

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 5, 2015**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on January 5, 2015 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert, and Dan Thompson. Also present were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; States Attorney McBeth; and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the minutes of meetings December 1 and December 15; motion seconded by Ehlert. Berseth was absent during the Vote, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Well House Fire - A well house water pump caught fire at the Clem Casette Farm on December 23, it supplies water to three homes. American Red Cross delivered water.

Court House Security Grant for \$42,500 for cameras, etc. - ND State Historical Society gave us preliminary approval; waiting to hear officially from Denver.

Moran Township Road - Have received final approval on permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers, ND State Historical Society and the ND Health Department. Plan to start construction on the road leading to Hasse's residence.

FEMA Large Project Closeouts

- An Elma Township project had some drainage work done around a County Road - Working on finding responsibility of a \$36,000 bill from Riley Bros. Construction.

- Finished and submitted receipts for 2010 Audit; we will need to pay back funds that the Township did not use for some unfinished work.

Upcoming Meetings

January 13 SE Emergency Managers Meeting in Valley City
January 21 American Red Cross Meeting in Fargo

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

A motion was made by Berseth to approve the list of Depositories; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous. (Copy attached to minutes).

JILL BREUER - RADIO EQUIPMENT INSURANCE UPDATE

Breuer gave a report on the Lidgerwood Repeater damages and shared photos with the Board.

- replacement equipment has been ordered; they are currently using a loaner
- the insurance company requested a resolution on where items are located in the room - the pipe next to an electrical panel is a concern.

Breuer will visit with the Lidgerwood City Council as it is our equipment but they use it for paging fire and ambulance. There is no Agreement in writing and they do not charge the County any rent.

Breuer suggested that a plastic yard shed may be a solution and the cost is approximately \$344

Discussion followed, at the conclusion Berg recommended that Breuer visit with the City about splitting the cost of moving the electrical outlet to the other side of the room and also getting a Written Agreement in place. Breuer and McBeth will work on an Agreement.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Bailey presented Police Service Contracts for the cities of Hankinson and Lidgerwood and reported copies have been sent to McBeth and Steve Lies for review and then the contracts should go to the City Councils. Ehlert and Berseth questioned the difference in dollar amounts and had other questions on services. Sheriff Leshovsky was contacted and asked to stop by the meeting to answer questions. (See discussion continue later in meeting).

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance was Lowell Bladow.

Safety Projects - After submitting the Safety project for the intersection of 2N & 81 at Christine they have encouraged us to submit more projects so road and curve sections that were previously identified have been submitted. If approved, our participation would be 10% and the Federal portion would be 90%.

Highway 13 Lighting by Giant Snacks - The County is responsible for maintenance of these lights. Scott's Electric has looked at them and will upgrade and replace.

Cost Participation Agreement with Wahpeton - Bailey reported he received a bill from the City of Wahpeton in the amount of \$278,404.13 for the County's share of the 11th Street project; last January we were notified of the project and what our costs would be so it had not been included in the 2014 budget. Normally the County participates with 28' in cities but this project when approved, included curb and gutter or \$42,000 for drain issues.

Thompson commented that this had been a verbal agreement with former County Engineer Schulte and the City of Wahpeton.

Bailey reminded the Board that the City of Wahpeton will be working on 16th Avenue to the Bypass in the future and the County needs to be involved before signing off on anything. To prevent in the future, the Highway Portfolio needs to talk with the City Engineer on projects affecting the County before entering into an Agreement.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

- letter from McBeth re-funding for History Book Project. The Board discussed the budget of the CEE Committee

Sheriff Leshovsky stopped by the meeting to discuss Police Service contracts for the cities of Hankinson and Lidgerwood. (Discussion continued from earlier in the meeting)

Leshovsky reported this goes back to the 80's, when cities had their own enforcement. It was negotiated with the cities of Lidgerwood and Hankinson to get better law enforcement and connect with our computer system and training, etc. The Commission approved back then and the City of Wyndmere also joined in through the COPS program. Four years later SEMCA came in and Wyndmere went by the wayside with

Lidgerwood and Hankinson remaining. It was negotiated back then but through the years the Sheriff has not been involved in the negotiations or contracts.

