

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**APRIL 7, 2014**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on April 7, 2014 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Tim Campbell, Jason Heitkamp, Perry Miller and Dan Thompson. Also present were Administration Personnel Bailey and DelVal; States Attorney McBeth; a Daily News Reporter and Visitor Bala Vairavan from Ulteig Engineers.

A motion was made by Miller to approve the minutes of meetings March 3 and March 17; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

**RICHLAND 44 FFA CHAPTER**

Instructor Tony Boehm and the FFA Members gave a description of the FFA Officers and their duties and gave a brief demonstration on Parliamentary Procedure to the Board.

**SANDY FOSSUM - SOILS REPORT**

Visitors in attendance were Gary Schultz, Rodrick Lentz, Clint Arndt and Sam Arndt.

Fossum explained to the Board what has happened since the Board approved (in February) the recommendation of the Soils Committee - to use the Productivity Index from the Natural Resource Conservation Service in lieu of the Richland County PI, which includes corn.

Fossum reported her office mailed over 4,000 notices of increase and has received less than 75 phone calls.

Sam Arndt commented that Fossum's letter stated questions should be taken to the Township Meeting - he wondered what the Township was supposed to tell them.

Fossum replied that individuals with concerns can come to her office and they will look at an aerial map with figures and measurements and they will re-figure it right there; some individuals have already come into her office, they've reviewed, added modifiers, documented non-productive, etc. and most have been satisfied when they left her office.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Justin Flack and Lowell Bladow.

County Road 22 ROW Acquisition - ROW required from two landowners. Based on meetings with the NDDOT, Interstate Engineering, landowners and the Wheaton Dumont Elevator - we have proceeded with design at 45 mph curves. This reduces ROW needed from appx 6.5 acres per landowner to 2 acres.

2013 County Rents and Values North Dakota's Survey reported \$4,142/acre average land value for Richland County. Report from Tax Director showed comparable sales in bordering townships ranged from \$5,750 - \$6,500/acre in the last 12 months.

Landowners have verbally agreed to \$4,500/acre for permanent easements. \$0 for temporary construction easements.

A motion was made by Miller to approve payment of \$4,500 per acre; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous.

County Road #22 and #1 Projects (HB1358 projects) - Requesting permission to advertise for bids. Projects bid as one, with pricing broken out between the two to give us options as to what work we want to proceed with. Bid date will be in the first week of May.

A motion was made by Heitkamp to advertise for bids; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Restrictions on CH#11 - Brief discussion was held on the restrictions on CH#11. Further discussion will be held at the Portfolio Meeting.

### Misc -

- Crews are shifting to summer hours effective today. Summer hours generally are Monday - Thursday, 7 AM - 5:30 PM. This change has normally taken place at daylight savings time, but we extended winter hours this spring due to late thaw.
- Campbell reported he would be meeting with Walt Hardie this week sometime, he will let Flack know when the meeting will be held.
- Berg was contacted by Colfax Township who is interested in renting space in the Colfax Shop or on Property in Walcott for housing equipment and possibly putting up a hoop building. The request will be discussed by the Portfolio Board.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

House Fires - There have been numerous fires over the past two weeks.

- Lidgerwood - House Fire, family of 3 given Red Cross Assistance
- Wahpeton - House Fire, family of 5 given Red Cross Assistance
- Hankinson - Garage destroyed by fire
- Fairmount - House Fire, Electrical with furnace
- Fairmount - Garage fire, mutual aid

ND Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) for \$700,000 - The deadline to apply for this grant opportunity is April 21. Grant can be used for Training, Exercise, P-24 Interoperable Communications.

SKY-WARN Classes - National Weather Service -

Monday - April 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:30 PM at Colfax

Thursday - April 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:30 PM at Wilkin County Recycling Center

HazMat Operations Training - Scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> with Cargill and Wahpeton Fire Dept at the Southside Fire Dept from 6:00-10:00 PM.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the Treasurer's Report; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

## **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

Matt Syvertsen, GIS reported he is working on a map of Richland County for the CEE. It will be a 4x9" finished size, folded. It is still in the process - they are deciding on landmarks. The CEE is attempting to do this without any money from the County - they have contacted the Visitors Bureau who will fund \$3,000 or appx 7500 maps - however we can make 10,000 maps for \$3,900.

