

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 12, 2016

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on April 12, 2016 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; State's Attorney McBeth and a Daily News Reporter. Visitor DelWayne Hoefts attended a portion of the meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

FY2016-2017 Emergency Management Performance Grant -

- The Budget and Budget Narrative were submitted March 15
- The Work Plan was submitted April 6
- The Three-Year Training & Exercise Plan is due June 30

2016 US Dept of Homeland Security Grant -

- Assisted the cities of Walcott, Colfax, Dwight, Great Bend, Wyndmere and Fairmount for sirens
- Worked with John Anderson for an upgraded generator for the Richland County Law Enforcement Center & Courthouse
- Worked with the City of Wahpeton for Security Alarms & Fencing for the water plant, wells and water towers.

FEMA Projects - FEMA representatives were here last week and visited County and Duerr Township sites on the \$853,000 Large Projects; will need additional information on billings for rip rap.

Severe Weather Awareness Week - April 24-30, County Wide tornado drills scheduled for schools and fire departments and testing of community sirens. SkyWarn Training was held last week in Colfax - there was a good turnout.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berseth to approve a Raffle Permit Application for the Hankinson Sandhills Saddle Club; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

The Board received renewal quotations from Bremer Insurance for the County Liability Policy. Pricing differences between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 liability limits were discussed. The Board offered no motions to increase the limits of coverage.

LOIS BERNDT - RICHLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Berndt reported the new book they have been working on is ready and every Town and Township is included.

Virginia Goerger, Janet Gagelin and Berndt compiled the information; Local people did the writing and J & M printing from Gwinner is printing it.

Berndt gave a report on renovations at the museum - the meeting room is required to have another exit for fire purposes, the estimated cost is \$5,000. They will also be updating some things at the museum to appeal to younger people.

Berndt requested the additional funds budgeted by the County to help with expenses.

Bailey reported the County Budgeted \$17,500 in the General Fund - \$5,000 for the Historical Society, \$10,000 for the Wahpeton Library, and \$1,250 each for the Libraries in Hankinson and Lidgerwood.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow, Ron Hohenstern and Moriah Herding. Also attending were Damon DeVillers and Jesse Sedler from Interstate Engineering.

HB1176 Bid Opening - Bids were opened at the April 5th Meeting and have been tabulated. Central Specialties was the low bidder. A motion was made by Berg to award the Bid for CH#21 N, CH#3, and CH#19 to Central Specialties; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

CH#21 E Project - The following bids were received in Bismarck last week:

Mayo Construction	\$506,590.10
Central Specialties	\$520,360.50
Mark Sand & Gravel	\$576,549.10

A motion was made by Berseth to award the bid to Mayo Construction; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

Eagle Township - Bridge 122-8.3 - The estimated cost is \$30,000 to remove the bridge, install a culvert and straighten the Township road north of the new culvert to the current township road not including Engineering costs.

Following discussion a motion was made by Berseth to send a letter to the Townships and Larry Moe that the Commission will approve up to \$15,000 for the surveying and engineering expenses in the modification of the township road and that the county will replace the current bridge (#122-8.3) with a culvert and straighten the township road north of the new culvert to the current township road, using fill provided by the township; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Other Department Matters -

- Berg reminded Bladow about Speed Limit Signs on CR 8 by Galchutt as discussed at the March meeting.
- Berg commented on solar stop signs as discussed previously at Board meetings, he still would like to see at least two solar stop signs go up each year.
- Campbell commented on the Detour on Hwy 11; for safety reasons, Campbell has asked Hohenstern to get a cost estimate for dust control.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Sandy Fossum and Leslie Hage were present for discussion regarding a letter from Robert Singelman received at the last Commission Meeting. Fossum will research the classification.

SANDY FOSSUM - SOILS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Fossum reported the Soils Committee had concerns with modifiers on tiled parcels and their recommendation was Do NOT remove the wet modifiers from acres that were not actually tiled in a parcel. Fossum stated she would also like it specified - that beginning with the 2016 tax year, modifiers would not be allowed unless maps are provided for the parcel for the un-tiled portions of land, and then on a case by case basis.

Following discussion a motion was made by Berseth to remove modifiers on ground that was actually tiled and not remove modifiers from acreage not tiled beginning with the 2016 tax year; 2015 can be adjusted if the owner provides tile maps - tiling maps must be provided if there is a portion not tiled; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

TRAVIS KOHOUTEK - NEW CONSTRUCTION TAX EXEMPTION

Fossum reported the original application was mailed in January of 2015; on the assessment date the house was not yet completed so a partial value was placed on the property.

Kohoutek reported he has lived in the house for a year. He called the County Assessors Office in February regarding the exemption and was told of the Resolution in place. A second application was mailed to him in February of 2016.

Kohoutek has the application with him today and is asking if he qualifies for two years.

Berg commented on a similar case where an exemption was granted for one year.

A motion was made by Thompson to grant a one year exemption; motion seconded by Berseth. Voting NO was Campbell, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

The Board discussed that Fossum was only doing her job by following the Resolution and asked Fossum what she would like to see done.

Fossum replied with Farm Exemptions, Veterans Exemptions and Homestead Credits - if they don't fill out the application, they don't qualify.

Berseth recommended sending the Applications out via Certified Mail.

Fossum asked the Board to either enforce the Resolution or remove the 90 days from the Resolution.


WATER RESOURCE BOARD/ATTORNEY SEAN FREDRICKS

Attorney Sean Fredricks was introduced to the Board. Fredricks explained and answered questions regarding various culvert and drainage issues, responsibilities, jurisdictions and hydraulic studies.

Brief discussion was also held regarding the FM Diversion Project.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued
Public Notice - Drain 31 Reconstruction

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

ATTEST: 
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator


Tim Campbell
CHAIRPERSON
Board of Richland County Commissioners