

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 3, 2018**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on July 3, 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 DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer; and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Berg to approve the minutes of the June 5 County Equalization Meeting; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes of Meetings June 5 and June 19; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Hage reported a classified ad will be published in the Daily News advertising the July 19 County Rummage Sale of Unused Equipment.

Hage reported the Gallagher Group will be here July 17-18 giving informational meetings to Department Heads and Employees on the Pay Plan Study.

Hage reported a Department Head Meeting is scheduled for July 11 at 10:00 AM.

Hage reported an Active Shooter Drill will be held this month, more information will be coming.

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

A motion was made by Berg to appoint Matt Dockter to another five-year term on the Wahpeton Planning Commission/ETZ, representing Center Twsp; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell to appoint Laurie Straus to another five-year term on the Richland County Health Board; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

JIM STEWART - AMENDING 2013 BONDS FOR MINN-DAK

Also in attendance was Minn-Dak Controller Mary Miranowski.

Jim Stewart representing Minn-Dak presented a Resolution and a Supplemental Indenture for the Boards consideration. Stewart explained the Supplemental Indenture amends the definition used to calculate the interest rate on the Bonds and authorizes the reissuance of the amended bonds. A motion was made by Berseth to approve a Resolution approving a First Supplemental Indenture of Trust; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

SALE OF COUNTY SHOP IN WALCOTT

At the June 19 meeting the Board briefly discussed the potential sale of the County Shop in Walcott.

Kummer explained the process the Board must go through if they approve selling the property: the Board will need to pass a Resolution, it must be sold by public sale, it goes to the highest bidder, proceeds of the sale go into the general fund, it cannot be sold for less than fair market value. Discussion followed. Campbell and Berg stated they were not in favor of selling at this time.

A motion was made by Berseth to move forward with a Resolution to sell the Walcott Shop and Land and to authorize a public sale through sealed bids; motion seconded by Thompson. Voting NO were Campbell and Berg, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Jesse Sedler, Lowell Bladow and Ron Hohenstern.

Safety Project HLC-3900(001) - Total project cost of \$992,292.92 by West River Striping Company. Have not received abstract to know our direct cost as this is the total with Sargent County; estimate our cost to be \$70,000-\$100,000. Sedler requested a motion authorizing the chairman to sign the Resolution. A motion was made by Thompson authorizing the Chairman to sign the Resolution for Safety Project HLC-3900(001); motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Chip Seal for County Rd #1 - Bids were tallied and there were no discrepancies. Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation Inc was low bidder with a bid of \$244,662.40 or appx \$33,622 per mile. Recommend awarding to Asphalt Surface Technologies. A motion was made by Berg to award the Chip Seal for Co Rd #1 to Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation Inc; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

Replay on County Rd 23 - Bergen will start the Replay the week of July 9th. The road will be closed one day to apply product and opened back up when dry.

Misc -

- Co Rd 4 patching has been done
- will be switching over to dura patching
- Knife River Material is looking at paving on CR 1 in early August
- Leedahl Dirt - will give Water Board notification that the County is not interested in Leedahl's dirt proposal and if a letter needs to be sent it should come from the Highway Department
- Berg requested the crosswalk by the pool in Abercrombie be painted

JILL BREUER - EQUIPMENT AND 911 FEE STRUCTURE

Breuer reported the letter the Commission received recently from the ND Dept of Emergency Services regarding the State Radio Fee Structure for 911, and Law Enforcement Teletype System Services (LETS) does not effect the County. The letter is addressing the fees for Counties that have State Radio dispatch for them.

Capital Expenditures - Breuer reported we have continued to move back the purchase of radio consoles because of the SIRN 20/20 project. We are around 60 days before award of the project, because of the time line they may not get them installed this year and may be pushed off until January of 2019. If the system is proprietary (meaning only a certain type of console can be used with the system) it could cost appx \$410,000 for 3 positions. This does not include mobiles, portables, towers, repeaters and base stations. This is where we will need to get involved at legislation time. Estimated cost is \$200,000 if not proprietary and \$410,000 if proprietary. Only \$290,000 was budgeted for this project. The SIAC Committee will be meeting next week to discuss further.

