

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 15, 2016

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on March 15, 2016 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell and Dan Thompson. Commissioner Rollie Ehlert was absent. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal, States Attorney McBeth and a Daily News Reporter. Visitor DelWayne Hoefs attended a portion of the meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Community Homes Apartment Complex Fire - Sunday, March 12 at 1:40 AM. Wahpeton Fire Department, Wahpeton Police Department, Richland County Sheriff Dept, NDSCS Police and the Ambulance Service all responded. Twelve families were affected by the fire. The American Red Cross provided food, clothes and hotel rooms to the victims and the Salvation Army provided laundry vouchers, sleeping bags and pillows.

FY 2016-2017 Emergency Management Performance Grant - The budget, budget narrative and work plan have been submitted to the Department of Emergency Services.

FEMA Projects - Submitted last closeout requests on County and Township projects for Elma, Grant, Duerr, Homestead, Liberty Grove and Moran. FEMA Staff from Region VIII coming to see Duerr Projects and Richland County Project.

SKYWARN Training - Scheduled for April 4th at Richland High School in Colfax. Will be scheduling a training in Wahpeton also.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berg to appoint Jerome Mauer to the Richland County Park Board; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth to approve a Raffle Permit Application for Richland County 4-H; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

At the March 1 Commission Meeting the Board had a request from the Water Board to deed county land back to land owners in Section 9 of LaMars Township. McBeth reported he reviewed the Deeds and recommends the Commission approve them to help clear up the title for the land owners. A motion was made by Berg to approve the Quit Claim Deeds as presented by the Water Board; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

- Correspondence from Don Heitkamp.

DEB FLACK - PANIC BUTTON FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Others in attendance were Jill Breuer, Sheriff Leshovsky and John Anderson.

Two quotes were received from Mid States Wireless -

\$5700 (hard wire) - panic buttons in all offices, the conference room and treatments rooms, can be hooked up to a new radio system down the road

\$1920 - for panic buttons in six additional offices

A motion was made by Berseth to proceed with the quote of \$1920 from Mid States Wireless for panic buttons in six additional offices; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

RON MCBETH - HIRING NEW STAFF

McBeth reported the part-time Administrative Assistant in his office has resigned. He requested authorization to advertise for a full-time position rather than a part-time position. A motion was made by Berseth to authorize the State's Attorney to hire a full-time Administrative Assistant; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow, Ron Hohenstern, and Moriah Herding.

Informational Meeting for Ditches & Culverts - Monica Zentgraf distributed information from Water Board Attorney Sean Fredricks, from Ohnstad Twichell regarding culvert responsibilities, jurisdiction and other drainage issues. Attorney Fredricks will be available during the Water Board Meeting on April 12th at 9:45 to clarify jurisdictions and meet with Highway Personnel, States Attorney McBeth and any Commissioners who are interested.

HB 1176 - Bid Opening scheduled for April 5th.

CH#21E - Bid Opening scheduled for April 8 in Bismarck.

Spring Road Restrictions - Restrictions went into effect March 7.

Misc Department Matters -

- the 2016 John Deere Motor Grader has been built; current machine is leased until June, will take delivery the end of May.

Berg reported he has received several requests to lower the speed limit by the railroad tracks on CR8 by Galchutt - a family lives there, and there is also a lot of turning traffic to the elevator and church.

Visitor DelWayne Hoefs joined the meeting at this time.

Culvert Bid Opening -

Bids were received from Tru North Steel and Contech Engineered Solutions. A motion was made by Thompson to accept all bids received for review by the Highway Department; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

HONEYWELL - UPDATE ON FINDINGS

Mark Wolle and Geoffrey Bosse reported on the preliminary audit of the facilities which identified items that need to be addressed as well as potential upgrade solutions, suggestions and approximate pricing.

Also presented by Honeywell was a Letter of Intent - this will authorize Honeywell to develop engineered documents and specifications, (with more specific cost estimates) create bid packets and contract development. After that is completed, the County will have the option of proceeding with the project or can terminate the letter of intent and reimburse Honeywell \$145,000 for the costs incurred by Honeywell.

The Board will review the audit report received today more thoroughly before taking any action.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March

16 JDA Meeting


April

5 Commission Meeting

12 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator



Tim Campbell
CHAIRPERSON
Board of Richland County Commissioners