

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 13, 2012**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on November 13, 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 October 1 and October 15; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Semi-Truck Rollover, October 26 - 2 miles west of Colfax. The driver was airlifted to Fargo. The Colfax Fire Dept, ND Highway Patrol and Sheriff Dept assisted. The cleanup of soil was done by the owner of the truck.

Richland County Burn Ban - The burn ban was lifted on October 19.

Camper Fire on I-29 by Galchutt October 15 - There were 3 miles of various fires. 5 fire departments responded and we worked with the Highway Patrol and the State to close Interstate for several hours. We had Comstock Construction cleanup and dispose of the camper.

2012 Homeland Security Grant for \$91,512 - The grant will be used for communication equipment/tower. Looking at a tower site either at the Hankinson Highway Shop or the Hankinson Pit; we need to do environmental and historic preservation screening before final approval.

Salvation Army Meeting - Scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Training - Scheduled for November 28-30 in Bismarck.

**TREASURER S REPORT**

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

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the request from the City of Hankinson to purchase County Property in Hankinson; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous. (Lots 11-12, Blk 1 H&J Addn)

Hage reported the Tax Sale is scheduled for 10:00 AM on November 20<sup>th</sup>. A mortgage company has contacted her office wanting to repurchase property outside of the Auction. Hage explained because they are not the owner, they do not have the right to re-purchase the property. If they should contact her office again, she will refer them to the State s Attorney.

### **MINN-DAK FARMERS COOPERATIVE PROJECT BOND HEARING**

No one from the Public was in attendance for the Hearing.

Jim Stewart presented a Resolution authorizing the Issuance of Municipal Industrial Development Bonds for the Minn-Dak Project and Authorizing the Preparation of Necessary Documents. A motion was made by Berg to approve the Resolution; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

### **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Thank you from Social Service Employees
- Thank you from Extension Office Employees

A motion was made by Campbell to appoint Patty Lies to another term on the Richland County Board of Health; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to appoint Mary Jane Pauly to another term on the Richland County Housing Authority; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve an Environmental Health Services Agreement with Fargo Cass Public Health for a 24/7/365 on-call Provision; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

### **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 completed the project and the bridge was opened on November 2.

CER-3934(056) Bridge 126-33 - The contractor moved in October 29 to start the project; the box was set and in place by November 2. Last week the contractor

worked on backfilling the box and the slope work along CH#16. The driveway approach culverts were installed and the rip rap was placed in the channel. The contractor is planning on paving this week.

Annual Maintenance Certificate - The NDDOT has sent out the annual maintenance certificate which certifies we are properly maintaining projects that we received federal aid for. A motion was made by Campbell to authorize the required signatures on the Maintenance Certification; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Other Department Matters -

- Bladow with the help of JAV Construction, replaced an old timber bridge in Nansen Twsp with two large metal pipes
- We have received our salt for the winter season and the guys are getting the plow equipment on all the trucks

A motion was made by Campbell to authorize advertising for a new motor grader; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Thompson to authorize advertising for Liquid Propane Bids; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A) Social Service - No Report.

B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - The tunnel has been repaired and the problems should be resolved.

C) Public Health Report -A nurse has been hired for four days a week. Client numbers are down in Home Health and Family Planning. The amount of mileage being paid out has decreased because of the extra County Car.

D) Job Development Board - A meeting is scheduled for next week.

E) Weed Board - No Report.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board - No Report.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

A motion was made by Campbell to approve a Special Event Liquor Permit for Lueken's Food Stores Inc (Econo Wine & Spirits); motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

Bailey distributed a Resolution of Support passed by the Association of Counties and Sargent County for Red Shirt Friday; Red Shirt Friday is to show support for American Military Personnel. No action was taken by the Board.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT - AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Sheriff Leshovsky submitted three names to the ND Peace Officers Association for going above and beyond their duties. ND Peace Officer Life Saver Awards were given to Officers Dan Wise and Steve Gjerdevig for a July 14 Medical Call and to Officer David Iverson for a August 21 Suicide Call.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

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

Bailey gave a brief report on the election - a complaint is that the polls aren't open before 9:00 A.M. in areas outside of Wahpeton.

Campbell reported SEMCA personnel are concerned about the longevity of their Department over the next few years because grant funds, federal funds and local support has decreased. Campbell will go to the Legislature to try and get support.

Several Board members suggested the Employee Holiday Party go back to being an evening event rather than an afternoon event. Some feedback they've heard is that employees can only be there for a 15-20 minute break and that it is difficult for the Highway Crew to come to Wahpeton to attend. Bailey replied that there was poor attendance at the Evening Event and the Highway

Department has their own Holiday Party. The Commissioners requested an insert be included with payroll asking employees which they would prefer.

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

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department Revenue Vouchers for September and October 2012; Sheriff Department Revenue & Expenses and Civil Balance Sheet for August and September 2012.

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

The following claims were approved for October, 2012

PAYROLL (inclusive)

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| General            | 184,568.61      |
| County Highway     | 70,771.71       |
| Social Services    | 73,889.37       |
| 911 Communications | 36,395.96       |
| County Agent       | 3,535.66        |
| Veterans Service   | 3,761.87        |
| Weed Officer       | 2,205.41        |
| Public Health Fund | 62,903.68       |
| County Park        | 200.00          |
| SEMCA              | <u>8,147.48</u> |

**PAYROLL TOTAL 446,379.75**

EXPENSES: \*\* Refer to resolution records

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| County General     | 145,869.48 |
| County Highway     | 121,966.54 |
| 15 Mill Road Fund  | 38,221.25  |
| Social Service     | 33,054.50  |
| 911 Communications | 16,961.40  |
| 911 Wireless       | 2,172.60   |
| NDRIN              | 3,285.86   |
| Water Rescue Team  | 422.79     |
| County Agent       | 29,234.48  |
| Veterans Service   | 1,814.00   |
| Weed Control Levy  | 6,018.67   |
| Public Health      | 25,315.15  |
| State Medical Levy | 520.41     |

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| FEMA Disaster Reimb                 | 28,427.01         |
| Overload Fines                      | 13,535.00         |
| Garrison Cons.                      | 520.41            |
| Domestic Violence                   | 245.00            |
| Jail Concession                     | 666.08            |
| County Park                         | 17,622.97         |
| SEMCA                               | 25,670.21         |
| JDA                                 | 8,461.33          |
| ND Income Tax W/H                   | 13,166.00         |
| Sr Citizens Fund                    | 520.41            |
| Historical Society                  | 130.08            |
| Co Agt Special                      | 5,440.56          |
| Soil Conservation                   | 520.41            |
| Water Mngt Levy                     | 2,081.77          |
| Joint Water Resource                | 845.11            |
| <b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>                | <b>542,709.48</b> |
| <b>TOTAL PAYROLL &amp; EXPENSES</b> | <b>989,089.23</b> |

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRPERSON  
Perry Miller  
Board of Richland County Commissioners