

Richland County Board
SPECIAL MEETING
December 30, 2024

Convene

Vice-Chairman Morgan Henton called the special meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 12:00pm on December 30, 2024, at the Jail Meeting Room. The meeting was proclaimed open, the Pledge of Allegiance recited, and a Silent Prayer was offered.

Attendance: Dennis Graves, Present; Cindy Given, Present; Morgan Henton, Present; Brian VanBlaricum, Present; Steve Schonert, Present; Alexis Rothrock, Present via phone; Travis Paddock, Absent.

Motion/Vote – Public Building Commission Lease

Steve Schonert stated that the lease would be extended to 2044 and not exceed \$200,000 per year. The rent would be \$196,600 for 2025. Steve then made a motion to approve the revised lease. Dennis Graves seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion/Vote – 2025 Tax Levy

Steve discussed the purposed tax levy for the County and stated that the Public Building Commission line would change from \$200,000 to \$196,600. Steve then made a motion to approve the 2025 Levy. Brian VanBlaricum seconded the motion. Motion carried. Morgan Henton voted No.

Motion/Vote – 2025 Budget

Steve Schonert made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget. Cindy Given seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion/Vote – Sherriff Body and Car Camera System Replacement

Sheriff Andy Hires discussed the issues that the department is having with their current body camera system and stated that he had received a quote from a different vendor. Sheriff Hires stated that it is now a law that officers must have a body camera, and he stressed the importance of having cameras in the squad cars as well. The new company will give a 30% discount if all cameras are bundled and bought together. The quote is for \$203,000 with \$70,000 to be paid upfront. Sheriff Hires discussed a grant that would reimburse the county. He then stated that the quote is only good for 2024 and would need to be signed by the end of year to get an additional 5% discount. Corey McDonald (IT) agreed that the old company is not working, and he would like to see the switch made to the new company. Steve Schonert stated that he would like the finance committee to discuss this further.

Morgan Henton made a motion to allow Sheriff Hires to sign the contract before the end of the year to save the 5%. Cindy Given seconded the motion.

Steve Schonert then made a motion to postpone making any decisions until the January board meeting. Dennis Graves seconded the motion. The motion to postpone was passed

by vote: Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes), Alexis McFarland (Yes), Morgan Henton (No). Motion carried.

Adjournment

Cindy Given made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Graves seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM.

Amanda Troyer
County Clerk

Morgan Henton
County Board Vice - Chairman