Syvertsen said the map could be used by many county offices in the Courthouse so for an additional \$900 we could purchase the additional maps and the price per each is substantially reduced.

A motion was made by Miller to allot \$900 from the \$25,000 we allocated to CEE; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Bailey asked for clarification - from the Budget Line of CEE? Miller and Berg replied YES, that is how the motion was intended.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Social Service - No Report.

B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - The Highway Office remodel project is underway; the landscaping project will get done.

C) Public Health Report - A meeting is scheduled later in the week; they will begin summer hours soon.

D) Job Development Board - At the last meeting, 3 loans were approved.

Applications were received from Merlin Beto, Steve Otto and Kevin Paczkowski for appointments to the JDA Board. A motion was made by Campbell to appoint Merlin Beto, Steve Otto and Kevin Paczkowski to the JDA Board; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.

E) Weed Board - A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 7 PM.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board -A meeting was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> - a grant has been submitted to Garrison. The Park Board requested Flack be reminded of the agreement that when the County grades Co Rd 10 they should also grade the one mile in and out of Mooreton Lake; they would also like some sand for the beach. The Portfolio Commissioners will follow-up with Flack on the Park Board requests for sand and grading.

## MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Affidavit of Service by Mail re- clear up of title to land
- Correspondence from Zenas Baer Law Office re- Petition of Donald Heitkamp
- Correspondence from ND Dept of Corrections re- Jail Inspection
- Correspondence from ND Dept of Veterans Affairs re- VSO Training

Miller reported on the lawsuit filed by the JPA and also reported that the last fundraiser raised \$44,000

Heitkamp reported on a Resolution passed at the Republican Convention regarding Basin Wide Support of the Red River Valley

Bailey reported ND State Fire & Tornado Fund offers Equipment Breakdown Coverage. Following discussion it was the consensus of the Board to remain with Hartford Insurance Company

Miller reported he was approached by several banks in town that received invoices from the CEE Committee; the banks felt pressured. Thompson replied he thought they were all personally approached - he will followup with Braaten. Campbell also commented on feedback he received regarding this - he was asked why are you requesting money from them, and then sending it back out to them.

Bailey reported on the Car Fleet - the Trailblazer was traded off for a Malibu, but we kept the Crown Vic so it could be utilized by the County GIS Dept for traveling on dirt/trail roads.

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

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

##### April


- 21 Commission Meeting
- 30 Township Officers Meeting

##### May

- 5 Commission Meeting
- 19 Commission Meeting

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

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Revenue Voucher for February 1-28, 2014; and Sheriff Department Revenue & Expenses and Civil Balance Sheet for February 2014.

ATTEST:   
Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON  
Dan Thompson  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for March, 2014.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	195,704.52
County Highway	78,496.72
Social Services	81,444.45
911 Communications	42,931.89
Drug Court	1,434.59
County Agent	4,200.46
Veterans Service	3,929.47
Weed Officer	462.50
Public Health Fund	64,806.85
County Park	160.00
SEMCA	<u>8,270.91</u>
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>481,842.36</b>

EXPENSES: \*\* Refer to  
resolution records

County General	191,547.49
County Highway	101,641.38
Bridge Repl Fund	38,223.00
15 Mill	43,391.22
Social Service	54,551.03
Emergency Asst Don	432.50
911 Communications	16,439.27
911 Wireless	2,534.18
Drug Court Fund	292.86
Water Rescue Team	64.19
County Agent	30,319.88
Veterans Service	1,539.77
Weed Control Levy	761.41
Public Health	27,578.75
Haz Chem Fund	46.20
State Medical Levy	26,144.46
FEMA Dis Reimb	54,447.97
Garrison Div	26,144.46
Domestic Violence	210.00
Financial Institution Tax	390,383.12
Jail Concession	999.88
Sobriety Test Fund	36.00
County Park	134.62
SEMCA	2,321.06
Sr Citizens Fund	81,109.68
Sheriff Counteract	16.57
Historical Society	6,278.47

County Agent Special	320.39
Soil Conservation	25,323.37
Water Mngt Levy	100,456.61
Joint Water Resource	50,228..29
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,273,918.08</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,755,760.44</b>

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