

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 22, 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; and States Attorney McBeth.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- correspondence from Jen Klostreich, NRCS requesting a letter of support for Phase III of the EPA 319 grant in Richland County. A motion was made by Campbell to send a letter of support; motion seconded by Miller. Vote was unanimous.
- correspondence from FM Flood Diversion Board re- participation on the Diversion Authority Board
- Hage distributed packets to each Commissioner for setting Minimum Sale Prices, There are currently 122 properties and 8 from prior years. The Minimum Sale Price Hearing is scheduled for October 17th at 8:00 A.M.
- Red River Joint Water District 2014-2017 Water Management Strategy
- correspondence from Court Facilities Improvement Advisory Committee re- accepting grant applications for court facilities improvement and maintenance projects
- Thompson reported he received a letter from Wahpeton Legion and VFW Members concerning the Veterans Service Officer hired. Other Commissioners also reported receiving complaints.

Bailey commented on the complaints -

- 1) No Veteran on the Hiring Committee - Bailey is a Veteran and was on the hiring committee
- 2) Office Hours Cut Back - the hours were set based on how many hours were used to service Vets in the past
- 3) Misunderstanding that this is a Secondary job - it is not, this is her primary job
- 4) Concerns with the office move to the LEC - similar services are offered in the LEC and the connection to resources in the same area

Thompson will go to the individual VFW meetings to address.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September

29 Park Board Meeting (rescheduled from Sept 22)

October

9 5 County Meeting

12-14 Annual Conferences

17 Minimum Sale Price Hearing (Campbell, Thompson, Heitkamp)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance was Lowell Bladow.

Co Hwy 22 Project - We have not heard anything back from Central Specialties, the last we heard was they would be back on October 9 to start paving. Interstate Engineering will send them a letter stating September 20th was the completion date and notifying them of penalties.

Bridge Project - Industrial Builders has demolished the West pier and driven pile for the new west embankment, they plan to pour the pier some time this week. The new beams are being built in Bismarck and plans are to complete the project this fall.

Clearing and Snags in River - We applied for funds from the State Water Commission and are waiting to hear back. We have four bridges to be cleaned out. American Enterprise has been contacted for the cleaning.

Dave Ward Lo-Water Crossing - The pipe was ordered in August but did not pass the load test at the site last week.

Box Culvert East of Hankinson - The culvert that was sitting in Great Bend has been put back in Drain 65; there are appx two days of work to complete the project and do some clean up in Great Bend.

County Road 3 - Some patching is being done.

Storage Building Property - Thompson asked if anything had been done to the property by Wal-Mart. Bladow replied he met with Dennis Miranowski who said we would need to put in our own lift station or holding tank. The mowing has been done but we have not leveled it yet. Bladow would like to get a quote for the building plans from Lester Buildings.

WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Chairman Moffet reported:

- the budget was submitted on the 15th
- routine happenings
- tremendous amount of applications

Thompson commented it would be beneficial to get together and iron out some issues regarding areas of responsibility, notifications, etc. and work out details.

Thompson commented on Commissioner Heitkamp's recent letter to the editor, which referenced the Water Board, and the perception may be that Heitkamp is representing the entire Board of Commissioners.

Heitkamp replied that he stated in the letter to the editor that these were his opinions.

Thompson suggested concerns not be publically put in the newspaper and should be brought to the Board meetings.

JODY SCHULER - BRIDGE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Jane Priebe, Wahpeton Economic Development Director was scheduled to be on the Agenda today, but had to cancel.

Schuler said he was here because he has interest in a bridge feasibility study for a bridge and road connection from County Road 10 in North Dakota to Highway 75 in Minnesota. Local industry generates a significant amount of truck traffic; an additional bridge crossing north of the city and near industrial and ag-businesses could be an asset.

Discussion followed. No action was taken by the Board.

JILL BREUER - EARLY BIRD AWARDS

Early Bird Awards from the ND State Dept of Health were presented by Jill Breuer to 4 responders that assisted in welcoming Blake Arthur Heley into the world on June 2, 2014. Blake was born on I-29 at the Walcott exit. Tracy Hansen from Richland County Communications/911 answered the call. Deputy Kristen Thorsteinson, Richland County Sheriff's Dept; Laura Rieger, Walcott Quick Responders and Marlo Nash, Colfax First Responders responded to the scene.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Budget Information - Bailey reminded the Board that at the Public Hearing on September 17 the Board stated they would make a final decision on the 2015 budget at today's meeting. Bailey distributed two handouts and explained changes. (Copies attached)

- A motion was made by Berg to approve the per diem change requested for the Water Board Members from \$100 to \$125; motion seconded by Miller. Voting NO was Heitkamp; the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.
- A motion was made by Campbell to approve the 2015 Budget as presented; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Heitkamp to give the Day After Thanksgiving as a Holiday to County Employees; motion seconded by Berg. Voting NO was Miller; the remainder Voted Yes and the motion carried.

