

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 3, 2013**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on June 3, 2013 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Tim Campbell, Jason Heitkamp, Perry Miller and Dan Thompson. Also present were Administration Personnel DeVal; State s Attorney McBeth and a Daily News Reporter.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

A motion was made by Miller to approve the minutes of meetings May 6, May 20 and the Special Meeting May 10; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

A motion was made by Heitkamp to approve the Treasurer s Report; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A) Social Service -The Department received State Awards and is in compliance. They are in need of Foster Homes. Campbell will contact Hasbargen to give a Department Report at the next Commission Meeting.
- B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - Some landscaping will be done this year.
- C) Public Health Report - They are fully staffed.
- D) Job Development Board - They have a vacancy on the Board due to the death of a Board member.
- E) Weed Board - The secretary, Darlene Irion, has resigned effective June 30th.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - A Special Meeting is scheduled for today at 5:30 PM.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel in attendance were Tim Schulte and Lowell Bladow.

Trailer House in Fairmount - Campbell looked at the trailer last week after the

Road Advisory meeting. Gutzmer s will take the trailer if we haul it to them. Will continue looking at different options.

CH# 22 Reconstruction Project - A group of representatives from the Township and Elevator were also in attendance.

Schulte reported the estimated project cost is \$2,200,000 with over \$220,000 being funded locally. First step will be to request this roadway become a CMC (County Major Collector) route so federal funds can be expended. HB 1358 will bring us an estimated \$2,491,874 in 2014 that can be spent on the CMC System. Schulte has drafted a letter to the DOT requesting Federal Aid Status.

Schulte requested Board authorization to send the letter and to move forward with preliminary engineering.

The group present would like a commitment from the County that the County will rebuild County Road 22. Vaughn Maudal from Wheaton Dumont Elevator read a letter to the Commission. In summary - the elevator is committed to building a new facility but will not build at the LaMars location without a new road. They are willing to contribute \$50,000 toward the construction of the road.

Following lengthy discussion a motion was made by Miller to authorize Schulte to send a letter to the DOT requesting Federal Aid Status AND to move forward with the preliminary engineering; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous.

Robert and Dave Foertsch- Drain Tile/Water Board - Foertsch s voiced concerns about a permit issued by the Water Board to Russell Mauch for drain tile that affects their farm land.

Foertsch s reported - A permit was issued to Russell Mauch and Foertsch s filed an objection; the law changed, and Mauch s application was resubmitted in January of 2012. The drain tile was installed last fall and was up and running this spring. Their objection was filed in March of 2012 prior to construction, Mauch has told Foertsch s he could bury the drain tile and put a pump on the other end if Foertsch s help pay for it.

Discussion followed and included the following:

- the definition of a natural waterway is unclear
- legislature involved and the rules changed on notifications needed, adverse effects to downstream landowners, flowage easement not required
- worry of future tiling (from the north and west) that could also drain into the natural waterway
- the permit was approved previous to the new laws being in effect then

resubmitted and determined to be a natural waterway so no notification was given

Following lengthy discussion Thompson said the Commission would follow-up with the Water Board.

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2013 Construction Projects - The award notices and construction agreements have been sent out to all contractors. Once we get them back we will set up pre-construction conferences.

Met with Central Specialties and they are going to try and get in and do the patch work on CH#87 and CH#8 when their mills become available in several weeks. We have looked at a mix design with 30% RAP in the mix and negotiated a \$4.00 per ton discount. This will save us appx \$47,000 on our paving projects.

Morris Seal Coat is having Mark Sand & Gravel make the chips and they have started stockpiling some of the chips at the Galchutt piler station.

Equipment Operator III Position - The application deadline for the Equipment Operator position closed May 24. We will be interviewing on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Motor Grader Public Auction -We will be selling our motor grader by public auction on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Auditor s Office.

Other Departmental Matters -

- Mark Sand & Gravel has been crushing for us; material and tests are looking good
- The President has approved the Disaster Declaration
- Schulte will be representing the SE Region for discussions with the NDDOT regarding the programming of projects using HB1358 funds

Old Galchutt Shop Property - Berg reported he was contacted by an individual interested in purchasing the old Galchutt Shop Property with plans to start a business; the Highway Dept was not in favor of selling this property several years ago and wanted to retain it for parking equipment and as a stock pile site.

Miller asked how much the property was used by the Highway Department and how much property was actually involved.

No action was taken by the Board - this will be placed on the Agenda for further discussion at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Upcoming Highway Meetings

June 12 NDDOT Meeting on HB 1358 funding (Bismarck)  
June 13 Motor Grader Public Auction  
June 17 Board Meeting

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

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

Heitkamp reported invitations from the Centennial Committee have been delivered to Department Heads and Board Members.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

June

13 Auction for Motor Grader  
17 Board Meeting

July

1 Board Meeting  
11 5-County Meeting  
15 Board Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting recessed at 10:15 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Revenue Voucher for April 1-30, 2013; and Sheriff Department Revenue & Expenses and Civil Balance Sheet for April 2013.

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

The following claims were approved for May, 2013.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	186,281.69
County Highway	82,968.71
Social Services	77,482.22
911 Communications	39,481.18
County Agent	4,112.63
Veterans Service	4,004.34
Weed Officer	3,085.90
Public Health Fund	66,364.46
SEMCA	<u>7,676.01</u>
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>471,457.14</b>

EXPENSES: \*\* Refer to resolution records

County General	234,887.09
County Highway	149,184.65
Bridge Repl Fund	10,774.63
Road & Bridge Eqpt	57,587.12
Social Service	53,020.23
911 Communications	14,343.19
911 Wireless	2,795.29
Water Rescue Team	207.15
County Agent	4,421.88
Veterans Service	1,904.18
Weed Control Levy	41,812.28
Public Health	26,635.52
State Medical Levy	868.61
FEMA Disaster Reimb	133,003.14
Garrison Cons.	2,371.54
Domestic Violence	245.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	61,911.67
State Aid Distribution	43,135.34
Jail Concession	936.90
SEMCA	1,986.18
Sr Citizens Fund	2,296.55
Historical Society	567.86
Co Agt Special	1,559.61
Soil Conservation	1,429.71
Water Mngt Levy	8,485.04
Joint Water Resource	2,989.97

**EXPENSE TOTAL 859,360.33**

**TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES 1,330,817.47**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

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Dan Thompson  
Board of Richland County Commissioners