Breuer reported we will need to move to a different phone system in 2020 that can handle text to 9-1-1. Several options were explained -

- Join the ND VESTA 9-1-1 solution: We would pay \$134,000 up front for equipment and \$3,000 monthly fees for maintenance and support (we would be paying into a collection point for future equipment upgrades) Yearly fee for support and maintenance would be \$32,500 and a yearly fee for ITD of \$5,000.

- Stay on our own with Stutsman County
Richland County \$201,404.70 and Stutsman County \$201,836.70

SANDY FOSSUM - RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUES

Fossum reported the Abstract was finished yesterday and has been sent to the State. We did not meet the 90% for Residential Properties, they came in at 86-87%. Fossum is working with the State on this - they will look at specific areas in depth and an amended Abstract will be done after the State Equalization Meeting.

Fossum expressed concerns with the estimated tax statements that are required to be mailed out in August, because of this- they will not be accurate estimates; she will visit more with the State about this.

STATE'S ATTORNEY KUMMER - PENDING OPIOID LITIGATION

While recently attending a State's Attorney meeting Kummer was made aware of a multi-district litigation against a pharmaceutical company. She asked if any of the Commissioners had received a letter from the Attorney General's Office. She has not received a letter. None of the Commissioners reported receiving a letter.

Kummer stated no decision needs to be made today, she will follow-up with the Attorney General's Office; it will also be added to the Agenda for the upcoming 5-County Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Social Services - a meeting was held last week; they continue to be busy.

B) Buildings & Grounds - the controllers put in work with all systems, before budget meetings will need to get cost estimates and act on at budget time; the 3rd Avenue Project is going well - good communications.

C) Public Health - Deb Flack has announced that she will be retiring the end of the year.

D) Job Development Board - No meetings will be held in July.

E) Weed Board - A meeting is scheduled for July 17.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board - A meeting is scheduled for July 16.

H) Administration - A Department Head Meeting will be held tomorrow, July 11.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July

- 11 Department Head Meeting
- 12 5-County Meeting
- 24 Commission Meeting
- 24-25 Budget Meetings

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:53 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Dept - Revenue Voucher for May 1-31, 2018;
Sheriff Department - Revenue & Expenses for May 2018.

ATTEST: 
Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Rollie Ehlert
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for June, 2018.

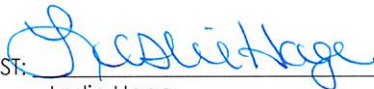
PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	238,279.91
County Highway	87,604.07
Social Services	100,386.73
911 Communications	46,394.20
Drug Court	4,009.51
County Agent	5,133.09
Veterans Service	4,248.47
Weed Officer	3,819.00
Public Health Fund	76,230.80
SEMCA	10,008.69
PAYROLL TOTAL	576,114.47

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

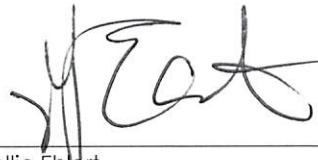
County General	218,495.57
County Highway	109,735.66
Bridge Repl Fund	30,488.59
Rd & Bridge Equipment	155,865.62
Social Service	46,376.12
Em Assistance Donation	219.88
911 Communications	34,838.47
NDRIN Fees	6,308.63
Drug Court	1,300.59
Water Rescue	343.24
Special Response Team	280.57
County Agent	4,402.28
Veterans Service	2,819.58
Weed Control Levy	57,503.80
Public Health	43,931.70
Haz Chem Fund	748.54
State Medical Levy	346.02
Garrison Div	346.02
Domestic Violence	280.00
Jail Concession	8,824.30
Sobriety Test Fund	1,790.00
SEMCA	27,404.83
JDA	245.25
Sr Citizens Fund	346.02
Historical Society	86.51
County Agent Special	-226.60
Soil Cons District	346.02
Water Mngt Levy	1,383.99
Joint Water Resource	691.96
EXPENSE TOTAL	755,523.16

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES **1,331,637.63**

ATTEST:



Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator



Rollie Ehler
Board of Richland County Commissioners

CHAIRPERSON