

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 5, 2014**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on May 5, 2014 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Tim Campbell, Jason Heitkamp and Dan Thompson. Commissioners Sid Berg and Perry Miller were absent. Also present were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; States Attorney McBeth; and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes of meetings April 7 and April 21; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous.

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

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Dive Team - The Dive Team assisted yesterday in the search for a missing NDSCS Student; Dwight, Wahpeton and Breckenridge Fire Departments also assisted along with two planes. The Salvation Army assisted with meals and the Red Cross has also offered to assist. Will regroup this morning.

The Dive Team also assisted First Responders in a search to find a woman who possibly jumped from a bridge April 28 in Breckenridge.

House Fire - John Rick Residence in Wahpeton on April 21; the family was given Red Cross Assistance.

ND State Homeland Security Grant Program for \$700,000 - There have been \$3.3 million in requests statewide. Only 19 counties received grant funds statewide. We requested \$40,000 and received \$14,000 and will use for P-24 Interoperable Communications- Law Enforcement.

2014 Homeland Security Grant/1.5 million available - No match is required. Held a meeting last week with individuals on the Security Committee to discuss priorities which will be explained later in the meeting.

Meetings/Trainings-

- Skywarn Training was held on April 24
- Local Emergency Planning Committee was held April 24
- WARNX (Tornado Drill) conducted with schools and cities April 30
- Active Shooter Training Exercise May 1 in Oakes

## **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

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

A motion was made by Heitkamp to approve a Raffle Permit Application from the Hankinson Sandhills Saddle Club; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

- Correspondence from NDPERS that the County qualified for the Wellness Discount Program
- Request from the Tri-County Water Resource District for the County to sign easements needed for reconstruction of the Tri County Drain. A motion was made by Heitkamp and seconded by Campbell to authorize the Chairman to sign the easements - discussion followed and included discussion of the costs to Richland County - the motion and second were withdrawn from the Table. (Discussion continued later in the meeting)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A) Social Service - An award was received at the annual spring showcase for SNAP Reviews.
- B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - Campbell and Deputy Ruhl will look at the Car Wash (Tangen's) west of Wahpeton that is for sale. This may be a good fit for the additional space needed by the Sheriff Dept/SEMCA etc.
- C) Public Health - No Report.
- D) Job Development Board - A meeting is scheduled for later this week at Texas Crossing.
- E) Weed Board - No Report.
- F) Soils Committee - Campbell attended the Tax Equalization meeting in Fairmount. It was a very controlled meeting, several individuals requested Fossum come back to look at their properties.
- G) Park Board - Looking for a deed that was never recorded by the State Game & Fish for Mooreton Pond.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Justin Flack and Lowell Bladow.

County Road #1 GVW limit change - The Road Advisory Committee is recommending to change the Max GVW on CH#1 from SH#11 north to the ethanol plant to 105,500 lbs. The change would not take place until CR#22 is completed and posted to 105,500. The road was designed to this capacity originally, but was kept at 80,000 lbs due to county-wide plan of consistency with 80,000 max GVW, which is now changing due to CR #22.

No action was taken by the Board.

### Bid Openings-

May 7            Co Rd 22 & 1 Projects  
                    11:00 AM in Commission Room

May 9            Wild Rice Bridge Project  
                    9:30 AM Online bid thru NDDOT, results will be published online

Rain Event Last Week - We had 17 crossing structures (bridges, low water crossings) closed last Wednesday - we have already opened several of the ones that did not incur damage. When water levels allow us to work, we will begin repairs on those that had washout damage. Several culverts with small washout damage will also need attention.

Road Grader - Our road grader did not sell and will be re-advertised.

Easement for Tri-County Drain - (Discussed earlier in the meeting)

- Co Rd 17 north of 13
- Will be a 60/40 split
- Rough estimate of cost for us is \$40,000 to replace three metal culverts

Flack will get more information and report at the next meeting.

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Those in attendance from the Safety Committee were John Anderson, Josh Beto, Jill Breuer, Judge Cruff, Leslie Hage, Kristen Hasbargen, Dave Iverson, Brett Lambrecht, Sheriff Leshovsky and Joan Oland.

Leshovsky reported this all started based on Security concerns by the Judge and it mushroomed from there. A survey of the buildings was done -

- the state offices are on a different phone system than the County offices and are not included in an "all page" of the buildings so they would not be aware of what is going on if there were an issue in the buildings
- down the road, key cards with a single point of entry into the buildings
- Lambrecht targeting possible grants for security camera's, body scan machine, door for court entrance
- Honeywell has a contract available for card slides, cameras, etc.
- Simplex may also have options through the Fire Alarm System
- we have some options, but employees need to know what to do - we need to provide training to them

Sheriff Leshovsky asked what the Board would like the Committee to do from here;  
- the Committee can make some changes with minimal costs, but if we want to go to a single point entry to the buildings, it is costly and it would be up to the Board at that point.

Thompson replied - the Board looked at some of these options in the past but the grant fell through - the Board would like to continue to work together with the Committee and encouraged Lambrecht to pursue grant options.

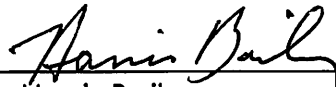
## **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

Bailey reported there is some confusion on what was approved by the Board on the book shelves in the Judge's Office - The motion was to have McBeth check into what could be done and the correct procedure. Thompson recommended this item be put on the next Meeting Agenda when there is a full Board present.

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Reports Filed: Sheriff Department Revenue & Expenses and Civil Balance Sheet for March 2014.

ATTEST:

  
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Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

  
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Dan Thompson  
CHAIRPERSON  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for April 2014.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	194,497.13
County Highway	73,142.94
Social Services	81,594.45
911 Communications	40,481.66
Drug Court	1,434.59
County Agent	4,350.22
Veterans Service	4,079.97
Weed Officer	705.00
Public Health Fund	64,806.85
County Park	80.00
SEMCA	<u>8,270.91</u>
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>473,443.72</b>
EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records	
County General	352,366.95
County Highway	58,808.69
Bridge Repl Fund	2,018.76
Road & Bridge Equip	99,358.90
15 Mill	383,940.00
Social Service	63,152.39
Emergency Asst Don	80.24
911 Communications	32,403.98
911 Wireless	3,992.53
Drug Court Fund	292.86
Water Rescue Team	236.39
Special Resp Team	544.67
County Agent	3,460.53
Veterans Service	2,028.62
Weed Control Levy	806.54
Public Health	27,130.17
State Medical Levy	2,790.08
Game & Fish	17,273.00
Garrison Div	2,790.08
Domestic Violence	245.00
Telecomm Tax	185,292.44
Jail Concession	451.78
Sobriety Test Fund	2,010.00
County Park	55,522.92
SEMCA	2,395.63
JDA	17,764.09
ND State Inc Tax W/H	11,940.78
Sr Citizens Fund	2,203.66

Sheriff Counteract	477.75
Historical Society	550.93
County Agent Special	166.54
Soil Conservation	2,485.14
Water Mngt Levy	11,160.28
Joint Water Resource	4,993.68
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>1,351,136.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,824,579.72</b>

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Dan Thompson CHAIRPERSON  
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Board of Richland County, Commissioners