

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JULY 15, 2013**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on July 15, 2013 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Tim Campbell, and Dan Thompson. Commissioner Jason Heitkamp and Perry Miller were absent. Also present were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; State's Attorney McBeth and a Daily News Reporter.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Flood 2013 Items - Visited a site last week in Moran Twsp - are trying to get approval for a transfer of funds (\$339,00 in Hazard Mitigation funds from 2011) for the Hasse Road which has had two previous grade raises from flooding. Also working on Category B Measures from 2013 flooding.

Barney and Hankinson Tower Update - The comment period ended July 1<sup>st</sup>; moves now to FEMA for final approval.

Hazard Mitigation Plan -Updating the plan; public meetings will be scheduled for the end of August.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

A motion was made by Berg to approve a Special Event Liquor License for the Dakota Winds Golf Course for events in July; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve a Special Event Liquor License for the Lidgerwood Bar & Grill for an event July 19-21; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve a Raffle Permit Application for the Hankinson Sand Hills Saddle Club; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Bailey reported the results of the Salary Survey came back from Public Employment HR Consulting. He will go through it and make recommendations on the report to present to the Board at a Special Meeting. Following discussion, a Special Meeting was scheduled for July 22 at 8:00 AM. to discuss the Report. Budget Meetings will be scheduled at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting when the full Board is present.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Tim Schulte and Lowell Bladow.

### Construction Update -

- Mayo Construction finished the microsurfacing project on CH# 16. We specified in the plans to wait at least 14 days before completing the pavement markings to allow the surface to fully cure, so they should finish the striping in the next couple of weeks.

- Morris has completed the seal coats and the fog seals. They should be starting the pavement markings this week.

HB 1358 Funding - Representatives from the various districts along with Representatives from each County met with the Local Government team on July 2 to discuss the criteria for submitting projects for the HB1358 funding. Projects will be submitted to the Local Government Office until August 16. A meeting will be set up for the peer review to determine if the projects meet the criteria for funding. Once the projects are cleared for funding, the design work can start.

New CMC Designation for CH#22 - In June we requested a federal aid designation for CH#22 from SH#127 to the Lamars Elevator. Local Government requested we revise our request to include the entire roadway from I-29 to SH#127. Last week we received the official approval from FHWA. This will clear the way to be able to program this project for the HB1358 funding.

Sale of Surplus Equipment - The Highway Department sold a number of items through Helbling Auctioneers on an online auction. The following equipment was sold last week:

Screen Conveyor Plant	\$8,100	Steel Drum Roller	\$5,300
Rubber Tire Roller	\$4,100	Paver	\$1,000
Broom	\$600		

### Other Departmental Matters -

- The County lot in Galchutt has been subdivided and pinned. Schulte is waiting for the new lot descriptions and will proceed with advertising for sealed bids with a bid opening August 19<sup>th</sup> at a Board Meeting.

Discussion followed on the bids and whether or not the bidders would be allowed to increase their bid. State's Attorney McBeth stated that should be advertised in the bid. The consensus was the advertisement should state the County has the right to reject bids.

- We are accepting Engineering proposals today for the Construction Engineering for the SRTS project in Colfax and for preliminary and construction engineering on the CH#22 project.

#### Upcoming Highway Meetings

August 1 Road Advisory Meeting

August 5 County Board Meeting

Wahpeton Airport Authority - Bailey reported an e-mail was received from the Wahpeton Airport Authority concerning a dip in the road south of the intersection of Center Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in Wahpeton.

Schulte reported this was a storm sewer project for the airport; the project was between the Airport and the City of Wahpeton. There is a dip in the roadway but it is not a hazard and this is a lower speed roadway. Schulte will visit with Randy Nelson and will take a look at the area. CR 24 is our road, if it is something we can take care of, we will take care of it.

#### **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

Berg reported that he received a call from the Mayor in Mooreton. The City hired Morris Seal Coat to seal coat the city streets. He requested that Dispatch do a Reverse 911 to have people move their vehicles off the streets; Dispatch refused to do the Reverse 911. Berg contacted Jill Breuer after visiting with the Mayor and she stated she has a protocol to follow; they use Reverse 911 for emergency situations, it takes a lot of the dispatchers time and if we use up our allowed minutes it would be costly to utilize Reverse 911 for an Emergency if we go over the allowed minutes.

Berg reported on the Centennial Meeting he attended for the Courthouse rededication.

- Kaye Braaten inquired about asking for community donations; they would like to ask for \$1,500 from each community and \$30,000 from the County. The Committee would like to have a float and move it to the

different Community Celebrations as well as holding many different events through the year including plays and community tours. Berg told her of the Commissioners wishes of not asking for donations.

Discussion followed:

- Can County Funds be used, would it be considered a donation?
- If allowed - how much should be spent.
- Is this a Courthouse Celebration or County-wide?

McBeth will research the funding to see what is allowed.

Campbell commented on the old Armory - Vets Club Building and some misinformation out there including - there is a lot of grant money available to get it repaired; the County is doing fund-raising or will spend funds to get it repaired and then turn the key over to the Vet's Club.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**


##### July

- 18 Weed Board
- 22 Special Commission Meeting

##### August

- 5 Commission Meeting
- 19 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

ATTEST:   
Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON  
Dan Thompson  
Board of Richland County Commissioners