

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 6, 2016**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on December 6, 2016 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; State's Attorney McBeth; and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Berg to approve the minutes of meetings November 1 and November 15, 2016; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Chairman Campbell turned the meeting over to Bailey for Board reorganization.

Bailey opened nominations for Chairman. Berg nominated Berseth as Chairman of the Board. No other nominations were received, the vote was unanimous and Berseth was elected as Chairman.

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Berseth opened nominations for Vice Chairman. Berg nominated Ehlert as Vice Chairman. No other nominations were received, the vote was unanimous and Ehlert was elected as Vice Chairman.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

SHERIFF LSHOVSKY/TODD CHRISTINE - PROPOSED JAIL REQUIREMENTS

A notice has been received from the ND Department of Corrections with proposed changes to Jail Requirements. Richland County can facilitate most of the proposed changes however the proposed requirement to have one female officer on duty 24/7 if there is a female in the Correctional Facility presents problems for us - budgets have already been set for 2017. There will be costs for transports, housing, etc. or hiring additional staff that was not included in the budget.

States Attorney McBeth stated that there are state mandates for jail time for DUI's and 24/7 violations so we will likely need a female officer 24 hours a day.

Todd Christine reported he could not rotate the schedule with only four female officers, there were five in the past and that still did not work well.

Sheriff Leshovsky stated the Dept of Corrections is taking comments until December 10th and he has submitted his concerns.

Ehlert asked if inmates could be housed with Wilkin County. Sheriff Leshovsky replied Yes, for \$90/day. Ehlert questioned if it may be cheaper to contract it out rather than to hire additional staff.

The Board will wait until after the comment period has ended to see if there is a response from the Dept of Corrections to Sheriff Leshovsky's concerns.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Campbell to approve an Amendment to the Housing Agreement between Roberts County Jail and Richland County; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Ehlert to appoint Becky DeVries to another term on the SE Human Services Advisory Board; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve a Raffle Permit Application for the Richland County Wildlife Club; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow and Ron Hohenstern.

New Motor Grader - Bladow requested authorization to advertise for a new motor grader; he also requested authorization to buy out the Falls V-Plow for \$5,500 so that does not have to be bid out with the Motor Grader.

A motion was made by Thompson to purchase the existing Falls V-Plow for \$5,500; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to authorize the Highway Dept to advertise for a new Motor Grader; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous. (Bid Opening will be February 7th).

Other Department Matters -

- Reggie Bladow has been hired as the new equipment operator
- the NDDOT is doing bi-annual inspections on bridges
- propane bids will be opened at the December 20 meeting

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

- invitation to Moore Engineering Open House on December 14
- invitation to Reception for former District 26 Representatives on December 14

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the Sale of County Property in Hankinson to the City of Hankinson; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous. (Lts 1-6, Blk 4 Bill's 1st Addn).

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the Sale of County Property in Mantador to the City of Mantador; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous. (Lt 12, Blk 7, JR Dvoraks 1st Addn).

Campbell reported he received a complaint about a County property in Great Bend that needs to be cleaned up - the building burnt down and was taken by the County for non-payment of taxes. Berseth asked that this issue be placed on the Agenda for the next Commission Meeting so it could be discussed further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Service - Busy with mandates, Foster Care Regulations, etc.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - Ehlert will coordinate with John Anderson re- the PD move; John Anderson is working on a Grant for Courtroom improvements.
- C) Public Health - No Report.
- D) Job Development Board - No meetings are scheduled for December.
- E) Weed Board - No Report.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - Berg reported that the Deed for Mooreton Lake has been signed and recorded.
- H) Administration - No Report.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the Payment of Bills; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the Liquor/Beer License Applications for J-Starr Hankinson and Texas Crossing, Wahpeton; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

Portfolios for 2017 were assigned by Chairman Berseth (Copy attached to minutes).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

December

- 14 Holiday Party
- 14 Reception for District 26 Representatives
- 15 5-County Meeting
- 20 Commission Meeting

January

- 3 Commission Meeting

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

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Voucher for October 2016.

ATTEST:



Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator



Nathan A. Berseth
CHAIRPERSON
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for November, 2016.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	215,606.36
County Highway	68,595.06
Social Services	89,667.44
911 Communications	40,017.18
County Agent	4,705.60
Veterans Service	2,948.06
Weed Officer	1,808.00
Public Health Fund	71,924.91
SEMCA	9,336.19
JDA	270.00

PAYROLL TOTAL 504,878.80

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	204,988.79
County Highway	319,607.21
Bridge Repl Fund	10,387.88
15 Mill Road fund	483,083.60
Social Service	39,995.56
911 Communications	13,861.81
911 Wireless	4,452.12
County Agent	2,715.05
Veterans Service	1,246.23
Weed Control Levy	29,420.25
Public Health	28,673.37
State Medical Levy	1,261.43
Garrison Div	2,625.80
Domestic Violence	210.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	56,841.19
State Aid Distribution	39,158.50
Jail Concession	1,133.95
Sobriety Test Fund	2,135.00
SEMCA	26,693.90
JDA	8,261.64
Sr Citizens Fund	2,557.72
Historical Society	764.33
Soil Conservation	1,770.80
Water Mngt Levy	9,594.19
Joint Water Resource	3,659.98

EXPENSE TOTAL 1,295,100.30

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES 1,799,979.10

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