

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 2, 2016**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on August 2, 2016 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 DeVal; State's Attorney McBeth; and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Berg to approve the minutes of meetings July 6 and July 19; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

House Fire three miles west and one mile south of Abercrombie - Fire Departments from Abercrombie, Colfax, Dwight and Mooreton responded to the fire on July 25. The Sheriff Department, American Red Cross and Salvation Army also assisted.

Meeting with US Army Corps of Engineers - Met with Mark Wilmes on July 25<sup>th</sup>, he will be replacing Tim Bertschi, our local rep, who is retiring.

Meeting with FEMA Representatives - Met with Barb Fitzpatrick from FEMA and Jared Huibregste from the ND State Water Commission. Looked at Flood Protection measures in place in Richland County and mitigation projects we have done. Talked about a possible two ft raise in flood plain (from Wahpeton to the South Dakota line) by US Army Corps.

Semi roll over three miles east of Kindred on Hwy #46 - The roll over happened on July 27; clean up was done by the Kindred Fire Department.

Haz Mat Training on Common Spills/Farm Accidents - Training was held in Christine on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

FEMA Projects - Received close-out from the State for Moran Twsp; still waiting on other close-out requests.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the Semi-Annual Pledge of Assets as presented; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A) Social Service - Ehlert attended the recent Southeast Human Services meeting - they have some concerns regarding the upcoming special session and funding.

B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - The ventilation system will be discussed at budget time.

Bailey reported we received an estimate of \$16,000 to repair the front steps of the Courthouse.

C) Public Health - A meeting was held last week, they haven't gone through the budget numbers yet.

D) Job Development Board - The next meeting will be held in Mantador. Amber from Lake Agassiz will be contacted for budget information.

E) Weed Board - A meeting was held last week, they went through the budget.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board - Berg is working with the State on the deed for Mooreton Pond; a letter was sent to County Parks re- Garrison Grant Funds; Horseshoe Lake project is under construction, it will be added to the County Liability Policy when the construction is complete. The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for September 19 in Mooreton.

H) Administration - Working on Budgets.

### **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

States Attorney McBeth reported the County Recorder notified him of a property the County owns north of Galchutt that was discovered when someone was cleaning up a title to property. The deed was never recorded for the property. McBeth has sent a letter to the John Hancock Company to try and get it cleared up.

Campbell reported he was contacted by an individual regarding crops planted in the right of way and the safety concern for drivers, school buses, etc. Board discussion followed and included:

- in the past we have put notices in the newspaper
- should we require a formal complaint in writing
- how to handle verbal complaints
- should the farmer be notified only when we receive a formal complaint
- ROW's vary so enforcement is difficult

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow and Moriah Herding.

Co Rd #23 - Mark Sand & Gravel started paving yesterday and will be moving to Sargent County when done with #23. Plan to move a plant to Hankinson to do other projects, no date has been set.

HB 1176 Projects - No word from Astech on Chip Seals for CH#21, CH#3 and CH#19.

Other Departmental Matters -

- will replace culvert south of Richland Church - Br# 122-8.1
- road to same elevation as north crossing
- Eagle Twsp will pay cost to raise the road

Campbell informed Bladow about the individual who contacted him concerning crops planted in the right of way and of the discussion held earlier in the meeting. Complaints are currently dealt with on an individual basis as formal complaints come in.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

Berg clarified that the JPA is not suing the DNR as reported in the Fargo Forum the JPA is appealing their decision on the diversion project because the JPA doesn't feel they covered all aspects of the study adequately.


Thompson reported that he would like to contact Ron Wiederholt's supervisor and request that Wiederholt be removed from the hiring process for the County Agent vacancies. Ehlert, Berseth and Berg all agreed with Thompson's request, Campbell disagreed, but agreed to contact Wiederholt and ask him to step aside for the hiring process. The Board took a short break at this time.


Campbell reported he contacted Wiederholt during the break, he was not happy with the Boards request and would like to meet with Thompson and Campbell to discuss.

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

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Vouchers for June 1-30 and July 1-31, 2016 and Sheriff's Department - Revenue & Expenses and Civil Balance Sheet for June, 2016.

ATTEST:   
Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON  
Tim Campbell  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for July, 2016

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	211,286.46
County Highway	80,046.29
Social Services	90,391.24
911 Communications	42,105.55
Drug Court	465.00
County Agent	4,705.60
Veterans Service	2,948.06
Weed Officer	2,960.00
Public Health Fund	66,140.42
SEMCA	7,656.83
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>508,705.45</b>

EXPENSES: \*\* Refer to  
resolution records

County General	206,492.90
County Highway	142,061.94
Road & Bridge Fund	3,227.55
15 Mill Road fund	103,102.77
Social Service	42,406.63
911 Communications	26,459.94
911 Wireless	2,603.27
Drug Court Fund	35.57
County Agent	2,754.02
Veterans Service	1,271.12
Weed Control Levy	6,218.21
Public Health	27,941.63
Haz Chem Fund	462.57
State Medical Levy	2,979.89
Three Rivers Crisis Center	975.00
Garrison Div	3,679.32
Domestic Violence	490.00
Jail Concession	1,209.00
Sobriety Test Fund	1,820.00
SEMCA	1,610.87
JDA	8,337.99
ND Inc Tax W/H Fund	11,518.18
Sr Citizens Fund	3,679.32
Historical Society	919.87
Soil Conservation	3,679.32
Water Mngt Levy	14,717.65
Joint Water Resource	7,358.87
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>628,013.40</b>

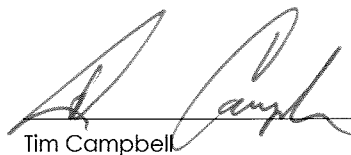
**TOTAL PAYROLL &**

**EXPENSES** **1,136,718.85**

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CHAIRPERSON