

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 21, 2015

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on April 21, 2015 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Tim Campbell joined the meeting in progress. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; and States Attorney McBeth.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Bird Flu - The State Health Department is scanning Richland County for bird flu, County Agent Shouldis is working with them also.

Semi Rollovers - There were two recent semi rollovers.

- on 210 Bypass, 150 gallons of diesel spilled, the semi was a total loss
- 2.5 miles south of Barney carrying 4300 gallons of liquid fertilizer

SkyWarn Training - Training is scheduled for 6:30 PM today in the LEC.

Burn Ban - A burn ban was put into effect on Tuesday April 14th; with the recent rains, the burn ban will be lifted until further notice. Chairman Berg suggested a restriction on wind speeds, such as - a burn ban will be in effect if winds are in excess of 20 mph.

2014 Homeland Security Grant - Changes have been submitted for cameras instead of a door in the Judge's hallway/doorway areas. Waiting for approval for the change-over.

FEMA - Projects are still in the works for Moran, Elma, Homestead, Liberty Grove and Duerr Townships.

Richland/Wilkin County First Responders Quarterly Breakfast - Scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 7:30 AM at NDSCS; presentation by Richland County Dive/Rescue Team.

Upcoming Meetings

April 21	Emergency Preparedness Group Meeting 9:00 AM
April 21	Sky Warn Training 6:30 PM
April 28	First Responders Breakfast 7:30 AM

DEB FLACK - WORKSITE WELLNESS UPDATE & HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Flack reported for the WorkSite Wellness Committee - Last December the Wellness Committee requested the Commission approve an expenditure of \$1900 for electrical work as part of the MicroMarket Project and the Commission approved the request at the December 15 Board Meeting. The Wellness Committee has determined they will not be pursuing the Micro Market at this time, so the funds will not be spent for the electrical work.

Flack distributed the 2014 Annual Report containing program statistics and highlights for the past year.

SCOTT NICHOLSON - BW INSURANCE

Nicholson thanked the Board for the renewal of County Policies and gave a brief summary of the Insurance coverages which include Business Auto, General Liability, Inland Marine, Boiler & Machinery and a Crime Policy.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow and Ron Hohenstern.

Surge Funding - SB2103 - Bids will be opened at the May 5 Commission Meeting.
- CH #1 from CH#15 to CH#16 (5 miles)
- CH #3 from Mantador to SH#13 (6.5 miles)

Motor Grader For Sale - Bids will be opened at the May 5 Commission Meeting. We have advertised our 2009 Cat 140M for sale along with the v-plow and wing.

CH#22 Railroad Crossing - The railroad crossing will be replaced, CP Rail is only doing their main line at this point. Wheaton/Dumont may be removing the spur track, however a final decision has not been made. The County will be responsible for patching the road to the new concrete - it will be filled with gravel until the asphalt is available.

New Holland Bi-Directional Tractor - The cost to buy-out the tractor is \$120,771.51. Bailey explained that at one time we thought we would save money if we bought-out the lease so we budgeted \$115,000 to buy it out. However, the finance company said it is a lease contract not a loan contract so there is a residual buyout. Bailey asked the Board if they would like to buy-out the lease now and pay \$6,000 over what was budgeted or continue with the lease and pay an additional \$12,000 over the remainder of the lease. A motion was made by Thompson to buy out the lease and pay-off \$120,771.51; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Campbell entered the meeting.

CMC Miles - Bladow will be drafting a letter to the ND DOT requesting that 34 additional miles be added to the system connecting miles.

Berg reported he was contacted by the mayor of Walcott, Lee Vining. The City of Walcott would like to place dumpsters at the County Shop Property again for several days for city clean up. Bladow replied it has worked well in the past and had no objections.

Berg reported he was contacted by the mayor of Colfax, he requested the County grade the Streets in Colfax and the city will pay for it. A motion was made by Berseth to blade the streets in Colfax this one time at \$150/hr; motion seconded by Thompson. Voting NO were Ehlert and Campbell. The remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

Wahpeton Shop Building - Still waiting for the soils report. Ehlert said he would be interested in touring the building and property that Prime Concrete has for sale.

SHERIFF LESHOVSKY - PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 15, 2015

Sheriff Leshovsky and Deputy Ruhl were present.

Leshovsky requested the Board proclaim the week of May 11-15 as Law Enforcement Officers Week; proclaim May 15 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day; and direct that all flags on Richland County Government Buildings be displayed at half-staff on May 15.

A motion was made by Berseth to Proclaim the week of May 11-15 as Law Enforcement Officers Week, proclaim May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and direct that all flags on Richland County Government Buildings be displayed at half-staff on May 15; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter of Resignation from Bev Jacobson to the Richland County Health Board
- Notice of 5-County Meeting, April 30 in Ellendale
- Notice of Legislative Wrap-up Session, May 11 in Bismarck
- LADG Annual Report
- J. Garaas Flood Objection, request for AG opinion

A motion was made by Thompson to approve a Raffle Permit Application for Richland County 4-H; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

Berg suggested that the Commissioners appointed to the JPA Board be paid a per diem because they are attending extra meetings. Ehlert recommended this be handled the same as the Social Service Board request to the Commission at the March 3 meeting; at that meeting it was recommended by the Commission that any changes to per diem should be addressed at budget time, because the 2015 budgets had already been approved.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT continued

Bladow came back to the meeting, he presented several proposals for the bridge project west of Dwight.

Archaeology Study - A motion was made by Thompson to hire Beaver Creek Archaeology for the study, with the cost not to exceed \$2,250; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Wetland Delineation - A motion was made by Campbell to hire Keitu Engineering to conduct wetland delineations, with the cost not to exceed \$2,200; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

Soil Boring - A motion was made by Thompson to hire Northern Technologies Inc for geotechnical exploration and consulting services, at a cost of \$7,500; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Detention Meetings - Some detention meetings have been held in the County with some potential spots in the Hankinson area, Colfax area and the center part of the County.

Bridge Replacement on Project 31 - The steel and timber are in bad shape, plans are to remove the bridge and replace with three 72" culverts; the estimated cost is \$66,540. A motion was made by Campbell to participate in the Bridge Replacement Project; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous. The Water Board also passed a motion to participate in the project. The County will do the work later this summer.

Project 66A Sec 26 Mooreton Twsp - We have had an estimate of \$3200 from Ottertail Power to move the pole. The estimated cost to extend the culvert and re-do the radius in the ditch of CR15 is \$2400. The total project cost is estimated at \$5600. A motion was made by Berseth to split the costs 50/50 with the Water Board; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous. The Water Board also passed a motion to participate in the project.

Drain 2 Reconstruction - The excess levy vote has passed, currently working on permits, most likely a project for next summer.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April

30 5-County Meeting in Ellendale

May

5 Commission Meeting

19 Commission Meeting

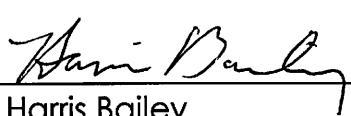
June

2 Commission Meeting

2 Equalization Meetings

16 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

ATTEST: 
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Sid Berg
Board of Richland County Commissioners