

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 7, 2016 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; State's Attorney McBeth; and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Berseth to approve the minutes of meetings August 2 and August 16, 2016; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the minutes of budget meetings August 2, August 16 and August 17, 2016; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

Before the Final Budget is approved Berg requested further discussion on Compensation for those County Commissioners attending the JPA meetings and Berseth requested further discussion with departments regarding the purchase of new vehicles.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Minn-Dak Dryer Fire - The Dwight Fire Dept responded to a dryer fire at Minn-Dak on August 29, there was some damage to walls but there were no injuries.

Semi with broken frame on Hwy #81 by Galchutt Church - transporting 500 cow hides in salt brine from Montana to Wisconsin.

American Red Cross Shelter Training - Scheduled for September 22 at Harvest Outreach Church from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Presentations on Emergency Management Services - Given to Farmers Union of the Southern Valley-Cenex in July and to Tri-State Safety Association on August 24.

FEMA Audit - Audit for 2011 Flood will be the week of September 12-14.

ND Emergency Management & ND Dept of Emergency Services State Conference - Scheduled for September 12-15 in Bismarck.

### **DUI COURT REPORT**

Debra Reynolds reported there are two participants in the program scheduled to graduate, one in October and one in November. There was someone else interested in entering the Program but they were turned away, due to the uncertainty of funding.

Campbell notified Reynolds that no funds for the DUI Court were included in the 2017 County Budget.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

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

Hage distributed packets to the Board for setting minimum sale prices on delinquent tax properties. There are 96 properties and 5 from prior years. The Minimum Sale Price Hearing will be held on October 4.

### **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

- correspondence from Don Heitkamp re- Decree by Ag Commissioner Goehring
- correspondence from ND Dept of Health re- Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative
- correspondence from ND Attorney General re-Three Rivers Crisis Ctr

A motion was made by Berseth to approve a Temporary Liquor License for the Black Pelican, LLC for an event September 10; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

Bailey reported the Voting Location for Wahpeton Ward 4 will be moved from the Middle School to Faith Church at the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> Ave & 11th Street.

The Board discussed scheduling a date for the Budget Hearing - it will be scheduled for either September 20 or September 28 at 7:00 PM.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

16<sup>th</sup> Ave and Co Rd 10 West of Walmart - The City of Wahpeton has requested County participation for three culverts under the road (City drain 3). They have received a quote for Cured in Place Pipe Lining of \$60,900, plus (6) new flared end sections for \$1,484 - for a total of \$62,384. The city has requested the County take the lead on this project.

Discussion followed and included:

- Cheaper options than pipe lining (the City should get a quote from Kindred Plumbing who is currently working on the 16<sup>th</sup> Ave Project)
- Need clarity from the City on what they will contribute to the project
- No funds were included in the County budget for this project
- Drainage is not the County's responsibility

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that they would need more specifics from the City and the City would need to take the lead on the project.

HB 1176 Projects - Start date for 21E is September 12; CH#1 will tentatively begin the last week in September.

### Other Departmental Matters -

- John Deere is offering a 4% discount on Motor Graders ordered by October 31
- will start work next week on replacing Bridge 114-21 in Antelope Twsp
- completed work replacing culvert south of Richland Church

Hohenstern reported that Alexandria Gravel Products contacted him, they have clay for \$2.00 - \$2.20/ton and they will load it and haul it to our pit; the Board had no objections to purchasing clay from Alexandria Gravel Products, Hohenstern will follow-up on it.

## **ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

Alan Amundsen - Abatement Application requesting a refund for amount of tax increases as house has been vacant for several years.

Fossum reported the application has been denied by Eagle Twsp; Fossum reported the residence does not qualify for the farm exemption.

A motion was made by Berseth to deny the application; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A) Social Service - The next meeting is scheduled for October.

B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - Quotes for a mower for the cemetery were reviewed. A motion was made by Thompson to approve the purchase of a zero-turn John Deere Mower for \$2775; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

Bailey reported that plans were to pour a slab of concrete and replace the rails on the front step to the courthouse but the historical society has notified us we need to use the same stone as is currently there; will follow-up with Hebron Brick and Fergus Falls Monument.

Ehlert reported he and Campbell met with several city leaders to discuss funding for Dispatch - a small group will be formed to work on establishing a contract.

Interviews will be held this week for the maintenance vacancy.

C) Public Health - No Report.

D) Job Development Board - The next meeting will be in Mantador on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

E) Weed Board - No Report.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board - The Horseshoe Lake project is coming along. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19.

H) Administration - Interviews for a County Agent are scheduled for September 8.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

- Campbell reported he has spoken to NDSCS and they included \$12,000 in the budget for Dispatch.
- Bailey reported he will be out of the Office January 3 - 26.
- Thompson reported a Courthouse Security Meeting is scheduled for 10:30 A.M. today.

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

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Dept - Revenue Vouchers for August 1-31, 2016.

ATTEST:

  
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Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

  
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Tim Campbell  
CHAIRPERSON  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for August, 2016.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	211,833.92
County Highway	80,640.42
Social Services	89,921.94
911 Communications	42,278.62
Drug Court	615.00
County Agent	4,719.19
Veterans Service	2,948.06
Weed Officer	3,185.00
Public Health Fund	68,819.52
SEMCA	8,796.03
JDA	450.00
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>514,207.70</b>

EXPENSES: \*\* Refer to  
resolution records

County General	176,707.05
County Highway	88,548.49
Road & Bridge Fund	11,148.10
Road & Bridge Equip	9,999.99
15 Mill Road fund	13,547.71
Social Service	43,527.68
Emergency Assistance	592.87
911 Communications	24,958.13
911 Wireless	1,993.84
Drug Court Fund	245.49
County Agent	2,056.54
Veterans Service	1,469.66
Weed Control Levy	2,582.10
Public Health	45,051.12
Haz Chem Fund	2,891.48
State Medical Levy	100.46
Garrison Div	1,262.70
Domestic Violence	280.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	54,508.32
State Aid Distribution	33,357.15
Jail Concession	1,592.70
Sobriety Test Fund	1,570.00
SEMCA	2,671.71
JDA	6,443.84
Sr Citizens Fund	1,204.71
Historical Society	296.34
Soil Conservation	534.36
Water Mngt Levy	4,276.35
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>533,418.89</b>

**TOTAL PAYROLL &  
EXPENSES**

**1,047,626.59**

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