The cost to the County is approximately 50% of the cost. The benefit to the County is we utilize that deputy in those areas - they cover accidents, patrol, and civil process delivery.

The reason for the difference in the contract dollar amounts is based on their ability to pay. Sheriff Leshovsky has attended City Council meetings in the past and the cities see the benefit they are receiving for what they are paying. He suggested that the Commission may want to meet with the city councils and review the dollar amount.

Berseth suggested the County have a better formula than "what can you afford" and asked - is the County prepared if another city comes to the Board to request services but they can only afford a specific amount.

Berseth asked Leshovsky if he could provide a dollar amount of what these deputies are costing the County. Sheriff Leshovsky replied he would get the figures put together.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Campbell to approve Police Service Contracts with the cities of Hankinson and Lidgerwood; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous. It was the consensus of the Board to look at the criteria prior to renewal time.

A motion was made by Berseth to appoint Willerd L. Ward to the Richland County Park Board; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Bailey distributed Year-End Financial reports which included the following: year-end budget adjustments, year-end budget transfers, quarterly transfers, schedule of fund activity, general fund year-end balance, and 2015 budget projections. (Copies attached to minutes).

A motion was made by Thompson to approve Contingency Adjustments to the budget; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve year-end Transfers; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

Bailey distributed Payroll Sheets for Department Heads to the Portfolio Commissioners and requested they be signed and returned to HR. Everyone received a one step increase and no adjustment was made to the base.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Service - Interviews were done last week for the IHC position, hope to fill the position soon.
- B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - The Safety Committee Group is working on a Single Point of Entry.
- C) Public Health - No meetings held.
- D) Job Development Board - No meetings held.
- E) Weed Board - No Report.
- F) Soils Committee - A meeting is scheduled for January 14 at 9:00 AM.
- G) Park Board - The next meeting will be held in March.
- H) Administration - No Report.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February

- 3 Commission Meeting
- 17 Commission Meeting

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

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Voucher for November, 2014.

ATTEST: Harris Bailey
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

Sid Berg CHAIRPERSON
Sid Berg
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for December, 2014

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	207,794.37
County Highway	61,110.64
Social Services	82,996.53
911 Communications	46,461.74
Drug Court	1,256.43
County Agent	4,300.30
Veterans Service	3,038.40
Weed Officer	760.00
Public Health Fund	61,862.44
SEMCA	8,740.08
JDA	<u>450.00</u>
PAYROLL TOTAL	478,770.93

EXPENSES: ** Refer to
resolution records

County General	254,108.37
County Highway	263,955.25
Bridge Repl Fund	3,939.49
Road & Bridge	4,535.00
Social Service	54,734.40
Emergency Assistance	500.00
911 Communications	22,102.99
911 Wireless	2,179.71
Drug Court Fund	256.35
County Agent	3,422.06
Veterans Service	1,617.47
Weed Control Levy	3,328.17
Public Health	35,121.11
State Medical Levy	299.31
3 Rivers Crisis Center	1,302.60
FEMA Disaster Reimb	57,285.23
Garrison Div	299.31
Domestic Violence	70.00
Jail Concession	1,933.93
Sobriety Test Fund	2,596.00
SEMCA	1,831.71
JDA	34.44
Sr Citizens Fund	299.31
Historical Society	74.81
County Agent Special	1,016.35
Soil Conservation	299.31
Water Mngt Levy	1,197.55
Joint Water Resource	598.81
Est Real Estate Taxes	45,906.22
EXPENSE TOTAL	764,845.26

**TOTAL PAYROLL &
EXPENSES** **1,243,616.19**

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APPROVED DEPOSITORIES FOR RICHLAND COUNTY:
December 31, 2014

Bank of the West – Wahpeton

Wells Fargo – Wahpeton

Bremer Bank – Wahpeton

US Bank – Wahpeton

American Federal – Wahpeton

Gate City Federal Saving Bank – Wahpeton

People's State Bank – Fairmount

Lincoln State Bank – Hankinson

Bank of the West – Lidgerwood

Bell State Bank and Trust – Wahpeton

Banc West Investment Services – Wahpeton