

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 6, 2014**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on October 6, 2014 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Tim Campbell, Perry Miller and Dan Thompson. Commissioner Jason Heitkamp was absent. Also present were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; States Attorney McBeth and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Berg to approve the minutes of meetings September 8 and September 22; and the Budget Hearing of September 17; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Semi - Hydraulic Oil Tank Leak - by Mooreton on Saturday, October 4. The DOT put sand on the Highway and cleanup will be done by the truck owner, a local farmer.

FEMA Large Projects -

- Finished the Ward crossing; in the process of finishing billing for closeout with FEMA
- ND DES completed audit on 2010 flood; working with Townships on receipts that are due
- Finishing 5 large project closeouts for Townships; working on County ones

Trailer Home Destroyed by Storm - on Thursday, September 4 south of Kindred. American Red Cross assistance was provided. VSO Vetter is working on possible funding through the VA; also met with Social Services and Muriel Hedrick on other potential services.

Emergency Management Conference - Will be attending State Conferences in Bismarck this week - October 7th - October 10th.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hage distributed a report of Properties taken back for non-payment of taxes. The Board briefly discussed the County's liability for these properties as well as the maintenance and costs for cleanup so they aren't an eyesore in communities.

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

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- correspondence from ND State Fair requesting appointment of delegates;
Thompson will follow-up

JOHN RICHMAN - NDSCS

Miller asked John Richman, NDSCS President to come to today's meeting to share with the rest of the Board what NDSCS is doing in Fargo. President Richman distributed a handout to the Board explaining the expansion in Fargo - the project will enhance the College's ability to educate and train the workforce; it is an effort to meet the workforce needs of that area as well as the entire state.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance was Lowell Bladow. Visitor Delwayne Hoefs was also present.

Bridge Project - Industrial Builders is pouring the west abutement today and plan to set the beams this week.

Co Hwy 22 Project - Central Specialties is paving the second lift; there are three lifts to go on - they are switching crews so there may be some delay. The new signage is up and they are keeping the road open so traffic is moving.

Dave Ward Lo-Water Crossing - Will be open for traffic today.

Motor Grader - Bladow requested authorization to advertise for bids for leasing a new motor grader. The 140M purchased this year will be sold outright instead of traded in.

A motion was made by Miller to authorize advertising for bids for leasing a new motor grader; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Water Board - Thompson reported he and Campbell met with several Water Board members to discuss who has authority on what. The WRB members suggested a meeting with their attorney. Thompson and Campbell requested that McBeth attend this meeting as well. Thompson suggested this meeting be scheduled after harvest.

Bridge East of Galchutt - Met with Industrial Builders - the crane is set and the old bridge has been removed. The bridge component is to be delivered on October 15th.

Proposed Shop Ideas - Campbell has lined up space at Minn-Dak but the details need to be worked out. Water is not an issue on the County property we are considering (Oliver Commerce Addn) and for the sewer we could use a holding tank. Bladow commented we need to revisit space needed by Departments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Service - The Board reviewed a request from Kristen Hasbargen to send a letter to Governor Dalrymple regarding funding for Adult Protective Services. A motion was made by Campbell to send a letter to Governor Dalrymple; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.
- B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - The Landscape plans are on hold.
- C) Public Health - A meeting is scheduled for October 8th at noon.
- D) Job Development Board - The Board did not have a quorum at the last meeting.
- E) Weed Board - No Report.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - Working on the bathroom project. Bailey requested a Resolution from each city to allow them to tax the city one mill, as per NDCC. Berg requested assistance in getting the letter written for the Park Board to send. Berg commented on the question of ownership of the property - Bailey suggested a letter be sent to State Game & Fish indicating we have no record of a deed being recorded and request they re-issue it so it can be recorded.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Bailey distributed a report from the Veteran's Service Officer. Most of the Board members reported receiving letters of concern from the Wahpeton Legion, Bailey reported the candidates running also received a letter.

Miller reported a JPA conference call is scheduled at 11:00 AM today at Wilkin County; he asked McBeth to attend.

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

Miller asked for a report of funds spent by the CEE Committee - Bailey reported \$32,825.61 as of September 30th with \$20,630 received in donations; he also anticipated additional expenses for recent activities. Bailey also reported he was contacted by Virginia Goerger requesting the County purchase Memorial Plates to give to employees - Bailey informed her he would bring the request to the Board.

Being there was no further Business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Revenue Voucher for September 1-30,2014; and Sheriff Department Revenue & Expenses for August and September 2014.

ATTEST: *Harris Bailey*
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

Dan Thompson CHAIRPERSON
Dan Thompson
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for September, 2014.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	198,797.31
County Highway	62,998.71
Social Services	80,601.15
911 Communications	43,213.63
Drug Court	1,329.58
County Agent	4,275.34
Veterans Service	2,473.22
Weed Officer	2,766.00
Public Health Fund	63,474.30
County Park	160.00
SEMCA	<u>8,740.08</u>
PAYROLL TOTAL	468,829.32

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	178,605.88
County Highway	284,468.62
Bridge Repl Fund	5,233.82
Road & Bridge Eq	10,284.30
15 Mill	13,846.54
Social Service	55,155.29
911 Communications	16,039.63
911 Wireless	2,525.47
NDRIN	20,737.30
Drug Court Fund	268.81
Water Rescue	290.72
County Agent	3,441.51
Veterans Service	2,358.54
Weed Control Levy	23,754.52
Public Health	33,585.31
State Medical Levy	136.98
Garrison Div	136.98
Domestic Violence	490.00
Jail Concession	777.73
Sobriety Test Fund	320.00
County Park	373.27
SEMCA	1,833.83
Sr Citizens Fund	136.98
Historical Society	34.27
County Agent Special	134.82
Soil Conservation	136.98
Water Mngt Levy	548.01
Joint Water Resource	274.01
EXPENSE TOTAL	655,930.12

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES **1,124,759.44**

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