

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 15, 2012**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on October 15, 2012 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Tim Campbell, Jason Heitkamp, Perry Miller and Dan Thompson. Commissioner Sid Berg was absent. Also present were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; State s Attorney Stokes and a Daily News Reporter.

MINIMUM SALE PRICE HEARING

No one from the Public was in attendance for the hearing. Hage distributed a listing of the proposed minimum sale prices; there are 21 new properties this year and 24 from prior years.

The Board discussed the proposed prices and made some adjustments to properties in Wahpeton and Abercrombie.

A motion was made by Heitkamp to approve the Minimum Sale Prices as adjusted; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous. (Copy Attached)

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 poured the bridge deck last Friday. They will start stripping the forms this week and the bridge should be open by the end of the month. Riley Brothers has finished the approach grading except the areas immediately off the bridge deck.

Final Report - An Assessment of Local Road Needs - At the last Board meeting we discussed the UGPTI report of local road assessments; the Board requested more specific dollar amounts for Richland County.

Schulte reviewed the report and Richland County s twenty-year gravel road needs are \$66.32 million dollars and the paved road needs are \$94.788 million dollars. Annual cost per mile for the paved roads is \$18,586.

2013-2014 County Federal Aid Program - We met with the NDDOT Local Government Division last week to review our program sheet for federal aid projects. The projects we are looking at for the next two years would be CH#16 from Mantador to SH#18 as our road project and Bridge 126-30 on the

Wild Rice River as our bridge project.

The federal funding under the new Highway Bill (MAP-21) will have a 25% reduction in local government highway funds. In 2012 we were estimated to receive \$464,000 in federal funds. The estimate for 2013 was about \$340,000.

The only explanation received last week for the reduction in funds is that the new MAP-21 bill requires more expenditures on the National Highway System. We will be getting our program sheets back in the next few weeks to see if our project will be funded for 2013.

CER-3934(056) Bridge 126-33 Chris Johnson Box Culvert - We received the shop drawings for the box culverts to review and approve before the culvert was manufactured. They should have started the box sections last week with a scheduled delivery for next week.

Other Departmental Matters -

- We generated \$130,000 in harvest permits so far this season
- Riley Brothers has finished moving dirt for the Danton Twsp grading project, they still need to install the overflow culverts
- Krause Brothers is working on the Homestead Twsp grade raise
- Retirement Celebration for Harlan Bladow will be this Friday (October 19) at the Hankinson Community Center beginning at 5:30 pm
- Data from the Pavement Distress Survey is being input into the computer, will have a map available soon

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence from Big Stone South to Ellendale re- the proposed transmission line project
- Correspondence from US Dept of the Interior re- transferring land in trust

A motion was made by Heitkamp to give the Day After Thanksgiving (November 23) as a Holiday to County Employees; motion seconded by Campbell. Voting NO was Miller, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Campbell to appoint Jason Goltz and Dan Thompson as County Delegates for the North Dakota State Fair; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October

- 15 Meeting in Christine (Miller)
- 17 Presentation with Marcus Larson (Miller)
- 24 JDA Meeting

November

- 13 Commission Meeting
- 26 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

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