

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 15, 2015 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert, and Dan Thompson. Nathan Berseth joined the meeting in progress. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Bailey and DelVal; and States Attorney McBeth. Visitor DelWayne Hoefts attended a portion of the meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

2015-2018 Richland County Training & Exercise Plan - A motion was made by Thompson to approve the Multi-Year Training & Exercise Plan; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

ND Fire Danger Guide ND Department of Emergency Services/Governor Declaration - A final draft has been prepared. Will be distributed to residents and First Responders when the final is received.

(Berseth entered the meeting).

FEMA Projects - Township Projects and County Projects - continue to do closeouts on large projects.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Hage distributed packets to the Board for setting minimum sale prices on delinquent tax properties. There are 68 properties, including 6 from prior years. The Minimum Sale Price Hearing will be held on October 6th and the Sale is scheduled for November 17.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Notice of 5 County Meeting, October 1 in Ransom County

Cell Phone Reimbursement - The Board discussed the feedback they've received regarding the cell phone policy approved at the last meeting, allowing authorized users \$25 per month for personal cell phone reimbursement. Berg and Berseth agreed that getting a County Plan and distributing phones may be a cheaper alternative.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow, Ron Hohenstern, Moriah Herding and guest Damon DeVillers of Interstate Engineering.

Bridge 122-8.3 - The estimate to install a concrete cattle pass is \$74,359 this includes the bridge removal and building up the road approximately one foot.

Berg reported the Township may have a deed for the ROW, so the easement may not be valid - they are doing some more research.

Bladow will haul the culverts back to the yard for now, so mowing can be done.

CH#1 & #3 Paving Projects -The subcontractor started sheet pile and will move to culverts and guardrail. The paving contractor was reminded of the October 1 completion date and liquidated damages. Will need to think about temporary striping for winter, no chip seal portion this year.

Seal Coat CH#16 - Astech is scheduled to begin today.

Wahpeton Shop Building - Rural Water is connected to the building and two septic tanks are in. Estimates were received for the following:

- Plumbing & Heating \$40,200 (Dave Hammond)
For four boilers and to finish bathrooms
- Carpentry \$25,000 (Filbert Construction)
Partition wall, bathroom and mechanical walls
- Electrical \$44,835 (Nordick Electric)
Lighting and hook-up boilers

Bladow requested authorization to proceed with the estimates. McBeth reported they do not require bidding because they are under \$50,000.

A motion was made by Thompson to proceed with the plumbing, heating, carpentry and electrical work under individual contractors as presented; motion seconded by Ehlert. Voting NO was Berseth, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

Berg suggested rough-in wiring for a land line phone be done at this time also.

HB 1176 - Richland County is scheduled to receive \$4,065,172.87

CH # 21E	2.5 miles - 3" overlay	\$1,003,730
CH # 21N	3 miles - 3" mill & overlay	\$1,222,760
CH # 21S	3 miles from 94-1/2 St to 21W	<u>\$3,227,760</u>
	TOTAL	\$5,454,250

Alternate Project

CH #3	6 miles - 3" overlay	\$2,162,470
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Bladow explained Federal Aid is estimated at \$334,790 per year; we can borrow ahead one year to use on federal aid projects however the projects would need to be bid at the state instead of locally. Another option may be to remove part of the project. The Board discussed using federal aid for CH# 21N and CH#21E and bidding CH# 21S separate, locally.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Campbell to proceed with the three projects using federal aid dollars; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

Misc Department Matters -

Culverts on CH#16 east of Great Bend have been replaced
CH#8 culvert dip - Chucks Sandjacking recommends filling with asphalt

CH#21 W equalize water in Rossow Slough area - The landowner has requested an equalizing culvert be lowered. In 1995 an equalizing culvert was installed and a field approach, with no culvert; in 2011 a culvert was installed through 21W to equalize water as an emergency measure to save the road, it is now two feet out of the water. Bladow reported the solution may be to take out the field approach. A motion was made by Thompson to authorize the Highway Dept to remove the field approach; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

CH#29 field approach application from Orlando Syverson - There is an existing field approach between Syverson and a neighbor; the property was recently surveyed and it was discovered that the field approach is actually on the neighbors property. Bladow has contacted the landowner who was agreeable to moving the field approach to the north, at no cost to them; however this was not agreeable to Syverson. Bladow explained that the County standard is typically a shared field approach on the property line - we provide the culvert only, we do not build field approaches, that is up to the landowner. Following discussion a motion was made by Berseth to provide Syverson a culvert; motion seconded by Ehler. Voting NO were Berg and Campbell. The remainder Voted Yes and the motion carried.

16th Avenue Project - Campbell and Bailey met with the City of Wahpeton on the 16th Avenue project, they provided a detailed estimate of costs. The County share is estimated at \$338,583.71.

CR 8 Bond - Bailey has been contacted by Public Financial Management, the bond company - the County can refinance and change our interest rate from 3% to 1% saving approximately \$25,000 over the last three years. The Board had no objections to Bailey pursuing.

Hydraulic Study Costs - The Board discussed the requests for culverts and the associated costs for the required hydraulic studies. Berseth asked DeVillers if the Board could get some information from Interstate Engineering on the average costs for various hydraulic studies.

Co Rd 81 from Hwy 46 to Abercrombie - Campbell reported that there is no striping on the road making it difficult driving at night. Discussion followed -

- Berseth commented that CR 10 is the same way
- There are areas all over the County
- Money has been built into the budget for next year for striping
- Possibly working with another County to get a better price

Hohenstern reported he has spoken with Swantson Equipment, they have some left over paint to use up this year - they will charge us for fuel and labor and provide the material (epoxy paint) for free. Following discussion the Board authorized Hohenstern to proceed with Center Stripes on Co Rd 81 and CR 10.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

A motion was made by Thompson to appoint Brock Shouldis and Dan Thompson as delegates to the North Dakota State Fair; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell to appoint Harris Bailey as the Delegate for Richland County, for the NDACo Annual Conference; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September

- 16 JDA Meeting
- 16 Budget Hearing 7:00 PM

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

ATTEST: *Harris Bailey* *Sid Berg* CHAIRPERSON
Harris Bailey Sid Berg
Auditor/Administrator Board of Richland County Commissioners