

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on February 21, 2017 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell and Rollie Ehlert. Commissioner Dan Thompson was absent. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Bailey and DelVal; State's Attorney McBeth and a Daily News Reporter.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

NDWARN Mutual Aid Agreement - NDWARN is a statewide water/wastewater Agency Response Network of utilities to help with natural or human-caused emergencies. NDWARN provides water and wastewater utilities with a process for sharing emergency resources among water and wastewater agencies statewide. Lambrecht reported there is no cost to participate and requested authorization to pursue a mutual aid agreement. The Board had no objections.

Flood Forecast by National Weather Service - The numbers have been lowered. With the melt last week river levels are:

Red River at Wahpeton 9.93 ft
Wild Rice 8.36 ft
Sheyenne 8.76 ft

FEMA Projects -

- Received an e-mail from Justin Hanson that they are going to re-look at our appeals for Elma and Duerr Projects for consideration.
- Sent supporting documentation with a letter requesting appeal for DR 1829 PW 3681 Bridge 118-35.
- Waiting on closeouts for Homestead, Liberty Grove & Moran Townships.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berg to approve reimbursement to the Water Resource District in the amount of \$425.00 for Bliss Law Firm Expenses relating to the Diversion; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to amend the Capital Asset Policy as presented, using a straight line depreciation method; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Bailey reported he has spoken with Matt Dockter and he has agreed to serve on the Wahpeton Planning Commission. A motion was made by Campbell to approve the appointment of Matt Dockter to the Wahpeton Planning Commission/ETZ to fill the unexpired term of Liz Mumm; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

- Correspondence from ND Highway Patrol re- assistance with weight enforcement on County roads
- March meeting dates were discussed, the meeting dates will be March 14 and March 21. The Commission will not be meeting on March 7th.
- June Meeting dates were briefly discussed, Neal Litton has inquired about Boys State Attendees meeting with the Commission Monday, June 12th from 2:00-3:00 P.M. - North Dakota Boys State is scheduled for June 11-16. Berseth will follow-up with Neal Litton.

SHERIFF LSHOVSKY/TODD CHRISTIE -VEHICLE BIDS & JAIL REQUIREMENTS

Sheriff Leshovsky asked for clarification about Vehicle Purchases/Capitol Outlay Purchases - he had included \$60,000 for vehicles in the capital outlay request at budget time. He is considering purchasing one vehicle from Wolfe Ford and one from Vision Ford. He received the following bids:

Dakota Chrysler \$25,994 Vision Ford \$25,560 Wolfe Ford \$25,485

Sheriff Leshovsky asked if he needed Board approval to proceed and if other capital outlay items requested at budget time also needed prior Board approval.

Berseth replied, at budget time the Board had discussed vehicle purchases and requested that all vehicle purchases come before the Board prior to purchase so they are kept informed; no motion is needed from the Board to approve the vehicle purchases or other Capitol Outlay Items - they were included in the budget.

Sheriff Leshovsky reported he received a response from the ND Department of Corrections to the variance request he submitted regarding the new Jail requirements to have one female staff member on duty at all times as long as males and females are being held. Their response was they would not accept a Variance at this time and suggested a strong effort be made to meet the requirements. Sheriff Leshovsky is evaluating all options and will have to get back to the Board at a later time with a recommendation on how to meet the staff requirements.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow, Ron Hohenstern and Moriah Herding. Others in attendance were Representatives from Butler Machinery and RDO Equipment.

Motor Grader Bids - Bids were opened at the February 7 meeting and have been tabulated. RDO is the low bidder with an annual lease payment of \$36,667. The recommendation of the Advisory Committee is to lease the John Deere 772GP from RDO Equipment.

A motion was made by Ehlert to approve the lease for a 772GP from RDO Equipment; motion seconded by Berg. Voting NO was Campbell, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried. Berseth suggested the Board evaluate purchasing in the future rather than leasing - similar to how the Board is scrutinizing vehicle purchases more closely.

Belly Dump Trailer Quotes - The following quotes were received at the February 7 meeting:

General Equipment, Fargo	Trail King	\$46,750
Wallwork Truck Center, Fargo	R-Way	\$45,870
RDO Equipment	Cross Country	\$43,600

The Highway Portfolio Committee has reviewed the quotes and their recommendation is to purchase the R-Way Trailer.

A motion was made by Campbell to purchase the R-Way Trailer; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

Authorization to Advertise for Bids - Bladow requested authorization to advertise for bids for the following:

- culvert pricing
- contractor quotes for equipment and materials
- aggregate and gravel crushing

A motion was made by Berg to authorize the Highway Dept to advertise for bids as requested; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

Spring Road Restrictions - The State is contemplating restrictions in the SW and SE corners of the State; typically we follow suit with the state. Bladow and Hohenstern will continue to monitor and will get the ads ready to run when needed, anticipating March 1st.

Turning Lanes - Berg reported he received an inquiry for right hand-turn lanes at CR 4/Hwy 81. The Board briefly discussed, it is a County-wide issue and would be very costly. Bladow said he would make note of it for any future projects in that area.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

- At the February 7 meeting States Attorney McBeth was asked to research Century Code regarding additional compensation for serving on various boards. He has provided the Board a written response and stated that since we are a Home Rule County and the JPA is an Ad Hoc Committee, the Board does have authority to revise the 2017 Compensation List. The 2017 Compensation Listing was reviewed and no changes were made; the Board will review it again at Budget time.
- Bailey reported that Wells Fargo caught some Credit Card Fraud on a County Credit Card and cancelled the card. The County will not be responsible for the charges.

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.

ATTEST: Harris Bailey
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Auditor/Administrator

Nathan A. Berseth CHAIRPERSON
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