

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 20, 2018**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on March 20, 2018 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer; and a Daily News Reporter.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Correspondence from ND Dept of Health re- Burning at Great Bend landfill

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

A motion was made by Berseth to approve a Beer License Application for Dakota Vines Vineyard and Winery; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

- Berg reported the Richland County Park Board will be applying for Garrison Grant Funds for tree removal and destruction of a restroom at Mooreton Pond.

- Ehlert reported he received a letter from Cass County stating representatives from the FM Diversion Authority would like to present an update to the Commission on the updated FM Diversion Project Plan B. Berseth will follow-up with Tim Fox and Cash Aaland about coordinating their schedules to attend the presentation also, possibly the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Commission meeting.

- Campbell reported the Health Department has submitted a Five-Year Grant in the amount of \$625,000.

## **ASSESSOR'S OFFICE - BUSINESS EXEMPTIONS**

Others in attendance were Doug and Cate Bladow.

Doug and Cate Bladow, bin site in Center Twsp - Application for a 5 Year 100% Property Tax Exemption for a new business project. A motion was made by Thompson to approve a 5 Year 100% property tax exemption; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Eli Kath, classic car restoration business in Waldo Twsp - Application for a Payment in Lieu of Taxes for a new business project. Fossum reported the applicant was not aware of the exemption and the construction of the building is complete so the exemption is not an option; Fossum presented a payment schedule that spans 10 years that would be equivalent to a 5 year 100% exemption. A motion was made by Campbell to approve the 10 year Payment in Lieu of Taxes as presented by Fossum; motion seconded by Thompson. Voting NO were Berseth and Berg. The remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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

Equipment Operator - Four applicants were interviewed and an offer has been made; expected start date is April 9.

Agreement with NDDOT for Project HLC-3900(001) - Various locations rumble strips, signs and street lights. A motion was made by Berg to approve the Cost Participation, Construction & Maintenance Agreement; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Cost Participation Agreement for Chip Seal on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S - The City of Wahpeton is chip sealing 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S; it is our County Rd #24. The County is responsible for 28 ft of the middle of the roadway, estimated cost is \$21,700. A motion was made by Berseth to enter into a Cost Participation Agreement with the city of Wahpeton for the project; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Road Restrictions - Road restrictions went on March 14; blades are out and will continue as conditions allow. The Advisory Committee will review B Routes.

Flashing Stop Signs - Berg asked if there were any plans to install Flashing stop signs this year. Sedler replied there were no funds included in the budget for this year - the estimated cost is \$1700 per sign. Sedler will look at including funds at budget time for installing several next year.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

March

- 21 JDA Meeting
- 22 Weed Board
- 26 Park Board Meeting
- 27 Township Officers Meeting

April

- 3 Commission Meeting
- 5 5-County Meeting
- 17 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50 A.M.

ATTEST:   
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Leslie Hage  
Auditor/Administrator

  
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Rollie Ehler  
CHAIRPERSON  
Board of Richland County Commissioners