

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 18, 2017

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on July 18, 2017 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 DelVal; State's Attorney McBeth; and a Daily News Reporter.

Visitor Steve Vigessa attended a portion of the meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Train vs Semi-Tractor accident - The accident happened just north of Fairmount on July 17. No injuries were reported.

FEMA Projects - Received notification from FEMA that they have approved the appeals for Elma Township Projects PW5094 in the amount of \$82,250.58 and PW5101 in the amount of \$156,154.07.

2017 Emergency Performance Grant (EMPG) - Received approval for 2017 Training and Exercise Plans.

Community Risk Meeting - A meeting will be held at Wahpeton City Hall on August 22 with FEMA and the ND State Water Commission.

JILL BREUER - DISPATCH WAGES

Sheriff Leshovsky was also in attendance. Breuer reported they are training in two new employees but there is still one opening in Dispatch. Breuer had attended the June 6 Commission meeting where she reported of the constant job openings in Dispatch and had requested that the current wages be looked at; she had also presented several options to the Board.

Since that meeting, the Portfolio Commissioner has met with Breuer and approved adjusting the starting salary from a Grade 9/Step 1 to a Grade 9/Step 3.

Breuer asked if the Board had considered the options she had presented to them on June 6 regarding shift differential pay.

Discussion followed but no motions were offered by the Board - it was recommended to start with the hourly rate adjustment as approved by the Portfolio Commissioner.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berg to approve a Temporary Liquor License for the Black Pelican for an event at the Crooked Lane Farm on July 29; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to approve a Temporary Liquor License for the Black Pelican for an event at the Rodeo Grounds in Abercrombie on July 29; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

- Correspondence from the ND Dept of Health re- demolition waste material
- Meeting Notice from Mooreton Twsp Zoning Commission

The Board received a request from the West Prairie Free Lutheran Church to transfer and survey land in Sec 6-136N-51W that was recently deeded to the County from the State Highway Dept. West Prairie Church has maintained the land for the past 100 years and thought it was there property until recent construction on Hwy 46. A motion was made by Thompson to have the County GIS Department survey the property; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to approve reimbursement to the Water Resource District in the amount of \$1,720.90 for Bliss Law Firm Expenses relating to the Diversion; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Thompson to appoint Norma Nosek to another three-year term on the Richland County Social Service Board; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to appoint Tim Campbell to another three-year term on the Richland County Social Service Board; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

JASON WEBER- SEMCA FUNDING

Weber introduced the SEMCA Staff and gave an overview of the Department.

They are funded by two federal grants as well as the counties of Richland, Ransom, Sargent and Traverse; and the cities of Wahpeton, Lisbon, Gwinner, Milnor, Forman, Breckenridge and Wheaton.

They have a 12 member Board consisting of Sheriffs, Chiefs of Police, two Wahpeton City Council Members and two Richland County Commissioners.

Berseth asked what Department they report to - Weber replied he is a Richland County Sheriff Department Employee, one Task Force Member is a Wahpeton Police Officer and the others are all "Task Force Employees". Each multiple agency deputizes those individuals in whichever jurisdiction they are working in.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

Paving Projects CH#1, 81 and 21 - Mark Sand & Gravel has completed all the paving. Shoulder work and striping need to be finished after the fog coat has cured.

CH#1E Change Order - Paving is complete, striping will be done after the fog coat has cured.

Bridge 123-24.3 - Robert Schroeder Construction has poured the south abutment and pier; they have installed rip rap between the pier and abutment and moved the crane to the north side to install a coffer dam and work on the pier.

Drain #14 Reconstruction - JAV has installed all of the centerline culverts through County Road 4. 17 culverts were replaced, they are completing slope work and leveling spoil.

Other Department Matters -

- will be filling seams by Colfax Fire Hall
- Road Advisory Board will meet to discuss budgets on July 20

Commissioner Berg exited the meeting at this time. 9:10 AM

JEN KLOSTREICH - SEPTIC CODE

Klostreich distributed the Final Draft of the proposed Ordinance requirements for on-site sewage treatment systems. She will also provide Deb Flack a copy to present to Fargo-Cass Public Health. The second reading of the Septic Ordinance as amended for on-site sewage treatments systems will be held on August 15.

SHERIFF LESHOVSKY - STAFFING


Sheriff Leshovsky asked the Board if they had given any more consideration to the request made at the July 5 meeting to hire one additional female Corrections Officer and the job title change for the current Support Specialist. The Board directed Leshovsky to follow-up with Bailey for budgeting purposes.

In other business, Leshovsky suggested the County contact the Casino and request that they become a participant in funding for SEMCA also. The Board agreed that a letter should be sent from the SEMCA Executive Board to the tribe requesting they participate in funding for SEMCA.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Bailey presented salary information to the Board and asked the Board for direction on salaries for budgeting purposes. Following discussion, the Board directed Bailey to increase the base 1.58% for budgeting purposes.

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

ATTEST: 
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Nathan A. Berseth
Board of Richland County Commissioners