the attendance for 2 people to attend the conference in Nashville with costs not to exceed \$4,000. Vote was unanimous.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Ruhl informed the Commission that there have been some lateral transfers in his office with one of the dispatchers becoming a road deputy, 2 deputies to SEMCA and one deputy went to investigations. Sheriff Ruhl said he would like to advertise for one open deputy position.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Goerger to advertise a deputy position. Vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Social services – report given earlier in the meeting by Lynn Flieth
- B. Buildings & Grounds – Fossum informed Commission about the teams meeting with Comstock and CMTA regarding the HVAC project.
- C. Public Health – report given earlier in the meeting by Melissa Gaukler
- D. JDA – Berseth gave brief overview of some legislation that could affect housing. There are two positions available on the SVEDA board for representation from the City of Wahpeton. There are 6 applicants. The City will meet with the applicants and make the choice.
- E. Weed Board – Goerger is trying to get a meeting scheduled in February.
- F. Soils Committee – No Report
- G. Park Board – No report

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to approve the gaming license application for the Galchutt Legion. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth and seconded by Campbell to approve the gaming license application for BCT 6 M Local 1676 Unit 405. Vote was unanimous.

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

Being there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Reports Filed: Richland County Tax & Property Revenue Voucher for December 2022.

ATTEST: Sandy Fossum
Sandy Fossum, Auditor Administrator

Rollie Ehlert
Rollie Ehlert, Richland County Commission Chairperson

The following claims were approved for January 2023

PAYROLL (inclusive)

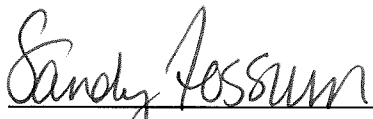
General	\$	249,514.21
County Highway	\$	123,092.59
911 Communications	\$	46,830.95
County Agent	\$	6,687.05
Veterans Service	\$	8,940.54
Weed Officer	\$	725.00
Public Health Fund	\$	82,684.21
Income Maintenance	\$	48,645.73
Foster Care	\$	17,791.20
Child Protective Svc	\$	31,569.99
Parent Aid	\$	2,482.80
Family Soc Worker	\$	4,650.00
Social Services	\$	57,385.06
In-Home Care	\$	18,384.87
Admin Support	\$	12,651.71
HSZ Board	\$	350.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	\$	712,385.91


EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	\$	291,350.14
County Highway	\$	871,654.01
Bridge Replacement	\$	17,569.90
Road & Bridge Equipment Fund	\$	139,868.33
15 Mill Road	\$	-
Emergency Assistance Donation	\$	1,000.00
Emergency Fund	\$	-
911 Communications	\$	31,312.79
NDRIN	\$	31,058.89
Capitol Improvement	\$	-
Water Rescue	\$	-
Special Response Team	\$	-
Civil Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$	-
K9 Dog Donations	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	-
County Agent	\$	15,532.62
Veterans Service	\$	3,963.82
Veteran Assistance Donation	\$	-
Weed Control Levy	\$	1,232.19
Public Health	\$	40,176.22
Haz Chem Fund	\$	-

Income Maintenance	\$	17,494.67
Adult Services	\$	-
Foster Care	\$	4,699.45
Child Protective Svc	\$	8,328.53
Parent Aid	\$	1,274.89
Family Soc Worker	\$	1,824.25
Social Services	\$	18,365.03
In-Home Care	\$	8,651.97
Admin Support	\$	5,097.48
HSZ Board	\$	26.81
Safety Permanency Fd	\$	2,679.38
Unallow Fed Costs	\$	24.00
General Assistance	\$	-
American Rescue Plan Funds	\$	32,952.25
State Medical Levy	\$	17,515.84
Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$	-
FEMA Disaster Reimbursement	\$	-
Garrison Div	\$	17,515.84
Domestic Violence	\$	140.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	\$	-
TeleComm Tax Fund	\$	-
State Aid Distribution	\$	16,708.47
Jail Concession	\$	614.78
Sobriety Test Fund	\$	2,120.00
SEMCA	\$	4,626.35
County General Accounts	\$	-
Diversion Settlement	\$	13,689.75
ND Income Tax W/H	\$	19,077.00
Sr Citizen Fund	\$	18,064.67
Historical Society	\$	4,513.70
Co Agent Special	\$	500.00
Soil Cons District	\$	16,464.83
Water Mngt Levy	\$	50,107.25
Joint Water Resource	\$	26,273.74
Estimated Real Estate Tax	\$	-
Current Tax Holding Fund	\$	4,882,448.92
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	6,636,518.76
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	\$	7,348,904.67

ATTEST:


 Sandy Fossum, Auditor Administrator


 Rollie Ehler, Richland County Commission Chairperson