

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on November 3, 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. Visitor DelWayne Hoefts attended a portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by Berseth to approve the minutes of meetings October 6 and October 20; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

FEMA Projects - Previously submitted closeout request on Hasse Rd, tied this PW in with projects of 11 other sites so need to re-submit invoices, copies of checks, etc.

Trainings - Working with the Sheriff Dept and SEMCA on training for School Shooting Scenarios through a Homeland Security Grant. Also coordinating training for the Court House and LEC, not through the Homeland Security Grant.

Richland County THIRA - The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is submitting Threat, Hazard, Identification, Risk Assessment (THIRA) this week to the State DES & FEMA.

Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan - Working on updating the Mitigation Plan for FEMA approval.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Hage reported there will be 12 properties on the Sale this year - 5 new properties, 4 from prior years, and 3 mobile homes. The Sale is scheduled for November 17 at 10:00 AM.

## **JUVENILE DETENTION CONTRACT**

Sheriff Leshovsky requested approval of an Intergovernmental Service Agreement between Richland County and the Roberts County South Dakota Detention Center for housing Juvenile Inmates or Detainees.

Leshovsky had spoke with the Commission about this facility last July, but at that time, had not yet toured the facility. Angie from Juvenile Services and Sheriff Leshovsky have now toured the facility and saw no issues with it; State's Attorney McBeth has also reviewed the proposed Agreement.

A motion was made by Thompson to enter into the Agreement with Roberts County for Juvenile Detention; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous. The Agreement will need to be approved by the Roberts County Board of Commissioners also.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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

Bridge 133-46 - The Bridge is complete and was inspected by NDDOT, it is now open to traffic.

CH#1 & #3 Paving Projects - Mark Sand & Gravel completed mainline paving on October 26. The guardrail area and the additional portion to Highway Shop still need to be completed. Bridge Guardrail fabrication will be complete mid November. Liquidated Damages have been suspended, should we restart with the installation of guardrail? Damages are \$1600/day, they began October 1 through October 26. Discussion followed; the Board would like a commitment that the guardrail be done by December 1 and we will look at chip seal next spring. Bladow will followup with Mark Sand & Gravel.

Wahpeton Shop Building - The interior walls are ready to finish; the plumber and electricians will be working next week on lighting and heating; the locks have been changed.

### Other Department Matters -

- Roof at Hankinson Shop - received quote of \$122,177 for standing seam and \$95,710 for a conventional screw down roof; we need to bid if over \$100,000.
- 2009 140M Motor Grader - May have an interested buyer, will give the Township another two weeks and if they are not interested will sell to a private owner for \$135,000.

### **EAGLE TOWNSHIP - Bridge 122-8.3**

Dave Morken from Eagle Twsp was present. The Township met last night and passed a motion to contribute \$15,000 to get the bridge and road into Safer Condition; they also accepted Larry Moe's Petition and put it into the County's hands as to how.

Berg replied that the County's responsibility is for a Safe Bridge, it is the Township responsibility to straighten the road. It may be possible that the County will take care of the engineering and design costs estimated at approximately \$10-15,000; but would also want to eliminate the existing Easement with Larry Moe. If condemned we have to put culverts in.

Berseth commented that Moe would likely not Agree to that until the road is fixed.

Berg suggested the Township Abandon the road and make it noted that the dirt is to be used for projects in the Township.

Berseth commented that Eagle Twsp has offered \$15,000 plus fill and Colfax Twsp has offered \$5,000 so we have \$20,000 plus dirt in-kind. It would cost the County \$75,000 for a concrete culvert or we could put the road in.

Morken said the request to the Commission is to raise the road to the intersection.

Berseth stated the County has three options - 1) contribute a dollar amount, 2) we do the work, or 3) close the road.

Ehlert commented that the County obligation is culverts, not to build the road, if the Township wants to move the road, that is up to them.

Berseth replied that the County has an Agreement with Larry Moe to keep a cattle crossing - if we put culverts in, we break that agreement.

Berg commented that some farmers could build the road, with minimal costs.

Ehlert commented that he was not comfortable without a Clear Scope of Work - he would like to see project costs and engineering costs and who is responsible for what - he would like a more detailed plan and more detailed costs.

Thompson commented that a lot of bridges will be closed over the next ten years and the County isn't going to build roads for everyone.

