

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 15, 2013

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on April 15, 2013 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Tim Campbell, Jason Heitkamp, Perry Miller and Dan Thompson. Commissioner Sid Berg joined the meeting already in session. Also present were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; and a Daily News Reporter.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Flood Items

- Filled 4500 sandbags with volunteers from Circle of Nations School, Ehlert Construction, Volunteers, American Red Cross & Salvation Army. Filled two -10 Ton National Guard Trucks, 19 pallets and park trailer.

- Met with the US Army Corp of Engineers and have Agreements in order to move forward with levy construction in Richland County if necessary

- Met with the National Guard 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

Mutual Aid Agreement with US Fish & Wildlife Service - Lambrecht requested the Board enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with US Fish & Wildlife Service. The Agreement would allow for better coordination of effort and ensure that adequate equipment is available to assist each other in the event of a disaster. A motion was made by Heitkamp to enter into the Mutual Aid Agreement with the US Fish & Wildlife Service; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous. (Copy attached to minutes).

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Bailey reported that John Anderson has posted No Trespassing Signs on the County-owned properties.

A motion was made by Miller to approve the request from the City of Hankinson to purchase County Property in the City of Hankinson; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous. (Parcel 48-0305-04672.000)

Commissioner Berg joined the meeting at this time. 8:20 A.M.

Cyndy Kollé notified the Board of a change in how budgeted funds will be used by the County Recorder's Office. Rather than spending \$2,000 for two computers for public stations, the funds will be used towards digitizing records. A new proposal was received from the Company for \$46,600 for digitizing services. We will send them all deed books and misc books.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to approve the request from the North Dakota DOT to obtain ownership of a portion of the NW1/4 2-136-49 (2.78 Acres) from the County; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to approve the payment of bills; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Berg reported that Eagle Twsp received a letter from the Department of the Army regarding the Diversion encouraging landowners to build ring dikes - others may also be receiving these letters.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Tim Schulte and Lowell Bladow.

Legislative Matters -

HB 1358 The Senate Tax Committee stripped all of the social program funding for EMS, Critical Care Hospitals and Nursing Home Staff in the West. They reduced the gross production tax share for local government. They reduced the funding for oil county roads and deleted the non-oil county road funding.

The House Appropriations Subdivision dealing with the NDDOT budget Bill (SB2012) responded by amending that bill to essentially replace the road funding removed from HB1358 by the Senate Committee. They adopted amendments for Full Appropriations Committee consideration.

In the Full Appropriations Committee the changes were formally recommended for that budget bill. Although not added before moving it along, there was discussion of conference amendments to the non-oil road allocation that would require it to be handled more like the oil county road reconstruction funds.

2013 Construction Projects - Schulte has completed the micro-surfacing plans, specifications and proposals for CH#8 and CH#16; and the bituminous overlay plans, specifications and proposal for CH#16 and CH#25 through Mantador. The bid opening is scheduled for May 6th at 9 AM. Schulte is also putting together the countywide seal coats and bituminous patching plans and hopes to have them completed this week and bid the same time as the other projects.

Equipment - The snow plow truck has been ordered and should be here the first week in June. It will be sent to Bert s Truck Equipment for the box and snow equipment.

We have located a used semi-tractor to pull our lowboy trailer. Requesting authorization to purchase the truck in the amount of \$26,500 from the misc. equipment line item.

We have also been searching for a new belly dump to replace our existing 1984 model. Requesting authorization to purchase the R-way trailer from Wallworks for \$43,898; also requesting authorization to take \$25,500 from the equipment rental line item and add it to the misc. equipment line item; this amount and the additional revenue from the sale of our other equipment would cover the cost of the trailer and used truck.

Requesting authorization to advertise the 2004 Cat 140H Motor Grader for sale. We are planning to sell this motor grader and keep the 2008 Cat 140M when it comes due May 23rd. The buyout for the 140M is \$114,000.

A motion was made by Miller to authorize the purchase of a 2003 9200 IH from M & J Equipment (contingent upon repairs before purchase); motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell to authorize the purchase of a Truck and R-Way Trailer from Wallwork Truck for \$43,898; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Miller to authorize the transfer of \$25,000 from the equipment rental line item to the misc. equipment line item; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Heitkamp authorizing the Highway Dept to advertise the 2004 Cat 140H Motor Grader for sale; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.

Road Foreman Position - The application deadline was April 5. We originally had three applicants, but one withdrew. Neither of the two applicants remaining fits what we are looking for in a working foreman position. Requesting authorization to offer the position to Ron Hohenstern at a Grade 16, Step 7.

Discussion followed. Bailey commented that a 16/7 is going away from the Pay Plan Policy that the Board accepted. Schulte replied that the position was previously offered to Hohenstern at a 16/3 and after six months he would advance to a 16/4 but he was not willing to accept the position for that.

Campbell asked if a Salary Review was being done this year on the County Pay Plan.

Bailey replied some positions are being compared to other Counties and we will get the recommendation; this position was recently reviewed for a Grade.

Discussion continued on whether this was a new position or a Promotion but was tabled until later in the meeting to move on to scheduled Agenda Items.

VETS CLUB, INC

Dale Bartnick and a group of individuals met with the Board to discuss the Old Armory Building in Wahpeton that the County owns.

Bartnick explained that the current Vets Club is getting old and needs remodeling. They are interested in the possibility of remodeling and upgrading the Old Wahpeton Armory - they would like to work together with the County to try and save the building. They have done some checking and measuring to get some ideas. A committee has been formed and they got NDSCS involved

and they have prepared some drawings. They Vets Club owns their existing club and property but has no money for remodeling or upgrading the old armory building.

Miller commented the County has invested in some temporary roof repairs and an Engineering Study of the Building. The roof does need some attention soon however the estimate received was \$40,000-\$50,000.

Discussion continued and included -

- time factor
- feasibility of project
- funding
- Engineering Study shows \$120,000 to take the building down
- roof condition/repairs

Following discussion, the Board had no objections to this group contacting a contractor to put together Specs to bid a Roof Project and report back to the County.

WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Helendale Township- The block is in, it is secure but will need to be reinforced in June.

SE Cass Joint Meeting - Held a joint meeting with SE Cass several weeks ago, discussed the Mantador Dam situation and costs.

Stream Gauge Monitors - Involved in stream gauge monitoring on the Sheyenne and Wild Rice.

Detention Sites - Interstate Engineering is working on detention sites in Richland County, over 50 sites have been identified.

Legislative - SB 2199 passed.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Deb Flack distributed the Health Department 2012 Annual Report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT continued

Road Foreman Position - Discussion continued.

Miller had no objections to offering the position at a 16/7 if the Portfolio Commissioners and the Highway Engineer are comfortable with that.

Following lengthy discussion a motion was made by Campbell to offer the Road Foreman position to Ron Hohenstern at a Grade 16, Step 7; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Flood Outlook - Most of what has melted appears to have been absorbed with very little in the streams, ditches or rivers.

Property Insurance - Bailey reported he was at the last Road Advisory Meeting to discuss Property Insurance for contents at the Highway Shops. Our insurance carrier has requested that we provide them a current purchase price for contents in several shop locations. The Highway Department will put together current lists of shop inventories.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April

17 JDA Meeting

May

6 Board Meeting

17 Weed Board

20 Board Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

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