

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 19, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Hage distributed packets to the Board for setting minimum sale prices on delinquent tax properties. There are 73 properties plus 3 from prior years. The Minimum Sale Price Hearing will be held on October 17.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Notice for 5-County Meeting in Oakes on October 5
- Correspondence from the Court Facilities Advisory Committee - they will be accepting grant applications until December 31
- Correspondence from the ND Dept of Ag regarding two cost-share programs - the Landowner Assistance Program (LAP) and the Targeted Assistance Grant Program (TAG)
- Request from Jennifer Klostreich, Watershed Coordinator for a letter of recommendation from the Commission to submit with her application for Phase IV - EPA 319 Grant. A motion was made by Ehlert to approve the request for a letter of recommendation; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.
- Bailey reported he was approached by an individual about getting speed signs on the County Road through Dwight. The Commission will discuss later in the meeting with the Highway Department. Berg requested that the cost of solar stop and speed signs be looked into and that several solar stop signs be included in the Highway Budget each year.
- Thompson reported Ackerman has the information for the church property survey.
- Farm Exemption Rules were briefly discussed; Berseth will contact the ND Association of Counties and request it be placed on the agenda to discuss at the Annual Conference in October.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow, Ron Hohenstern and Moriah Herding; and visitor Jesse Sedler.

CH#1 - The Sheriff Department has been out to monitor the restrictions; Bladow has made the ethanol plant aware of the restrictions and is working on getting signs to be posted.

Bridge 123-24.3 - Schroeder Construction is pouring the concrete deck today. The dirt contractor is scheduled for the end of the week.

NDACo Annual Conference - The meeting with DOT is scheduled for 7:40 AM on October 9.


CH#4 & Drain 14 Project - Received an application to lower one of the newly installed culverts 12" on CH#4. Bladow has spoken with Mike at Interstate Engineering and there is room to lower it that much; Bladow is recommending the applicant hire JAV to do the work because JAV did the work on the drain. There is no opposition to it, and it would be at no cost to the County.

Other Department Matters -

- Heitkamp Construction is working on the Roof at the Hankinson Shop
- Bladow suggested scheduling a County Tour of Roads and Bridges - the tour will be scheduled for October 17 after the Board meeting

Berseth asked what the speed limit was through Dwight and explained the discussion held earlier in the meeting regarding speed signs in Dwight. Bladow replied the speed limit is 55 mph until the Bridge and then it is lowered to 25 mph. Bladow also reported that lowering the speed limit was discussed at length when the bridge project was done.

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 A.M.

ATTEST: 
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator


Nathan A. Berseth
CHAIRPERSON
Board of Richland County Commissioners