

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 7, 2013**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on January 7, 2013 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; State's Attorney Stokes; Assistant State's Attorney McBeth, and a Daily News Reporter.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Miller to approve the minutes of meetings December 3 and December 17 (as amended); motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Fire Destroyed the Les Bergstrom Home on December 9 - Fire Departments from Great Bend, Hankinson, Mooreton and Fairmount assisted, along with the Sheriff Department and Emergency Management. The Salvation Army and American Red Cross also offered assistance. A benefit will be held for the family on Saturday, January 26 from 11:00-2:00 at the Great Bend Fire Station.

Dive Team - The grant application submitted for maintenance of equipment was denied; will continue operating with existing equipment at this time.

- Pool Dive Exercises were held on November 27 and November 30

- An ice rescue or dive training will be held in January

- Ice diving at Mooreton Lake will be held in February

Housing Rehabilitation and Citizen Retention Grant - Four eligible residents have applied. The Needs Committee will be meeting to review the Point System.

SE Emergency Managers Meeting - Lambrecht will be attending the SE Emergency Managers Meeting in Valley City on January 8th.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Berg asked about the County's Liability on properties taken back for non-payment of taxes. Discussion followed with Stokes recommending to the Board

that No Trespassing signs be posted on these properties. Berg asked if that was currently being done and who was responsible to take care of that? Bailey replied that it was not being done at this time. The Board delayed a decision and Thompson remarked the Board can discuss this further at another time.

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

A motion was made by Heitkamp to approve the Depositories as presented; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Abatement Application - Chris and Karen Gehrig, Walcott Twsp. - Applicants request that values be lower on residential acres. Chris and Karen Gehrig were present and explained their request to the Board.

Rick Score explained how the values were arrived at and the Walcott Township Zoning Law Requirements. He reported that Walcott Twsp denied the application.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Miller to Deny the Abatement Application; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous.

VanGuard Appraisal Agreement - Sandy Fossum requested authorization to enter into an Agreement with VanGuard for appraisal of the Pioneer Plant because the Assessors Office does not have the knowledge to do an appraisal on that type of Industrial Plant. They quoted a rate of \$4,000 (with stipulations). Following discussion, a motion was made by Campbell to authorize Fossum to sign the Agreement with VanGuard Appraisal; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Tim Schulte and Lowell Bladow. Representative Jim Hill from RDO Equipment was also in attendance.

2013 Federal Funding for Road & Bridge Projects - We received just over \$1 Million in Federal Highway Funds for CH#16 from Mantador to SH#18. We also received notice that if we would like to fast-track a bridge project that there will probably be bridge funds available. This would have to be a November letting with construction in 2014 to work into our budget. Schulte will work on getting a

bid opening set for the overlay project and then getting the plans and specifications to the State by the end of the month.

FEMA Large Project Closeouts - Working with the DES and hoping to have this all completed in the next few months to put these last three disasters in the book.

Motor Grader Bids - The Advisory Committee was unable to meet to review the motor grader bids and would like to delay until the next Board meeting so a recommendation can be brought forward from this committee.

There was some discussion on the award notice and what was allowed and required per Century Code. It was the consensus of the Board to hold a second meeting in January which will be scheduled for January 22 with plans to award the bid for a motor grader at that meeting.

Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) - Berg asked the status of the SRTS. Schulte replied the funding has been taken care of but has been pushed back. Plans are still on track to bid for construction this summer.

5-County Meeting - Heitkamp reported on the Five-County Meeting he attended last week; Berg and Bailey also attended. At that meeting there was some discussion on gravel pits. There is a follow-up meeting scheduled in Lisbon that Heitkamp will be attending, he will bring a report back to the next Commission Meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

January 17 Road Advisory Meeting

January 23-25 NDACE Annual Conference in Bismarck

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Bailey presented a spreadsheet to the Board showing Year-end Transfers. A motion was made by Miller to approve the year-end transfers as presented; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous. (Copy attached to minutes).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Social Service - No Report.

B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - No Report.

Heitkamp asked Miller if the group interested in the old KC Hall Building had toured the building. Miller replied Yes.

C) Public Health Report - A Board meeting is scheduled for next week. They

received a grant for I-Pads; Flack is taking some training on them.

D) Job Development Board - No Report.

E) Weed Board - Approved final payment for summer spraying. Bailey commented the year-end balance is a concern.

F) Soils Committee - A meeting is scheduled for January 9th at 9:00 AM

G) Park Board - No Report.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Notice of Wahpeton CDC Dues (\$30 for 3 years) and notice of Annual Meeting scheduled for January 28 at 11:30 AM. A motion was made by Miller to approve payment of the dues; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

5-County Meeting- Heitkamp reported the following items were discussed at the meeting:

- truck weights and getting the money back to the Counties
- 911 Fees
- Senator Luick suggested we look at 100,000 lb road limits, proposed projects and possible funding from the state

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

JIM STEWART, MINN-DAK FINANCING

Attorney Jim Stewart and several representatives from Minn-Dak were in attendance.

Stewart presented a Resolution approving the Issuance of Solid Waste Disposal Facility Revenue Bonds Series 2013A, and Industrial Development Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2013B for the Boards consideration.

A motion was made by Miller to adopt the Resolution approving the Issuance of Solid Waste Disposal Facility Revenue Bonds Series 2013A, and Industrial Development Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2013B; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

A motion was made by Miller to accept the letter of resignation from State s Attorney Stokes with regret, effective January 7th; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous. The Board members expressed regret on his

leaving and thanked him for his 10 years of service to the County.

A motion was made by Campbell to appoint Ron McBeth as the State s Attorney (at a Grade 30, Step 8); motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion was held on the Assistant Attorney s position. Stokes stated per NDCC McBeth handles the appointment. McBeth reported it has been advertised in several areas with a closing date of January 11th. McBeth will work with Human Resources and come back to the Board with his recommendation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January

22 Commission Meeting

February

4 Commission Meeting

19 Commission Meeting

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

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Revenue Voucher for November 1-30, 2012.

ATTEST: _____ CHAIRPERSON
Harris Bailey Dan Thompson
Auditor/Administrator Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for December, 2012

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	187,921.31
County Highway	65,161.46
Social Services	73,807.79
911 Communications	42,279.44
County Agent	2,820.14
Veterans Service	3,731.87
Weed Officer	750.20
Public Health Fund	65,108.30
SEMCA	<u>8,736.27</u>
PAYROLL TOTAL	450,316.78

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	235,121.16
County Highway	298,119.43
Bridge Repl Fund	36,549.63
Social Service	47,356.90
Emergency Assistance	780.00
911 Communications	134,158.34
911 Wireless	1,870.96
NDRIN	319.98
County Agent	3,238.80
Veterans Service	1,456.93
Weed Control Levy	39,078.22
Public Health	31,708.84
State Medical Levy	163.05
FEMA Disaster Reimb	580,602.22
Garrison Cons.	163.05
Domestic Violence	70.00
Jail Concession	1,071.31
Sobriety Test Fund	485.00
SEMCA	23,948.72
Job Dev Authority	501.96
Sr Citizens Fund	163.05
Historical Society	2,209.77
Co Agt Special	1,046.17
Soil Conservation	163.05
Water Mngt Levy	652.30
Joint Water Resource	314.94
Estimated Real Est Tax	97,997.64
EXPENSE TOTAL	1,539,311.42
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	1,989,628.20

ATTEST:

Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

CHAIRPERSON

Dan Thompson
Board of Richland County Commissioners