

## **RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**February 3, 2014**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on February 3, 2014 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Tim Campbell, Jason Heitkamp, and Perry Miller present. Commissioner Thompson was absent. Also present were Administration Personnel Bailey and State's Attorney McBeth.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Heitkamp; second by Campbell to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014 meeting of the Richland County Board of Commissioners. Vote was unanimous.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Lambrecht reported:

#### Bobcat-Doosan Fire-

-Two propane tanks had leaky valves

#### Training Opportunities

-Train rail car training 2/11/14 at Wahpeton Southside Fire Hall

-NIMS 100 & 200 training 2/19/14 at Lidgerwood Fire Hall.

### **Galchutt Land Sale**

-After protracted discussion on land sale procedures; Motion by Campbell, second by Miller to pay TRN Abstract for updating the abstract on the Galchutt property sold in 2013. Vote was unanimous.

The discussion made it clear this was a one-time exception and did not set a precedent for tax sale properties.

### **Treasurer's Report**

-Motion by Campbell; second by Miller to accept the January Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous.

-Motion by Heitkamp; second by Miller to accept the semi-annual Report of Pledged Assets. Vote was unanimous.

### **Tax Director Report**

-Motion by Heitkamp; second by Miller to accept the Soil Committee recommendation to use the Productivity Index from the Natural Resource Conservation Service in lieu of the Richland County PI, which includes corn. Vote was unanimous.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel in attendance were Justin Flack & Lowell Bladow

1. Caterpillar Tractor
  - a. Lease is up in January with a buyout of \$25,039.00 with \$8,883 annual lease payment in the 2014 budget.
  - b. Motion by Heitkamp; second by Campbell to buyout the tractor lease. Vote was unanimous.
2. Project BRO-0039(041) Bridge.
  - a. Memorandum of Agreement on Historic Preservation of bridge that will be removed
  - b. Motion by Campbell; second by Heitkamp to authorized Vice Chairman to sign MOA. Vote was unanimous.
3. Maintenance Certification
  - a. Annual Certification from NDDOT that Richland County is continuing to properly maintain Federal Aid Construction Projects.
  - b. Motion by Campbell; second by Heitkamp to authorize signing by appropriate officials. Vote was unanimous.
4. Culvert bids
  - a. Highway Department requests permission to advertise for annual bids on culverts
  - b. Motion by Heitkamp; second by Miller to advertise for culvert bids. Vote was unanimous.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A) Social Service-Department is running smoothly.
- B) Buildings & Grounds-The grant application for the walkway between buildings was not well received in Bismarck and appears to be dead.
- C) Health-Nothing to Report
- D) Job Development Authority- Nothing to Report
- E) Weed Board-Board is continuing to evaluate the hours worked by staff
- F) Soils Committee- Nothing to Report
- G) Park Board- Nothing to Report

## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

### City of Lidgerwood-

-Requested the purchase of four tax sale properties- parcel nos. 47-1-2916; 47-1305-3339; 47-1305-3401; and 47-1-1381 for \$1 each.

-Motion by Heitkamp; second by Miller to authorize sale. Vote was unanimous.

### City of Fairmount-

-Requested the purchase of a tax sale property – parcel no. 46-0001-02182 for \$1

- Motion by Heitkamp; second by Miller to authorize sale. Vote was unanimous.

### Flaa/Julson-County/NDDOT

-When constructing US81 in 1952 the NDDOT wrote a letter to Leonard Flaa agreeing to move a cattle underpass to the quarter section line of his property, but did not change the original plans that were recorded. When US81 became Richland County 81 NDDOT transferred ownership of the land in the middle of the property to the county. The land surrounding the county property was transferred from the Flaas to Ron and Nadine Julson in 2010.

-Motion by Heitkamp; second by Campbell to exchange deeds between the County and Julsons to correct the error in recording the 1952 transaction. Vote was unanimous.

## BILLS

-Motion by Heitkamp; second by Campbell to approve the payment of bills. Vote was unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Revenue Voucher for December 1-31, 2013; and Sheriff Department Revenue & Expenses and Civil Balance Sheet for December 2013.

ATTEST: Harris Bailey  
Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

Dan Thompson CHAIRPERSON  
Dan Thompson  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for January, 2014

PAYROLL (inclusive)

General	196,464.60
County Highway	79,514.55
Social Services	81,471.56
911 Communications	41,330.28
Drug Court	1,434.59
County Agent	4,410.64
Veterans Service	3,929.47
Weed Officer	400.00
Public Health Fund	64,806.85
SEMCA	<u>8,270.91</u>
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>482,033.45</b>

EXPENSES: \*\* Refer to  
resolution records

County General	293,437.00
County Highway	84,876.21
Social Service	71,145.25
Emergency Asst	250.00
911 Communications	21,995.72
911 Wireless	2,730.09
Drug Court Fund	292.86
County Agent	2,718.62
Veterans Service	1,667.41
Weed Control Levy	1,437.45
Public Health	26,576.93
Haz Chem Fund	159.97
State Medical Levy	20,193.00
Game & Fish	23,188.00
FEMA	24,833.19
Garrison Div	20,043.54
Domestic Violence	245.00
Jail Concession	1,985.19
Sobriety Test Fund	618.00
County Park	2.25
SEMCA	3,547.24
JDA	185.32
ND Income Tax WH	12,273.32
Sr Citizens Fund	20,043.54
Historical Society	6,432.89
County Agent Special	50.00
Soil Conservation	20,043.54
Water Mngt Levy	80,174.16

Joint Water Resource	40,087.06
Tax Holding Fund	6,550,486.57
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>7,331,719.32</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,813,752.77</b>

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