

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**JULY 21, 2015**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on July 21, 2015 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell and Rollie Ehlert. Commissioner Dan Thompson was absent. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; and a Reporter from the Daily News.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Barn Fire - Fire destroyed a barn at the Bob Jost Farm on July 20. The Dwight Fire Department responded.

Fairmount Water Tower - The cost to repair the top of the damaged water tower is \$100,000; the estimated cost for a new water tower is \$750,000. Drinking water has been donated by American Red Cross, Home Depot, Econo Foods and Lutheran Brotherhood. They have switched from the tower to wells so the residents have water, but the pressure is low - it will take approximately two weeks to complete repairs to the water tower. The Health Department has set up a phone line for assistance.

FEMA Projects - Wrapping up on Township and County Projects. The Hasse Road is done in Moran Twsp.

Bailey commented that the County can levy against the two Townships that got advanced funds, and if we don't, it may be an issue during our annual audit.

Traffic Incident Management System (T.I.M.S.) Training - The ND Highway Patrol will be offering a class in Richland County on July 29<sup>th</sup> on "How to Clear the Scene of an Accident."

First Responders Breakfast - Scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM at the NDSCS Student Center.

Ehlert reported he attended a Center Twsp meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> - the Twsp has concerns with the road by the Carmelites. Senator Dotzenrod is meeting with Rod Romereim of Center Twsp today, Lambrecht will meet with them also.

## **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the Semi-Annual Pledge of Assets as presented; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

Special Event Liquor Permit for Buzz's Garage - The Board reviewed the application but had concerns due to the applicants expired liquor license. No motion was offered by the Board to approve the application.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow and Ron Hohenstern; also present was Damon DeVillers of Interstate Engineering.

SB 2103 Projects - Mark Sand & Gravel would allow additional miles of seal coating if the County would allow an October 30 completion date. Bladow stated this would be too late to seal coat due to colder temperatures.

County Highway 16 Seal Coat - Bladow requested authorization to advertise for bids for chip seal (10.34 miles) from Mantador to I-29 and from CR 7 to Hwy 127; the estimated cost is \$327,566. A motion was made by Campbell to advertise for bids for CH 16 chip seal; motion seconded by Ehlerf. Vote was unanimous.

Bridge 133-46 Bid Opening - Bids were opened at the last Commission Meeting and have been tabulated. The low bidder was Swingen Construction for \$84,500. Bladow recommended awarding the contract to Swingen Construction. A motion was made by Campbell to award the contract to Swingen Construction for the Bridge 133-46 project; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

Bridge Postings - Inspections from NDDOT have warranted the Highway Dept to reduce ratings on some bridges. Most problems are with substructure deterioration and soil movement.

### Other Department Matters -

- CH 17 has been reclaimed - finishing slopes and approaches
- Shoulder work complete on CH#10 - working on CH#8
- RT Vision Software has been upgraded - training this week
- Sandjacking of CH#4 Bridge approach - possibly this week
- HB 1176 meeting July 27 at Cass County Highway in West Fargo
- Replacement of culverts in County ROW requires a hydraulic study

Devillers distributed Public Highway Stream Crossing information to the Board. The Board will need to determine how to handle requests in the future - whether the costs will be assessed to the landowners or absorbed by the County.

## COUNTY EXTENSION REPORT

Extension Personnel in attendance were Colleen Konwinski, Brock Shouldis and Kayla Bakewell.

Konwinski introduced agent-in-training Bakewell to the Board and reported on the following Family and Consumer Science Extension Programs and Activities:

Love & Logic Series	Sewing Projects
Stepping on Workshop	Food Preservation
United Way Activity Day	Worksite Wellness
Fruit & Vegetable Kick-off	Standing Desk Stations
Crossroads Community Advisors	Achievement Days
4-H Activities & Competitions	

Bakewell reported on the Extension Youth Conference she helped Chaperone. She is also involved in promoting and improving Worksite Wellness Programs and is working with the Parks & Rec Department on a Summer Food Program.

Shouldis reported on the following Agriculture and Natural Resources activities:

Pesticide Applicators Training	Soybean Plot
Township Officers Meeting	Crop & Weather Reports
4-H Rabbit Workshop	Chaperone at Youth Conference
Meetings with Producers	Field Days
Square Foot Gardening	Field Trainings
4-H Communication Arts Contest	Agronomy Calls
Community Garden at Lake Elsie	Horticulture Calls

## MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Colfax Drainage - Berg reported he received a map of Colfax Drainage from Mike Bassingwaite. (*Interstate Engineering has done a survey and made recommendations as reported at the June 16, 2015 Commission meeting*).

Berg commented the issue is who pays for what - the Mayor is aware of our Policy, a letter needs to be written to the Railroad to lower the culvert, but the entire project has to be completed for it to work.

A motion was made by Berseth to pay one-third of the project cost with work to begin upon completion of the railroad lowering the culvert.

Campbell recommended a cost estimate of the project before we agree to one-third of the cost. Berseth withdrew the motion. Berg will request a cost estimate from Mike Bassingwaite.

**WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

Drain 12 - Work should be done this week.

NW corner of Sec 32 Viking Twsp - The pipe needs to be lowered on the County ROW at the intersection of Hwy 18 and CR 4. Bladow reported the project will require a cut in the asphalt and a patch to the road but the project could be scheduled for this fall with the paving to be completed next year. A motion was made by Berseth to proceed with the project, at a 60/40 cost share with the Water Board, with the County doing the work; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Berg asked what the notification criteria is for drain tile applications. Zentgraf replied, per state law, notification is to landowners one mile downstream. Berg and Berseth commented on the unique situation in Sec 33 of Colfax East, with recent heavy rains people upstream have been affected.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

Ehlert reported that the County Park Board has accepted a 50 year easement from the Wildlife Club for property by Horseshoe Lake on behalf of the County, as recommended by the Commission at the July 7 Commission meeting.

Ehlert reported he will forward a Credit Card Agreement to Bailey and McBeth for review as discussed at the July 7 Commission meeting.

Bailey asked if the salary for Jason Weber should be adjusted now that SEMCA has a BCI Agent - the Board adjusted Weber's salary on an interim basis at the February 17 meeting. Campbell will follow-up.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

August

- 4 Commission Meeting
- 4-5 Budget Meetings
- 18 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

ATTEST: Harris Bailey  
Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

Sid Berg CHAIRPERSON  
Sid Berg  
Board of Richland County Commissioners