Chairman Thompson will draft a letter to the Editor for the next meeting as a rebuttal to Commissioner Heitkamp's letter.

Being there was no further Business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

ATTEST: Harris Bailey
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

Dan Thompson CHAIRPERSON
Dan Thompson
Board of Richland County Commissioners

**SCHEDULE OF FUND ACTIVITY
ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS
Budget for the Year Ended December 31, 2015**

Richland County

Richland County

Description of Fund	PROJECTED	Revenues	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Expenditures	BUDGETED
	Fund Balance Jan 1, 2015					Fund Balance Dec. 31, 2015
GENERAL FUND	\$1,971,946.44	\$6,806,119.00	\$8,000.00	\$1,377,500.00	\$5,192,722.00	\$2,215,843.44
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,952,542.23	\$8,048,473.00	\$2,602,500.00	\$1,233,000.00	\$9,418,817.00	\$1,951,698.23
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$18,457.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,457.97
TOTAL TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS	\$6,948,348.84	\$25,076,205.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,729,397.00	\$7,295,156.84
GRAND TOTALS ALL FUNDS - 2015	\$10,891,295.48	\$39,930,797.00	\$2,610,500.00	\$2,610,500.00	\$39,340,936.00	\$11,481,156.48
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND						
DSR ADMINISTRATIVE	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
COUNTY HIGHWAY DISTRICT	\$216.77	\$2,774,706.00	\$762,000.00	\$415,000.00	\$3,118,425.00	\$3,497.77
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT FUND	\$347.36	\$0.00	\$225,000.00		\$225,000.00	\$347.36
ROAD & BRIDGE EQUIPMENT	\$138.64	\$0.00	\$415,000.00		\$414,942.00	\$196.64
15 MILL ROAD	\$625.98	\$1,270,120.00	\$0.00	\$625,000.00	\$414,580.00	\$231,165.98
SOCIAL SERVICES	\$679,460.64	\$1,769,496.00		\$21,800.00	\$1,840,493.00	\$586,663.64
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	\$937.83	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00	\$937.83
EMERGENCY FUND	\$225,574.38	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$225,574.38
911 COMMUNICATIONS	\$262.45	\$305,000.00	\$660,200.00		\$965,316.00	\$146.45
911 WIRELESS	\$428.83	\$192,000.00		\$163,200.00	\$29,100.00	\$128.83
NDRIN FEES	\$96.91	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,850.00	\$246.91
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CO PROPERTY	\$238.29	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$238.29
DRUG COURT FUND	\$21.09	\$0.00	\$31,000.00		\$31,010.00	\$11.09

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WATER RESCUE FUND	\$1,935.14	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	\$3,935.14
SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM	\$800.00	\$3,000.00			\$2,500.00	\$1,300.00
COUNTY AGENT FUND	\$73,229.18	\$167,760.00			\$163,987.00	\$77,002.18
VETERAN SERVICE FUND	\$50,842.33	\$10,340.00			\$40,856.00	\$20,326.33
WEED CONTROL LEVY	\$208,011.74	\$198,590.00			\$326,900.00	\$79,701.74
PUBLIC HEALTH FUND	\$125,381.48	\$377,877.00	\$301,800.00		\$687,510.00	\$117,548.48
HOME HEALTH FUND	\$75,455.00	\$182,600.00	\$140,000.00		\$331,956.00	\$66,099.00
FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM FUND	\$70.24	\$90,500.00	\$65,000.00		\$153,708.00	\$1,862.24
WIC PROGRAM FUND	\$3,428.73	\$71,234.00			\$71,234.00	\$3,428.73
HAZCHEM FUND	\$12,873.34	\$3,000.00			\$0.00	\$15,873.34
FEMA DISASTER REIMB.	\$337,132.68	\$275,500.00			\$275,500.00	\$337,132.68
JAIL CONCESSION FUND	\$39,017.80	\$16,000.00			\$14,000.00	\$41,017.80
SOBRIETY TEST FUND	\$4,043.14	\$12,000.00			\$10,000.00	\$6,043.14
COUNTY PARK FUND	\$11,400.86	\$83,490.00			\$71,000.00	\$23,890.86
JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$95,944.35	\$206,010.00			\$199,200.00	\$102,754.35
SHERIFF-COUNTERACT FUND	\$683.27	\$250.00			\$250.00	\$683.27
COUNTY AGENT SPECIAL ACCOUNT	\$3,943.78	\$15,000.00			\$15,000.00	\$3,943.78
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,952,542.23	\$8,048,473.00	\$2,602,500.00	\$1,233,000.00	\$9,418,817.00	\$1,951,698.23
TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS						
STATE MEDICAL LEVY FUND	\$324.85	\$79,530.00			\$79,530.00	\$324.85
GAME & FISH LICENSE FUND	\$15,907.00	\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00	\$15,907.00
THREE RIVERS CRISIS	\$0.00	\$10,400.00			\$10,400.00	\$0.00
GARRISON CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$175.39	\$87,900.00			\$87,900.00	\$175.39
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUND	\$245.00	\$3,600.00			\$3,600.00	\$245.00

