

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 1, 2012**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on October 1, 2012 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Tim Campbell, Jason Heitkamp, Perry Miller and Dan Thompson. Also present were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; State s Attorney Stokes and a Daily News Reporter.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the minutes of meetings September 4 (as corrected) September 17 and the Budget Hearing on September 25; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

House Fire, October 29 at Kristi Lehm Farm - House was destroyed by fire. Red Cross Assistance was provided to the Family; and food & water to firefighters.

Richland County Burn Ban - Due to many recent grass fires, Lambrecht has spoken with the Sheriff and they would like to put a burn ban into effect beginning today if the Board has no objections.

Awarded 2012 Homeland Security Grant for \$91,512 - The LEPC recommends spending the grant funds for Richland County 911 Communications. Lambrecht, Jill Breuer, Sheriff Leshovsky, and Commissioner Berg met with Min-Kota to discuss options.

Four options were presented to the Commission - following a brief presentation of the options by Lambrecht and Breuer, a motion was made by Berg to approve Option 2 as presented at a cost to the County of \$41,892; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous. Miller asked where the \$41,892 would come from. Bailey replied next years budget (2013), which will be addressed later today.

Option 2 consists of a new Barney Tower, moving the existing Barney Tower to Hankinson, and a PreFab Building for equipment.

**JIM STEWART - MINN-DAK FARMERS COOPERATIVE PROJECT**

Attorney Jim Stewart presented a Resolution relating to a project under the Municipal Industrial Development Act, giving the Minn-Dak project preliminary approval, subject to a public hearing.

Stewart explained the County would have no liability, the County is authorized by Chapter 40-57 of NDCC to issue revenue bonds. The proposed project will consist of the construction, acquisition and installation of buildings and equipment to be used for the collection, treatment, processing and recycling of solid waste produced in connection with sugar beet processing and functionally related facilities. The amount of the proposed bond issue is not to exceed \$55,000,000.

A motion was made by Thompson to adopt the Resolution giving the Minn-Dak project preliminary approval subject to a public hearing scheduled for November 13; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

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

Hage reported today is the last day to make payment before properties are foreclosed on; there are 33 properties not paid. The Minimum Sale Price Hearing will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel in attendance were Tim Schulte and Lowell Bladow.

BRO-0039(039) Bridge 118-35 over the Wild Rice River - Industrial Builders has set the concrete bridge beams and is forming the bridge deck. They are hoping to pour the deck the week of October 22. Riley Brothers has finished the approach grading on the south side of the bridge and will move to the north side today.

Final Draft Report - An Assessment of Local Needs -The UGPTI completed a Local Roads Assessment of Needs to be presented to the North Dakota Legislature for the next session. Schulte presented the summary page of the report along with the road condition sheet for Richland County. If averaged over the next 20 years, the annualized infrastructure need is equivalent to \$350 million per year. Much of this projected need (\$834 million) falls in the 2013-2014 biennium.

2013-2014 County Federal Aid - The Local Government Division has sent out the

program sheet for 2013-2014 federal aid projects. The program sheet does not list any projects or federal funding as they are trying to determine everyone's level of funding and should have some information for us at the annual conference. We need to select a road project for next year and a bridge project for the following year. The previous program sheets had CH#16 from Mantador to SH#18 as our road project and Bridge 126-30 on the Wild Rice River as our next bridge project.

#### Other Departmental Matters -

- We finished up the CH#16 de-paving project. That is a total of 15 miles of pavement turned back to gravel in the past 5 years.
- Krause Brothers will be moving in to complete the Homestead grade raises this week.
- Riley Brothers is planning on moving over to the Danton Township grading project once they complete our approach grading at our bridge.
- Our meeting with local government has been set for Monday at 1 PM during the Annual Conferences.

#### Upcoming Meetings

October 7-9	NDACo Annual Conferences
October 8	Meeting with Local Government 1 PM
October 11	Road Advisory Meeting
October 15	County Board Meeting

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A) Social Service - No Report.
- B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - Miller will talk to John Anderson about getting some type of covers where the heat pipes were removed in the entryway of the courthouse.
- C) Public Health Report - Worked on a Variance Application on Septic Systems. A quarterly meeting is scheduled in two weeks.
- D) Job Development Board - Toured Wahpeton Fabrication.
- E) Weed Board - No Report.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board - Seven Park Districts asked for additional funding - each received \$2,500. Will plan tours next summer to follow-up on projects.

### **2013 BUDGET**

Bailey reported since the Budget Hearing a correction has been made and the budget has decreased an additional six mills for a total of 10 mills. Also due to the motion by the Board earlier in today's meeting for 911 Communications-Option 2, he will amend the budget \$42,000.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the 2013 Budget as Amended; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous. (Copy attached to minutes).

### **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

Bailey reported the 5-County Meeting is scheduled for October 4 in Oakes.

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

Miller gave a brief update on the Diversion Project - The Diversion Authority has to vote on a Plan due to the change in plans; the comment period runs through October 13<sup>th</sup> and then the Diversion Authority will go to the Corp and tell them the plan they want. Miller would like to see the Upstream Coalition hire a PR person to educate.

Berg questioned the integrity of the Commission on the Diversion due to the fact that a Commissioner was at a parade supporting an Advocate of the Diversion. Bailey replied - with any candidate there may be things we don't agree on and this is a personal opinion and should not be addressed at a Commission Meeting. Thompson commented that the Commissioner was doing this as an individual and not carrying a Richland County sign.

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Reports Filed: Property Revenue Voucher for August 1- August 31, 2012

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRPERSON  
Harris Bailey Perry Miller  
Auditor/Administrator Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for September, 2012

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	180,893.45
County Highway	76,836.33
Social Services	74,032.53
911 Communications	38,755.79
County Agent	3,669.82
Veterans Service	3,731.87
Weed Officer	1,977.21
Public Health Fund	61,958.50
SEMCA	<u>8,147.48</u>
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>450,002.98</b>

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records	
County General	141,481.61
County Highway	178,460.90
Bridge Replacement Fd	4,326.98
Social Service	53,709.39
911 Communications	55,145.60
911 Wireless	1,883.24
NDRIN	591.00
Water Rescue Team	657.49
County Agent	2,978.95
Veterans Service	2,532.89
Weed Control Levy	916.20
Public Health	27,947.19
State Medical Levy	166.08
FEMA Disaster Reimb	16,155.95
Garrison Cons.	166.08
Domestic Violence	140.00
Jail Concession	767.91
County Park	2,139.08
SEMCA	2,038.12
Sr Citizens Fund	166.08
Historical Society	41.54
Co Agt Special	428.61
Soil Conservation	166.08
Water Mngt Levy	664.40
Joint Water Resource	315.44
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>493,986.81</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>943,989.79</b>

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