

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 3, 2016**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on May 3, 2016 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Commissioner Sid Berg was absent. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Bailey and DelVal; State's Attorney McBeth and a Daily News Reporter. Visitor DelWayne Hoefs attended a portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the minutes of meetings April 5 and April 12; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

2016 US Dept of Homeland Security Grant - Grant funds totaling \$128,000 were received. The funds will provide emergency sirens for the cities of Walcott, Colfax, Dwight, Great Bend, Wyndmere and Fairmount; and security alarms for the water plant, wells and water towers in Wahpeton. Lambrecht will assist the cities with environmental and security standards.

STORM READY Application by National Weather Service - Working on a county wide project for signs, to assist the public with locating shelters.

FEMA Projects - Applied for permits from the Army Corps, State Water Commission and US Fish & Wildlife Agency. Waiting to hear on the appeal for Duerr Twsp. Waiting on closeout requests on County Projects and Elma, Grant, Duerr, Homestead, Liberty Grove and Moran Townships.

Haz Mat Training - Setting up training for all fire departments on common spills and accidents with grant funds received. Pause Training will conduct the training.

American Red Cross - More volunteers are needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

The Office sent 334 Foreclosure Notices through Certified Mail and the Sheriff Department will serve 100 notices. There are 130 parcels in the process.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

McBeth reported the Workplace Security Workshop recently held for employees was good and informative.

Bailey distributed information on property/liability insurance premium rates and conferments. The conferment payment received this year was significantly less than previous years.

- Notice from Central Power Electric Cooperative for a project in Richland County
- Request from the Kindred Fire Department for a Letter of Support as they try to obtain funding for an addition to the existing hall. A motion was made by Berseth to approve a Certification of Support for the Kindred Fire Department; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Social Service - Ehlert attended the SE Advisory Group Meeting where discussion was held regarding budget cuts and impacts to the agency.

The Commission discussed the cost of county burials. This will be discussed further at budget time.

B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - Some good applications have come in for the advertised position, interviews will be set up soon. The Itasca Trip to look at a Honeywell Project was not what we expected to see. Anderson also looked at several buildings in Fargo with an Engineer.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

Colfax Ditch Cost Share - Scott Gauslow was scheduled on the Agenda to meet with the Commission but was not available to attend the meeting.

Berseth reported the bid received from JAV Construction came in at \$17,400 and included cleaning our right-of-way. It was earlier estimated at a total project cost of \$40,000 and the County had committed to 25% of the project costs, absent the County portion of the project.

The Board discussed obligating a certain dollar amount or separating out the County costs. Following discussion it was the consensus of the Board that Bladow follow up with JAV Construction on the estimate and request they bill us directly for the County portion.

Spring Load Restrictions - All road restrictions were taken off Monday, May 2.

Bridge 122-8.3 - We still need a written Agreement with Mr. Moe and need to follow-up with Interstate Engineering on the Project.

Pre-construction Meeting with Central Specialties - Scheduled for May 5 at Interstate Engineering for CH# 21N & CH# 3 and CH# 19 projects.

Speed Limit Signs on Co Rd 8 - Craig Syvertsen was scheduled on the Agenda to meet with the Commission but was not available to attend the meeting.

RR Tracks on Hwy 81 by Dwight - Berseth reported receiving several calls about the tracks area. Bladow replied there are other similar areas as well; they have previously milled, done patching and built it up.

Other Department Matters -

- Bladow will be attending Motor Grader Training in Bismarck May 4

- Plans were discussed at the Advisory Committee for our next HB 1176 project - CR1 from Hwy 16 to Hwy 13 was submitted and we received word this morning that it was approved for an overlay as it fit the criteria for connectivity; Bladow will contact Interstate Engineering to begin work on the plans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS continued

B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - Ehlert suggested a discussion with Judge Cruff about the use of the Municipal Court Room, it takes up a large area, do we need to continue to maintain if the Police Dept moves out? The Board needs to determine what is the most effective and best use of the space.

C) Public Health - Working on State Audit Reports.

D) Job Development Board - Four applications were approved at their last meeting.

E) Weed Board - No Report.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board -Allocations were made to County Parks. Campbell will follow-up on the paperwork from Bullis regarding Horse-Shoe Lake.

H) Administration - Looking for election workers for the Christine/Eagle Twsp. Precinct

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Berseth and Thompson have spoken with Fossusm about the Resolution for New Construction Exemptions, they discussed sending certified letters regarding wording in the Resolution which states that the application must be received within 90 days of occupancy.

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

A motion was made by Thompson to move to executive session for Attorney Consultation regarding a Wrongful Death Suit; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

The Board moved to Executive Session at 9:15 A.M. The meeting was called back to Regular Session at 9:40 A.M.

The recommendation from the Executive Session was that the Wrongful Death Suit be forwarded to NDIRF so they can appoint Legal Counsel.

A motion was made by Ehlert to forward the Wrongful Death Suit to NDIRF so they can appoint legal counsel; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May

17 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Dept - Revenue Voucher for March 1-31, 2016 and Sheriff's Department - Revenue & Expenses and Civil Balance Sheet for March 2016.

ATTEST: Harris Bailey
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

Tim Campbell CHAIRPERSON
Tim Campbell
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for April, 2016

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	209,261.68
County Highway	71,372.72
Social Services	91,134.45
911 Communications	41,711.30
Drug Court	870.00
County Agent	4,821.12
Veterans Service	2,948.06
Weed Officer	760.00
Public Health Fund	67,018.59
SEMCA	9,560.93
JDA	810.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	500,268.85

EXPENSES: ** Refer to
resolution records

County General	437,791.19
County Highway	63,044.68
Rd & Bridge Fund	60,367.33
15 Mill Road fund	1,599,615.00
Social Service	41,213.02
911 Communications	15,631.00
Emergency Assistance	286.62
911 Wireless	2,274.19
Drug Court Fund	451.07
Water Rescue Fund	60.05
Special Response Team	447.26
County Agent	21,635.34
Veterans Service	2,210.91
Weed Control Levy	45.09
Public Health	34,658.19
State Medical Levy	1,574.45
Game & Fish	25,109.00
Three Rivers Crisis Ctr	1,292.20
Garrison Div	1,574.45
Domestic Violence	245.00
TeleComm Tax Fund	185,292.44
Jail Concession	2,086.12
Sobriety Test Fund	2,210.00
SEMCA	1,998.32
JDA	51.67
ND Income Tax W/H	11,227.64
Sr Citizens Fund	988.03
Sheriff CounterAct	390.00
Historical Society	246.95
County Agent Special	117.71
Soil Conservation	1,269.51
Water Mngt Levy	6,297.53
Joint Water Resource	2,562.35
EXPENSE TOTAL	2,524,264.31
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	3,024,533.16

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