

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 18, 2015**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on August 18, 2015 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; States Attorney McBeth and visitor DelWayne Hoefts.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Fairmount Water Tower - The tower has been fixed and is operational. Drinking water was donated by Home Depot and by Lutheran Disaster.

2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant - A Notice of Grant Award was received from the ND Department of Emergency Services. Richland County will receive \$37,064.00.

FEMA Projects - Continue to do close-outs on Township and County large projects.

Code Red Notification for Missing Child - Some residents have requested to be taken off the Code Red Notification since receiving an early morning call this past week. Those requesting removal were advised of the potential for missed calls in the future.

Ehlert asked for an update on the Center Twsp Road by the Carmelites. Lambrecht reported he has helped the Township with an application to the State Water Commission for moving the road; the Township is getting cost estimates.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berseth to approve a Game Site Authorization for the Head of the Red Youth Activities Assn for gaming at Terrace Lanes; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

Bailey reported the State would like to deed property to the County; Richland County had previously deeded land in Barrie Twsp to the State Highway Department for a curve on Hwy 18 & 46. The state wants to deed appx three acres back to the County. A motion was made by Campbell to accept the offer from the State; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous. (Map of property attached).

- Garrison Diversion Meeting Notice - October 1 in Fargo
- Bailey distributed information on Insurance Costs for County property
- Correspondence from Minn-Dak re- land application of pressed mud

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow, Ron Hohenstern and Moriah Herding; Damon DeVillers and Mike Bassingwaite from Interstate Engineering were also present.

Bridge 122-8.3 - Jim Hohertz, Eagle Twsp Chairman and landowner Larry Moe were in attendance.

Bladow reported plans were to replace Bridge 122-8.3 with a 42" culvert. The Bridge has been Rated at Code 3 or "Critical." The Township was notified about replacing the bridge; an old Agreement was found on file and a new road alignment has been proposed.

Hohertz explained that to relocate the Township road would cost in excess of \$80,000 and the Township cannot afford that.

Larry Moe reported that back in 1985 he entered into an Easement with Richland County and Eagle Twsp for the construction of a bridge and as part of that agreement Moe reserved the right to use the bridge as an underpass or cross-under for cattle. Moe would be willing to give up that right if the county would be willing to assist the Township in paying for a different road.

Thompson asked why a new road was needed - Moe replied he had safety concerns and some drivers drive through his property to avoid the bridge. Thompson had concerns with the County getting involved with building Township Roads.

Berseth stated the alternate to assisting with the road would be a \$250,000 bridge.

The Board moved onto a scheduled bid opening at this time - (Bridge 122-8.3 discussion continued later in the meeting).

CH 16 Seal Coat Bid Opening - The following bids were received:

Aztech Corp-St Cloud, MN	\$309,075.19
Morris Seal Coat & Trucking - Morris MN	\$327,700.55
Bituminous Paving - Ortonville MN	\$357,458.84

A motion was made by Thompson to accept all bids received for tabulation; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

Bridge 122-8.3 - Discussion continued from earlier in the meeting.

A motion was made by Berseth to install a 42" culvert to replace the bridge with Colfax and Eagle Township each contributing \$5,000 and the County paying the remainder conditional upon the existing easement with Moe being nullified; motion seconded by Campbell.

Hohertz requested a firm cost estimate of the cost to move the road first.

Thompson agreed, that the Board was moving too fast and was concerned about starting a precedent.

Campbell commented that every situation is unique and this is due to the existing easement.

Ehlert was also uncomfortable with no firm cost estimate for moving the road.

Voting NO were Thompson, Ehlert and Berg. The motion failed.

Hohertz will work on getting a cost estimate for moving the road.

CH 16 Seal Coat - DeVillers reported the bids opened earlier in the meeting have been tabulated and Aztech was the low bidder. A motion was made by Campbell to award the bid to Aztech Corp; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

County #1 Ditch Cleaning at Colfax - The estimate to clean the portion south of the railroad tracks is \$30,000. The Highway Dept would clean the lower culverts along County property, the estimated cost for that is \$10,000. The city will clean the east side of the railroad tracks. The estimated total project cost is \$40,000. Berg will contact the Mayor about any County share on the \$30,000. A motion was made by Berseth that the County pay 25% of the project costs, absent the County portion of the project; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

SB 2103 Project - The subcontractors have moved in equipment on CH#1; will be replacing culverts on CH#3; no word on when paving will begin.

Other Department Matters -

- Sandjacking on CH#4 bridge west approach has been completed
- Wahpeton Shop plumbing has been roughed in

BETHANY JOHNSON - DRUG COURT

Bailey reported on the budget background for the Drug Court. In 2014 the County included \$19,515 in the budget and the projected year end for 2015 is \$24,733.

Johnson reported there are currently 6 participants- it is an 18 month program. She explained it is not like a typical court - but more of a Problem Solving Court, meant for lasting impact and for getting "repeat drivers" off the road. She is pursuing grants at the Federal Level.

The Board requested additional information regarding the program.

WATER RESOURCE BOARD

The Water Board Budget has been submitted.

Thompson questioned the Breden request for a culvert at CR 4 and CR 18. Zentgraf replied they are waiting for a hydraulic study.

Berseth stated the costs for hydraulic studies needs to be addressed.

The meeting recessed at 10:10 AM to review Highway Budget Items.

The Board reconvened at 10:50 AM

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Ehler asked the Status of a Credit Card and Credit Card Policy as discussed at a previous meeting. Bailey replied at this point we have not applied for any cards. We do have a policy in place. We will have a Credit Card for check out, we won't be getting cards to pass out.

The Board discussed Hydraulic Study costs, discussion included:

- work being done without a completed application
- benefits to more than one individual
- if put in the application, how do you know what the cost will be
- consider an application fee instead

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September

- 1 Commission Meeting
- 9-10 Butler Trip to Peoria, IL
- 15 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

ATTEST: 
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Sid Berg
Board of Richland County Commissioners

18 - 46 Interchange



August 12, 2015

