

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on February 18, 2014 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.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Haz Mat Cleanup - The Barney Fire Dept responded to a Semi roll-over last night on Hwy 13 & County Rd 25. A Diesel Fuel leak required Haz Mat cleanup.

NIMS 100 & 200 Training - Scheduled for February 19th at the Lidgerwood Fire Station. Approximately 50 people have signed up.

Richland County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - Meeting is scheduled for 1:00 PM on February 26th.

SE Regional Fire School - Classes offered: Burn Building Fire with Rescues; Ropes & Knots with Hoisting of Tools & Equipment. Scheduled for March 15th at Fargo Fire Station #4.

Low Water Crossing by Dave Ward's - Working with FEMA & Justin Flack; put in as an improved project and putting in culverts with cement over the top.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence from ND Court Facilities rejecting our proposal for enclosing the LEC and Courthouse
- Invitation to Red River Basin Commission Dinner
- Bailey distributed maps of county owned facilities in Wahpeton as a reference to previous talk of finding a place for our snow plow.

JOHN ANDERSON - BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Court Facilities Grant - Thompson asked about the Court Facilities rejecting our project and where we now stand. Bailey replied, if approved they would have paid 75% of the \$400,000 project; without that participation, it would be up to taxpayers. No action was taken by the Board; discussion ended - we have the preliminary plans and estimate of costs if we decide to move forward.

Highway Office Remodel - Estimates have been received - a contracting estimate of \$13,914 and an office furniture estimate of \$5,000. The Board requested another estimate for contracting; the portfolio commissioners will review and bring back to the full Board.

Landscaping - Berg asked about plans for landscaping. Anderson has received an estimate from Dean's Landscaping for \$21,000 which would include reusing some of the existing bricks. The Board requested Anderson get another estimate.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance was Justin Flack.

Fairmount Elevator Paving - The original cost estimate was \$109,176. Area contributions were \$98,000 leaving a remaining balance of \$11,176.

The actual project cost was \$148,749.58 which is an overrun of \$39,573.58. The Township is also responsible for \$12,280 in chip sealing costs.

Bailey recommended billing the Township for the remaining balance of \$11,176 and the County pay for the overrun costs of \$39,573.58.

A motion was made by Heitkamp that the County pay the overrun costs of \$39,573.58 and to bill the Township \$11,176; motion seconded by Campbell. Voting NO was Berg. The remainder Voted Yes and the motion carried.

Miller questioned why the Engineering estimate was so far off and asked Flack to follow-up. Miller will contact the elevator to see about recovering some costs.

Campbell recommended that with any joint projects in the future, we determine who will be responsible for overruns prior to the project startup.

Co Rd 2 Addressing Issue - Co Rd 2 overlaps itself by almost 2 miles. This is causing a potential addressing issue and concerns with emergency responders. Flack and Jill Breuer presented the following proposal to the Board.

- Rename the north section of #2 to County Road #2N. Leave the whole south stretch of the road unchanged as County Road #2.

Following discussion a motion was made by Miller to approve the proposal - renaming the North section of #2 to County Road #2 N and leave the whole south stretch of the road unchanged as County Road #2; motion seconded by Berg. Voting NO was Heitkamp. The remainder Voted Yes and the motion carried.

CR 1 & 22 - Plan to bid in March; both projects combined on the same bid, with projects split out to give the County the ability to choose what work will be done.

Bridge 126-30 over the Wild Rice - Targeting a May bid letting. PS & E meeting with Interstate Engineering & DOT today.

Local Road Safety Program - A Preliminary draft report has been completed for Richland County. The Report suggests potential projects and ranks them in terms of highest risk. In the Fall of this year the NDDOT will accept requests for projects based on this report and distribute funds for selected projects. 10% local match is required.

Several areas of concern were discussed; if any Board Member has specific areas of concern they should give the information to Flack.

Darlene Irion Retirement - Darlene has submitted a letter stating she will retire March 17, 2014. She has been with the County since November 1983 and the Highway Department since January 1986.

NDDOT Construction Conference - Is scheduled for March 3-4. Highway Dept will not plan to present at Commission Meeting on March 3 unless something urgent comes up.

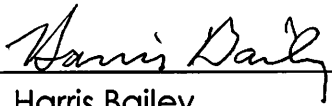
DEB FLACK AND DONNA HUSEBY - SEPTIC VARIANCE

Application from Richard Anderson, Lake Elsie - requesting to use existing septic system for a two bedroom year-round home. The home will be built in the same spot where currently there is a garage.

Huseby recommends approving the application with a stipulation that when the on-site sewage treatment area has failed/exceeded it's capacity the septic tank shall be used as a holding tank - pumped as needed.

A motion was made by Heitkamp to approve the Variance as requested with the stipulation as recommended by Huseby; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

ATTEST: 
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Dan Thompson
Board of Richland County Commissioners