

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 16, 2013**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on December 16, 2013 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 McBeth; and a Daily News Reporter. Visitor Orville Fenske attended a portion of the meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Housing Rehabilitation & Citizen Retention Grant - Received payment of \$30,676.90 for 2011 flood. Working with the State to possibly receive an additional \$30,000 for flood victims.

City of Fairmount - Loss of all City Wells - The City of Fairmount lost all city wells on December 10th.

- Brought in bottled water supply for 4 days.
- Semi's with tankers were used to fill water tower in reverse to prevent freeze up
- Put a "boil water order" in immediately when we started hauling
- ND Dept of Health gave clearance of water samples on December 13
- Red Cross sent bottled water
- WalMart donated a pallet of gallon jugs for cooking at school & senior center

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Bailey reminded the Board members to submit all 2013 expense reimbursement vouchers before the end of the year.

A motion was made by Berg to approve a Raffle Permit Application for the Richland County Wildlife Club; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Vacancies on the Water Board, Park Board, and Job Development Authority have been advertised.

Water Board Applicants - Don Moffet, Arv Burvee and Brian McDonald.

A motion was made by Miller to appoint Don Moffet and Arv Burvee to the Richland County Water Resource Board; motion seconded by Campbell. Voting NO was Heitkamp. The remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

Park Board Applicants - Arvid Christenson.

A motion was made by Berg to appoint Arvid Christenson to the Richland County Park Board; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.

Job Development Authority - No applications were received. Thompson said he would follow-up with the Board members whose terms were expired to see if they are interested in continuing.

A motion was made by Campbell to appoint Bev Stone to another term on the SE Human Service Center Regional Council; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- The 5-county Meeting scheduled for December 19th has been rescheduled for January.

A motion was made by Miller to approve Beer and/or Liquor Licenses for Terrace Lanes, J-Starr, Wakeside Bar & Grill, Texas Crossing and Dakota Magic Casino; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Tim Schulte, Lowell Bladow and Justin Flack. Representatives from Butler Machinery and RDO Equipment were also in attendance.

Berg reported he received a request from the Walcott Mayor asking if the County would be interested in sharing our lot so the City could put up a building to store equipment; they are interested in the south half of our lot.

- Thompson commented that he would be apprehensive to give up the space
- Schulte commented that the Highway Dept stores steel beams and chip seal at this location
- Bladow said at one time we had talked about adding on to the shop; but instead we moved some of the equipment to the Colfax Shop

The Highway Portfolio will discuss further and report back to the Commission.

ND Local Roadway Safety Plan - We attended the local roadway safety program workshop via webinar on December 4. After the first of the year, the consultant working on this project will have a report identifying possible projects and potential safety treatments.

Board Authorization for an Easement Release along CH#81 - Schulte has been contacted by Bryan Flaa regarding a drainage easement from when SH #81 was constructed back in 1951. The original ROW plat shows the easement going through the center of his property, but the ditch was actually constructed on the north end of his property.

Schulte was able to find the as-built plans showing the actual location had been changed from the original design, but the easement and ROW plan was never corrected. Now that the County is the owner of this roadway, we control the easements. In order to correct this, we would have to record a release of easement. We are working on locating the original easement from Flaa and then a release can be drawn up.

Motor Grader Bids - Two weeks ago we received bids from Butler and RDO for a new motor grader. Schulte has put together the cost comparison sheet to review. Following review of the cost comparison and comments from the bidders a motion was made by Campbell to purchase the Cat 140M from Butler Machinery; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Voting NO was Berg; the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

Liquid Propane Bids - The following bids were received:

Farmers Union Oil Southern Valley \$1.91

Dakota Ag Cooperative \$1.85

A motion was made by Campbell to accept all bids received; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous. The Board members suggested changing the bid date in the future in order to get a better bid price.

Other Department Matters -

- Meeting with Interstate Engineering and the NDDOT to review the concept report and determine the type, size and location of the new bridge scheduled for next year. Meeting is on-site at 10:30 this morning.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

A motion was made by Heitkamp to accept the bid of \$750 and approve the sale of County property in Wyndmere to Rick Score; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

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

Orville Fenske owns property along CR 22 bordering Greendale and Elma Townships. Fenske stated neither Township maintains the road, it is a service road, but they won't let him claim it is a private road.

McBeth replied if it is a section line road he has the right to travel on it, but he couldn't build privately on it. He could ask the Township to vacate it.

WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Thompson informed the members of the Water Board of the appointments made earlier in the meeting.

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30A.M.

ATTEST: *Harris Bailey*
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

Dan Thompson CHAIRPERSON
Dan Thompson
Board of Richland County Commissioners