

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on November 18, 2013 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Tim Campbell, Jason Heitkamp, Perry Miller and Dan Thompson. Also present were Administration Personnel DelVal; State s Attorney McBeth; and a Daily News Reporter.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Elevator Fire - There was a fire on November 12 at the Abercrombie Elevator. Nine Fire Departments responded.

Grant from Hazard Mitigation Funding - Received payment for \$10,109.75 for the Hankinson Shop generator; a lift station was also installed in Great Bend.

Tower Update - Barney and Hankinson Towers are both up. Both repeaters will go on after the Barney Building is done. Payment was made to Minn-Kota Communications for \$91,512.00 Waiting for reimbursement from the State.

NIMS Training - Training will be offered in early January to Fire Departments, EMS Departments and County Employees.

Mutual Aid Agreements - Lambrecht will work at getting mutual aid agreements in place, following FEMA guidelines. Cities can assist each other and be eligible for reimbursement for equipment, fuel, labor, etc, if agreements are in place

Liquid Fertilizer Plant - Cenex Harvest States will be adding a liquid fertilizer plant in Mooreton. Lambrecht will meet with them regarding Haz Mat reporting requirements.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Former Commissioner Merlin Mort Berg passed away, a plant will be sent from the County

- NDRIN will be sending a refund in the amount of \$3,567.50

A motion was made by Heitkamp to proceed with a Land Sale Notice for County property in the City of Wyndmere; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel in attendance were Tim Schulte, Lowell Bladow and visitor Mark Thorson from Mark Sand & Gravel.

ND Local Roadway Safety Plan - Local Roadway Safety Program Workshop will be held in Valley City on December 4.

SC-3934(057) Bituminous Overlay on CH#16 - As discussed at previous meetings, Mark Sand & Gravel will not be getting to the project this year. The completion date for this project was October 5<sup>th</sup>. The liquidated damages for this contract are \$1,500 per calendar day. At the preconstruction conference in September we discussed suspending the project prior to the completion date and allowing the contractor to pave starting the week of October 21 if the weather permitted.

Schulte recommended that liquidated damages be assessed through October 21 (16 days) and the project be suspended. Liquidated damages would begin no later than June 1, 2014 and assessed until the project is completed.

Mark Thorson agreed that Schulte's recommendation was fair. Following discussion a motion was made by Miller to follow the recommendation and to assess liquidated damages for 16 days and to suspend the project; motion seconded by Berg. Voting NO was Berg, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

Green Bridge on Drain #3 - The new steel bridge deck was placed on the abutments last week. The timber planking for the abutments is being installed and the bridge should be complete by the end of this week.

### Other Department Matters -

- Towers have been set in both Barney and Hankinson. The slab has been poured for the building in Barney.
- The online auction for our Cat Loaders starts this week

- Schulte sent a letter to Don Heitkamp & Russ Mauch regarding ditch cleaning in Sec 16, Barney Twsp. Thompson reported he spoke with Don Heitkamp this morning - he has received the letter from Schulte but would like to have his attorney review it before the work is done. Following discussion, Thompson said he would follow-up with Don Heitkamp requesting his cooperation in getting the work done, weather permitting.
- Thompson reported he was contacted by Don Klosterman regarding CR 8 culverts; Thompson will followup with Klosterman and Schulte.

### **WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

- Routine happenings for the Water Resource Board
- Drain 18 - some problems along CR7, the Township has some concerns
- Lance Yohe spoke briefly on storage holding areas and reported they are waiting to see what comes of out of the farm bill for water sheds

### **CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Kaye Braaten and Ron Roland were present. Braaten gave an update on the Committee Activities; highlights included the following:

- the name has been set as Celebrate, Educate, Energize Richland County
- Funding, no more than \$500 has been spent to date
- Linda Narum is working with the schools
- Letters have been sent out to mayors and school superintendents
- Meetings have been held with school superintendents , St Francis, KBMW, the Daily News, NDSCS
- Working on details for a float, speakers, bus tours
- Time Line of activities

Thompson voiced concerns with the plans proposing the Courthouse be closed on January 6 from 11:00-12:30 so employees could attend a luncheon. The Commission was in agreement that the Courthouse could not be shut down as proposed by the Centennial Committee. The Committee also proposed that the Commission hold their January meeting on January 6 from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Courtroom. The Commission was in agreement to this.

Berg voiced concerns with the committee plans to give money to the schools - he suggested the committee consider scholarships be given to students rather than giving money to the schools.

The Commission also discussed who would be responsible to approve the Centennial Committee bills. It was the consensus of the Commission that the

Commission Chairman, Commission Vice-Chairman and the Auditor be authorized to review all expenditures prior to reimbursement.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

December

- 2 Commission Meeting
- 16 Commission Meeting
- 16 Employee Christmas Party 4:00-6:00 PM

January

- 6 Commission Meeting 1:00 PM

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRPERSON  
Harris Bailey Dan Thompson  
Auditor/Administrator Board of Richland County Commissioners