

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 1, 2013

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on April 1, 2013 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Tim Campbell, Jason Heitkamp and Dan Thompson. Commissioner Perry Miller was absent. Also present were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; State's Attorney McBeth and a Daily News Reporter.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Heitkamp to approve the minutes of meetings March 4 and March 19; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Flood Items - Met with the National Guard last week and have equipment & resources on hand - they only charge if we use the equipment.

- 14 QRF (Quick Reaction Force - 14 soldiers)
- 4 Ten Ton Dumps (2 filled with sandbags and 2 empty for clay haul)
- 4 LMTV Cargo's (Evacuation Trucks)
- 4 Humvees
- 1 Hyex (Backhoe for ice jams)
- 870 Trailer to haul Hyex

A flood meeting was held on March 28th with Richland County Mayors and Townships.

Salvation Army Agreements & American Red Cross Agreements -
- Feeding & Sheltering

Richland County Policy for Flood Assistance to Cities and Unincorporated Areas - Lambrecht distributed a copy of the Cass County Policy to the Board and asked them to review to see if this is something Richland County should have in place. It clarifies the level of county assistance provided to areas during times of flooding.

County Emergency Declaration - A motion was made by Berg to approve the County Emergency Declaration as presented; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Bailey reported the County has two Crown Victoria vehicles in the lot that don't get used much that we are paying insurance on; they are buried in the snow and haven't been used since December. The Board delayed a decision on the

vehicles until the snow melts and they can take a look at the vehicles and check out their condition.

ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS

Pete St Germaine, Lots 18-19, W 3' Lot 20, Blk 16, Fairmount (former 1901 Club) -
Applicant asks that the value of the structure be lowered to the salvage value established by the city of Fairmount because of the poor condition of the building and not being able to get clear title to the building.

Fossum reported the city of Fairmount has approved the application. A motion was made by Campbell to approve the application; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Voting NO was Berg, the remainder voted yes and the motion carried.

JOAN OLAND/COUNTY WEB SITE

Oland gave a demonstration on the new County Web Site, highlighting the following:

- Taxpayer Information
- Calendar of Events
- Minutes/Agendas
- Department Pages
- Board Pages
- Flood Information

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Tim Schulte and Lowell Bladow.

Legislative Matters -

SB2025 has passed both the Senate and the House and will be sent to the Governor. There is some discussion that an amendment will be brought forward by those opposing this bill and added to another bill to limit the County's authority in this area.

HB1358 has passed the House but has been sitting in the Senate for quite some time. It appears it will pass the Senate and will bring significant dollars to the County the next two years.

CAP Bills There were hearings last week on the CAP bills and it appears they may not pass at this time.

SC3934(057) Bituminous Overlay on CH#16 -A motion was made by Campbell to approve the ROW & Utility Certification letters and the Construction and Maintenance Agreement; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

2013 Construction Projects - Working on the micro-surfacing plans and chip seal plans; would like to open bids the first meeting in May.

Review of New County Drainage Permit - Schulte has been researching what other Counties do as far as drainage permits and has put together a draft permit for Richland County. Currently we use the Water Resource Board as a clearing house for all permits related to drainage or approaches onto our County roads. If the application impacts our County road right-of-way, the Water Board forwards those applications to the Highway Department for our action. Discussion followed and included:

- application fees for the permits
- checking when projects are complete to see if they meet specifications
- uniformity with state policies

Following discussion a motion was made by Berg to approve the Permits as presented and to discuss fees at a later time; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous. (Copy of permit attached to minutes)

Other Departmental Matters -

- Helendale Group has been ordered to close up parts of their ditch prior to the spring run-off. The work was completed the end of last week.
- Spring Road Restrictions went into effect on March 25th.
- Taking applications for the Road Foreman Position until April 5th.

Upcoming Highway Meetings:

April 11 Road Advisory Meeting
April 15 Commission Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Social Service -Watching some legislative issues, are concerned with a Bill on funding. Several Social Workers spoke at Kiwanis about the Foster Care Program.

B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - Berg has followed up on the Firing Range. The Rubber Wall works well and Chief Deputy Sheriff Ruhl has assured us he has control over who can enter the firing range and that the ventilation system is all OK.

Heitkamp reported that the Courthouse will be 100 years old this year. He suggested a committee be formed, if the Board has any interest in a celebration. The other Board members said they would take it under advisement and had no objections to Heitkamp forming a committee to work on some plans to present to the Board.

C) Public Health Report - No Report.

D) Job Development Board - Will be meeting quarterly instead of monthly.

E) Weed Board - Issued bids for spraying; may have a spray truck for sale.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board - They have budgeted \$55,500 to distribute to parks and pools; they are looking into options for garbage pick-up; the State will be doing some repair to the fishing piers at Mooreton Pond.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

No Travel Advisories - Campbell asked to discuss the Courthouse being open when No Travel is Advised; he has spoken with Social Services and several Department Heads. Discussion followed and included -

- Why can County Commissioners and County employees travel and other citizens be fined if caught driving when No Travel is Advised
- County employees can use Annual Leave if they are uncomfortable traveling when No Travel is advised but what happens if they have No leave available; do we have a Leave with No Pay option
- Should we offer a 12 hour inclement weather leave policy
- Should it be discussed at a Department Head Meeting

- Who makes the Call that No Travel is advised
- Who makes the call that the Courthouse is closed

No action was taken by the Board.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April

- 4 5-County Meeting
- 15 Board Meeting

May

- 6 Board Meeting
- 20 Board Meeting

June

- 3 Board Meeting
- 17 Board Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Revenue Voucher for February 1-28, 2013; and Sheriff Department Revenue & Expenses and Civil Balance Sheet for February, 2013.

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

The following claims were approved for March, 2013

PAYROLL (inclusive)

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| General | 184,677.93 |
| County Highway | 77,406.61 |
| Social Services | 77,419.22 |
| 911 Communications | 39,625.17 |
| County Agent | 4,006.27 |
| Veterans Service | 3,813.34 |
| Weed Officer | 329.70 |
| Public Health Fund | 65,847.55 |
| SEMCA | <u>7,782.58</u> |

PAYROLL TOTAL 460,908.37

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

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| County General | 133,850.82 |
| County Highway | 87,018.93 |
| Social Service | 51,963.20 |
| 911 Communications | 18,870.50 |
| 911 Wireless | 2,564.74 |
| Water Rescue Team | 552.32 |
| County Agent | 28,339.20 |
| Veterans Service | 1,456.37 |
| Weed Control Levy | 866.51 |
| Public Health | 32,590.94 |
| State Medical Levy | 28,234.24 |
| Three Rivers Crisis Ctr | 1,638.00 |
| FEMA Disaster Reimb | 1,522.50 |
| Garrison Cons. | 28,234.24 |
| Domestic Violence | 105.00 |
| Financial Inst Tax | 267,895.07 |
| Twsp Share Gas & Oil | 1,223,131.33 |
| Jail Concession | 547.67 |
| County Park | 87.01 |
| SEMCA | 2,006.59 |
| Job Dev Authority | 27.16 |
| Sr Citizens Fund | 72,261.27 |
| Sheriff Counter Act | 35.03 |
| Historical Society | 6,881.70 |
| Co Agt Special | 317.51 |
| Soil Conservation | 27,670.78 |
| Water Mngt Levy | 110,108.37 |
| Joint Water Resource | 55,050.48 |

EXPENSE TOTAL 2,183,827.48

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES 2,644,735.85

ATTEST:

Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

CHAIRPERSON

Dan Thompson
Board of Richland County Commissioners