-RICHLAND COUNTY-

****TOTAL TAXABLE
WITHOUT WAHPETON**

62,119,660

ACTUAL

9/9/2014

96.00%

DESCRIPTION OF LEVY FUND	MLLS	DOLLAR AMOUNT	BUDGET AMOUNT	MAXIMUM AMOUNT	MAXIMUM MILLS	
COUNTY LEVIES:						
	FROM-- 2013					
GENERAL FUND	- 2.25	30.85	\$2,384,405.79	\$2,289,000.00	\$3,478,063.55	45.00
FICA		14.65	\$1,132,302.91	\$1,087,000.00	\$2,318,709.03	30.00
HEALTH BENEFIT PROGRAM		4.00	\$309,161.20	\$296,800.00	\$618,322.41	8.00
ADVERTISING		0.50	\$38,645.15	\$37,100.00	\$38,645.15	0.50
CORRECTION LEVY JAIL		5.00	\$386,451.51	\$371,000.00	\$772,903.01	10.00
INSURANCE RESERVE		5.00	\$386,451.51	\$371,000.00	\$386,451.51	5.00
TOTAL GENERAL OPERATING	-2.25	60.00	\$4,637,418.07	\$4,451,900.00	\$7,613,094.65	98.50
HIGHWAY LEVY	same	8.00	\$618,322.41	\$593,600.00	\$618,322.41	8.00
COUNTY AGENT	same	2.00	\$154,580.60	\$148,400.00	\$154,580.60	2.00
SENIOR CITIZENS	same	1.00	\$77,290.30	\$74,200.00	\$77,290.30	1.00
COUNTY PARK	same	1.00	\$77,290.30	\$74,200.00	\$77,290.30	1.00
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	same	0.25	\$19,322.58	\$18,500.00	\$19,322.58	0.25
ROAD PROGRAM (15 MILLS)	same	15.00	\$1,159,354.52	\$1,113,000.00	\$1,159,354.52	15.00
COUNTY LOAN PAYMENT	same	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$231,870.90	3.00
JOINT WATER RESOURCE	same	2.00	\$154,580.60	\$148,400.00	\$154,580.60	2.00
GARRISON	same	1.00	\$77,290.30	\$74,200.00	\$77,290.30	1.00
VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE	- 1.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$154,580.60	2.00
HUMAN SERVICES FUND	same	15.00	\$1,159,354.52	\$1,113,000.00	\$1,545,806.02	20.00
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	same	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
EMERGENCY LEVY	same	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$154,580.60	2.00
SOIL DISTRICT	same	1.00	\$77,290.30	\$74,200.00	\$154,580.60	2.00
WATER RESOURCE	same	4.00	\$309,161.20	\$296,800.00	\$309,161.20	4.00
JOBS DEVELOPMENT AUTHOR**	1.50	1.50	\$93,179.49	\$89,500.00	\$309,161.20	4.00
WEED CONTROL**	same	2.00	\$124,239.32	\$119,300.00	\$309,161.20	4.00
TOTAL COUNTY	-1.75	113.75	\$8,738,674.51	\$8,389,200.00	\$13,120,028.59	169.75
STATE MEDICAL CENTER	same	1.00	\$77,290.30	\$74,200.00	\$77,290.30	1.00
GRAND TOTAL	-1.75	114.75	\$8,815,964.81	\$8,463,400.00	\$13,197,318.90	170.75

LEVY DOWN FROM 2013 - 1.75

City of Wahpeton Levy for County/State

111.25

2013 Total Levy

\$8,148,451.99

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New Growth

\$562,227.00 Zero Increase No. Mills=

106.20