

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on December 15, 2015 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 DeVal; States Attorney McBeth and a Daily News Reporter.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

School Shooting Training at Wahpeton High School - Scheduled for December 16 from 2:00-4:30 PM with W.E.N.K. - Bismarck, Wahpeton Police & Fire Departments, EMS, SEMCA, NDSCS and the Richland County Sheriff Department.

FEMA Projects - Need more information for Duerr Twsp; just a few closeouts left for County Projects; everything else has been submitted for Township closeouts.

Fire Training - A training will be scheduled for all Richland County Fire Departments in January on Interior Attack Methods, Reading Smoke Upon Arrival and Hoseline Advancement Techniques. The Training will be through the ND Firefighters Assn.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) - Information was sent to all Fire Departments in Richland County. Barney and Fairmount asked for assistance in the grant process.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berg to approve Liquor/Beer License Applications for Texas Crossing and Terrace Lanes; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth to appoint Gary Friskop and Robert Rostad to new terms on the Richland County Water Resource Board; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to appoint Delmer Steffens to a new term on the Richland County Park Board; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

- Invitation to Open House at Moore Engineering
- Correspondence from State's Attorney McBeth to Steve Ginsbach, Township Officers Chairman, regarding the necessity of obtaining hydraulic studies and Road and Drainage Construction Standards

- Correspondence from ND DOT re- final voucher date on Project SC-3912(055)

Berseth reported he was contacted by Terry Traynor to serve on the Court House Grant Board, he accepted and will attend a meeting in January.

Portfolios were assigned by Chairman Campbell. (Copy attached to minutes).

Campbell reported that Breuer included another employee in the Dispatch Budget for 2016 - going from 10 to 11 employees to help reduce overtime costs. Bailey recommended a motion from the Board because we are not filling a position we are adding a position. A motion was made by Thompson to authorize Dispatch to go from 10 to 11 employees; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Bailey reported he received an e-mail on "Procedures & Options for Closing a Road"; a copy was passed around for the Board to review.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow, Ron Hohenstern and Moriah Herding.

CH#1 - Guardrail work is complete; the weather is too cold so the seal coat will be done next season.

Culvert Applications - Another application for a field approach has been received, there is already an existing approach to that section of land, the new approach will be for their use only. Bladow stated we have no policy on the responsibility for cost of individual applications.

Bladow has located a field approach Policy from 1993 but it does not state who is responsible for the costs.

Discussion was held and included - the wide range of costs for hydraulic studies, the landowner may want to hire their own Engineering Firm, the downstream effects and who would be responsible for the costs involved if changes are needed.

A motion was made by Thompson to set a Policy for the Costs - if for Private Use, the cost will be assessed to the individual; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous. The Highway Portfolio Commissions and Bladow will work with State's Attorney McBeth on writing up a Policy.

COUNTY EXTENSION REPORT

Brock Shouldis and Colleen Konwinski reported on Extension Highlights and Activities

Shouldis reported on:

- 4-H Achievement Days
- National Assn of Counties Agriculture Agents Conference
- ND 4-H Camp
- Soil Health Field Day
- Agronomist Shadowing
- NDSU Soybean Variety Plot Tour
- Soybean Cyst Nematode Tour
- Progressive Ag Safety Day
- Livestock Judging
- Seatbelt Safety
- Richland County Conservation Board
- Township Officers Meeting
- Crop Improvement Meeting
- Ag Day
- Tax Management Program
- 4-H Leaders & Volunteer Training
- 4-H Youth Shooting
- Producer Visits
- Pesticide Testing

Shouldis reported that Ronda Gripenrog, Family Nutrition Program, was not able to be here today but her activities include:

- Summer Food Service Program
- Wahpeton Youth Club
- School Programming
- Head Start
- Nourishing Boomers
- Freedom Resource Center
- Professional Development

Konwinski reported on:

- 4-H Ambassador from Richland County
- Richland/Wilkin Activity Day
- Food Preservation
- Day Camp
- Circles of Aging Focus Group
- National Diabetes Prevention Program

Whole Grain in the Schools
Progressive Ag Safety Day
Extension Updates & Training
4-H Leader & Volunteer Project Training
Achievement Days
4-H Awards Program
Extension Community Forums
Richland County Worksite Wellness

Konwinski reported that Agent-in-Training Kayla Bakewell has been hired by Grand Forks County.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Bailey reported receiving numerous calls from Walcott residents after tax statements were mailed; they went from 38 to 105 mills - the State combined mill levies into the general fund and increased levy limitations. It's possible calls may also come from Abercrombie and Fairmount because they also had a considerable increase.


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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January

- 5 Commission Meeting
- 7 5-County Meeting
- 19 Award Bids for Sale of Bonds 1:30 PM

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

ATTEST: 
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