

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 6, 2018**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on March 6, 2018 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer; and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the minutes of Meetings February 6 and February 20; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

TARA KLOSTREICH - AWARD PRESENTATION

Klostreich presented Commissioner Thompson the News Monitor's Citizen of the Year Award.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Berseth to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

SHERIFF LESHOVSKY - FUNDING UPDATE

Leshovsky reported at the February 20 Commission meeting Police Service Contracts for the cities of Hankinson and Lidgerwood were discussed and he was asked to review costs to determine if there should be an increase in contract fees.

State's Attorney Kummer has drawn up new contracts - there will be no change to the fees at this time, however she has added an auto-renewal to the contracts. A motion was made by Berseth to approve the new Police Service Contracts for the cities of Hankinson and Lidgerwood with an auto-renewal; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - The SE Human Service Center Advisory Board will meet in May.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - No Report. John Anderson is on the Agenda at 9:00 AM to discuss the 3rd Avenue Project.
- C) Public Health - No Report.
- D) Job Development Board - The next meeting is scheduled for March 21. SVEDA met and will be offering the Directors position to an applicant.
- E) Weed Board - No Report.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - A meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 7:00 PM
- H) Administration - A Department Head Meeting was held this week; discussions included the Compensation Study and Winter Weather Closures. They will plan to meet quarterly.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Jesse Sedler, Lowell Bladow and Moriah Herding.

Motor Grader Bids - Bids were opened at the February 20 meeting and have been tabulated as follows:

	Butler 140M3	RDO 772 GP
Total Bid Price	314,014.92	330,000.00
Total Purchase Price at End of Lease	164,955.00	198,160.00
Annual Lease Price	37,967.66	42,455.16
Avg Annual Fuel Consumption	6300/gallons	6750/gallons

A motion was made by Campbell to award the bid to Butler; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

Equipment Operator - Will interview applicants next week.

New Snowplow Truck - The new truck is in at Nelson International, they will bring it to Bert's for the box and snow removal equipment.

NDDOT Right-of-Way - CPS Engineering is preparing construction plans for the proposed Radial-T Improvements (State Highway 18 and County Rd 16). They are asking whether NDDOT would need to acquire the land required for the improvements or whether the County would authorize them to construct the proposed Radial-T improvements on Richland County land without land acquisition by the DOT and with no compensation to the County for the property.

Sedler briefly explained the project; there will be no cost to the County. Following discussion a motion was made by Berseth to execute the documents granting the NDDOT the right to enter upon the properties to construct the proposed intersection improvements with no compensation to the County; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

JOHN ANDERSON & SHERIFF LESHOVSKY - 3RD AVENUE PROJECT

Highway Engineer Sedler was also in attendance.

Anderson stated he was considering replacing the sidewalks on the north side of the LEC but has found out the sidewalk replacements will be part of the 3rd Avenue North Project being done by the City of Wahpeton.

Anderson reported the City will be replacing the sewer line to the LEC as part of the project; he will plan to replace the valve to the LEC at the same time.

Sedler will plan to attend the weekly contractor meetings so the County is aware of when water to the LEC will be shut off.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you note from Harris Bailey
- Correspondence from Don Heitkamp

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

Hage asked Kummer for an update on the Colfax Winery license inquiry. Kummer reported she has reviewed the Domestic Winery State Statute and Attorney General Opinions. Her opinion is No Local License is needed; they will only be serving their own wine and not in conjunction with Restaurant or Special Events. Hage asked that Kummer review our Application Forms and make any necessary changes.

Hage reported Kummer has done some research on the use of commissary funds for maintenance, specifically for replacing toilets in the Jail Facility. Kummer's opinion is there is no violation of state law for using the funds for this purpose.

Hage suggested in the future the Board may consider a Deputy Auditor be assigned to cover in her absence.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March

- 19 Park Board Meeting
- 20 Commission Meeting
- 21 JDA Meeting

April

- 3 Commission Meeting
- 4 Department Head Meeting
- 5 5-County Meeting
- 17 Commission Meeting

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

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Dept - Revenue Voucher for January 1-31, 2018 and Sheriff's Department - Revenue & Expenses for January 2018.

ATTEST: 
Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator


Rollie Ehlert
CHAIRPERSON
Board of Richland County Commissioners

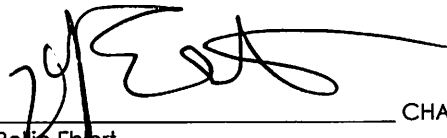
The following claims were approved for February 2018

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	241,319.11
County Highway	84,620.26
Social Services	99,453.27
911 Communications	46,090.50
Drug Court	4,445.01
County Agent	5,159.62
Veterans Service	4,142.67
Weed Officer	535.00
Public Health Fund	79,102.29
SEMCA	10,008.69
JDA	450.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	575,326.42

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records	
County General	207,811.14
County Highway	68,572.55
Bridge Repl Fund	210.39
Road & Bridge Eqpt	143,278.35
15 Mill	31,187.58
Social Service	42,831.74
Em Assistance Donation	150.00
911 Communications	41,421.28
911 Wireless	2.35
Drug Court	1,914.30
County Agent	3,443.71
Veterans Service	1,770.01
Weed Control Levy	1,873.73
Public Health	46,383.88
State Medical Levy	22,746.38
Garrison Div	22,746.38
Domestic Violence	210.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	69,772.02
State Aid Distribution	35,893.30
Jail Concession	1,304.98
Sobriety Test Fund	2,180.00
SEMCA	6,194.94
JDA	48,828.40
Sr Citizens Fund	23,925.38
Historical Society	5,976.12
County Agent Special	290.07
Soil Conservation	22,746.38
Water Mngt Levy	95,122.50
Joint Water Resource	45,492.86
EXPENSE TOTAL	994,280.72
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	1,569,607.14

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Auditor/Administrator


Rolie Ehler
Board of Richland County Commissioners

CHAIRPERSON