

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 18, 2014**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on August 18, 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 DeVal; States Attorney McBeth and a Daily News Reporter.

The Board met at 8:00 AM to tour the old D & E Building for possible purchase by the County for storage needs. The Board reconvened at 9:30 AM in the Commission Room.

RICHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lois Berndt reported on the financial status of the Historical Society. The 1/4 mill they receive from the County covers basic daily expenses and salary but nothing more. They have had to do repair work on the Air Exchanger and they are in the process of gutting the meeting room and adding some insulation so finances are a concern.

Bailey replied per Century Code a 1/4 of a mill can be levied or 3/4 of a mill can be levied upon approval of 60% of the voters.

Berndt would like to work with the County to place it on the November ballot for the voters to decide.

A motion was made by Miller to place it on the November Ballot - allowing the voters to decide if the Richland County Historical Society be allowed to levy up to 3/4 of a mill; motion seconded by Berg. Heitkamp abstained from Voting due to a conflict of interest (he is a Board Member of the Richland County Historical Society); the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Heitkamp to approve a Raffle Permit for District 25 Republican Party; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

- Correspondence from Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative re- land application of pressed mud
- Meeting Notice with NDDOT at Annual Conference Oct 13 at 3:20 PM

A motion was made by Campbell to approve a Game Site Authorization for Head of the Red Youth Activities Assn for gaming at Terrace Lanes; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.

- Correspondence from Zenas Bear Law Office re- Barney Twsp Violation of Open Records Law
- Meeting Notice re- Tri County Joint Water Resource District August 27 at 10:00 AM

WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Thompson requested a meeting be scheduled with several Commissioners, several Water Board Members and WRB attorney Shawn, along with State's Attorney McBeth to discuss who has authority on what.

Berg requested that in the application process, if water goes into a county ditch, the County needs to sign off on the application also, so that things get done correctly and are followed-up on.

Zentgraf replied that this is being done. The Water Board approves what they can and defers the application to the County if it involves a roadway ditch. Former County Engineers Schulte and Flack put any special instructions on the form and the applicant receives a copy.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel Bladow and Engineer Damon DeVillers from Interstate Engineering were in attendance.

Walt Hardie -Drainage Complaint - Walt Hardie was not in attendance. Wayne Hardie and Arlen Schutt were present.

Wayne Hardie and Arlen Schutt protested the sizing of culverts put in the curve on the NW corner of Section 23 LaMars. (Copy attached to minutes). They also expressed concerns with the elevation.

Engineer DeVillers replied he is aware of it. He explained that the ND Stream Crossing Standards need to be met and several meetings had been held with the landowners. He will need to meet with everyone again before re-sizing it.

Co Rd 16 - A little patching work was done, all that is left to do is paint the RR crossing areas, estimated cost is \$1500.

CR 2 N - The contractor finished up the project Saturday, there was a little cost overrun. All that is left to complete is the striping and rumble strips.

Bridge Project - The Engineers are working on estimates and alternatives for the slippage on the riverbank. The DOT requires signatures for the additional engineering of \$21,000. A motion was made by Heitkamp to authorize the required signatures; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.

CR 22 - The curves are done and they have added the top section. They will do the paving in 3-4 weeks.

Summer Help - Summer Help is all gone, they still have some temporary truck drivers.

TOM MATTSON - SHERIFF DEPT

Sheriff Leshovsky and Deputy Ruhl were also in attendance.

Mattson said he was picked up for watching a residents place - it was dropped. He went through the procedure to get some one evicted from his property.

McBeth explained that Mattson did the Notice to Quit but his next step is a Court Order to Evict or Detainer.

Thompson explained that the Commission could not do anything - there is a legal procedure to go through which the State's Attorney explained.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

The Board discussed placing a measure on the November Ballot regarding property taxes. A new bill passed by the ND Legislature requires voter approval before governing boards can approve exemptions for retail sector businesses. A motion was made by Campbell to ask the voters to agree or disagree with allowing the County to grant property tax exemptions upon application of new or expanding retail sector businesses; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous.

The Board members each gave their comments of the County potential for the D&E Building-

Thompson was not in favor of pursuing - it would nickle and dime us.

Berg agreed with Thompson and felt it a rickety building that would be costly to renovate.

Miller - it would cost over \$100,000 for renovations; he suggested finding out what the needs are for the Sheriff Dept, Hwy Dept, Emergency Manger, Dive Team, etc. Find out how much heated area each Dept needs, how much security area they need, etc.

Campbell - Liked the location but has concerns with the cost for renovations. With the needs of the different departments for heated areas, secure areas, lighting, etc. it may be better to build something new for the cost.

Heitkamp - see an opportunity with the building however if the rest of the Board is willing to spend up to \$400,000 on a new building that is another situation.

Thompson suggested that a 60 x 40 building set deep in the County Lot by the Water Tower on 19th Street, with overhead doors would cost appx \$100,000 plus heat and floors, etc, and it would be all fresh and new. Thompson will get a price estimate for the building, cement, heat, electrical for a future meeting. He asked Bailey to follow-up on setback info, etc for the location being considered.

Heitkamp suggested Thompson get a cost estimate for a fence as well.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September

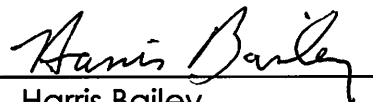
8 Commission Meeting
22 Commission Meeting

October

9 5- County Meeting
(Miller will make arrangements)

Being there was no further Business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

ATTEST:


Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Dan Thompson
Board of Richland County Commissioners

Aug 18-2014

To The Richland County Commissioners.

We are protesting the sizing of culverts
put in the curve on Section NW 1/4 Sec 23
129.n 48W

This is on the new curve NW corner of Sec 23
La Mars.

There was a 34 inch culvert & a 24 inch culvert
in stalled through the road going South.
Outlet which is a 24 inch was not changed
The road on this east side was taken out
there nothing to slow water down coming
from the west. There is only one way
for the water to go that is across the
field to the south east.

We are protesting the culverts and sizing
going through the curve. The culvert
sizing to take the water away.

Land owner
Arden Schett

Renter Wayne Harlie

Protest was received by county Commissioners

AMB
8/18/14