Campbell commented that we need to fix the bridge and straighten out the road, he's entitled because of the easement. It is also a safety hazard so funds may be available. We need to put a plan together with costs to determine how much we can participate in-kind; it's likely it is going to cost the Townships more than \$15,000 and \$5,000. The project needs to be done but not by the County. We are here to help a little bit - but the township needs to give us a plan.

Berseth commented if we give them \$25,000 to \$30,000 and give ownership of the project to them, it takes it off the County as far as the project not being done to their satisfaction. By giving them \$25,000-\$30,000 we are saving money and allows Moe and the Township to determine how to fix the problem.

Campbell commented he could defend the \$25,000-\$30,000 because of the cost savings.

Bladow reported the estimated cost to do what were we going to do is \$40,000.

Campbell suggested holding up on a dollar amount until the Township comes back to us with firm figures.

Berseth asked who would take the lead on the project then. He would feel more comfortable with a dollar amount instead of taking the lead on the project.

Thompson commented that this started as a simple project - we put in a cattle crossing without straightening the road. This is a Township issue.

Berg commented it is a safety factor regardless of the bridge.

Berseth said he would be comfortable with Eagle Township and Larry Moe building the road and upon completion, we give them money.

A motion was made by Berseth to contribute \$45,000 towards the project upon the road being completed to the satisfaction of the Township and landowner Larry Moe, and the County complete replacing Bridge 122-8.3 with metal culvert and raising the road to the south of the Richland Church; motion seconded by Campbell.

The motion and second were amended to include Mr. Moe sign off on the Agreement with Richland County. Voting NO were Ehlert, Thompson and Berg. The motion Failed.

Campbell stated he could contact the State to see if any Safety Funds are available.

## **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

A motion was made by Berseth to approve a Quit Claim Deed between Richland County and Serena Heitkamp (Buckhaus); motion seconded Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve a Temporary Special Event Liquor Permit for Econo Wine & Spirits; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A) Social Service - Wayne Ulven, the newly appointed Board Member attended the last Board meeting. There have been more County Burials than normal.

A motion was made by Campbell to appoint Becky DeVries to replace Bev Stone on the SE Human Service Center Regional Council; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - Honeywell will be here today for a heat audit. Dan Thompson was appointed to serve on the Court Security Advisory Committee.

C) Public Health - The Health Board met several weeks ago to do a survey to review Administration. Senator Luick will be Job Shadowing in Public Health.

D) Job Development Board - The November meeting will be held in Great Bend.

E) Weed Board - No Report.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board - No Report.

H) Administration - Overloads were discussed at Annual Conference; met with the DOT and submitted our information.

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

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Department - Revenue Voucher for September, 2015.  
Sheriff Department Revenue & Expenses and Civil Balance Sheets for July, August  
and September 2015.

ATTEST: *Harris Bailey*  
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Auditor/Administrator

*Sid Berg* CHAIRPERSON  
Sid Berg  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for October, 2015.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	200,830.32
County Highway	67,856.63
Social Services	83,451.67
911 Communications	46,974.65
Drug Court	1,470.08
County Agent	4,547.72
Veterans Service	2,579.20
Weed Officer	2,448.00
Public Health Fund	62,919.46
JDA	405.00
SEMCA	9,116.06
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>482,598.79</b>

EXPENSES: \*\* Refer to  
resolution records

County General	150,650.86
County Highway	564,625.09
Bridge Repl Fund	82,288.40
Road & Bridge	25,177.17
15 Mill Road fund	29,615.56
Social Service	70,082.61
911 Communications	18,946.96
NDRIN	516.25
Capital Improvement	5,880.49
Drug Court Fund	625.08
Water Rescue	391.06
County Agent	31,066.86
Veterans Service	1,297.22
Weed Control Levy	22,774.85
Public Health	48,862.64
State Medical Levy	409.10
Garrison Div	409.10
Domestic Violence	385.00
Jail Concession	2,125.45
Sobriety Test Fund	1,560.00
SEMCA	1,929.63
JDA	48.53
ND Income Tax W/H	11,376.27
Sr Citizens Fund	409.10
Historical Society	6,451.24
County Agent Special	1,585.48
Soil Conservation	409.10
Water Mngt Levy	1,636.35
Joint Water Resource	818.22

**EXPENSE TOTAL** **1,082,353.67**

**TOTAL PAYROLL &**

**EXPENSES** **1,564,952.46**

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