

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on February 20, 2018 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer; and a Daily News Reporter.

SHERIFF LSHOVSKY & TODD CHRISTIE - VEHICLE BIDS and COMMISSARY FUNDS

Sheriff Leshovsky reported he has received bids for an SUV and Sedan to replace some older vehicles. Three SUV bids were received - from Wolfe Ford, Lidgerwood; Smith Motors, Wahpeton; and Dakota Chrysler, Wahpeton. There were two Sedan Bids - from Dakota Chrysler, Wahpeton; and Wolfe Ford, Lidgerwood. The following were the low bids:

Dakota Chrysler Wahpeton - 2018 Dodge Durango \$28,950
Wolfe Ford Lidgerwood - 2018 Ford Police Interceptor \$25,360

A motion was made by Campbell to accept all bids received and authorize the Sheriff to purchase the 2018 Dodge Durango from Dakota Chrysler and the 2018 Ford Police Interceptor from Wolfe Ford; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

Leshovsky presented a Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the Sheriff's Office and the US Forest Service to document a cooperative effort between the parties to enhance law enforcement on National Forest Service lands. Leshovsky explained it is done each year and it is for patrolling the SandHills Area. The Agreement was given to Kummer to review and if acceptable, the Portfolio Commissioner will sign.

Todd Christie reported on the Twenty-four Seven Sobriety Program Funds and the Inmate Welfare Funds and how those funds could be used.

The Twenty-four Seven Program Funds are collected from offenders participating in the program for breath testing, urine testing, drug testing and electronic alcohol monitoring fees. The program fees may only be applied to the twenty-four seven sobriety program support services, equipment maintenance/replacement, and compliance with the program. Christie may look into having a Kiosk in the Lobby Area of the LEC for the electronic bracelets. The front Office Area needs some remodeling to be

more secure and part of the jail, they would also like to have someone stationed there during business hours.

The Inmate Welfare Fund is derived from proceeds from the commissary as well as telephone usage and other inmate-related commerce activities - policy guidelines state funds should be used for the welfare and benefit of the inmate population such as education programs and recreational goods and services; however there is nothing specific in Century Code on how those fees can be used.

Ehlert explained the Board has become aware of the growing Fund Balance in the Commissary Fund and is considering a portion of those funds be used for replacement of toilets in the jail.

Leshovsky and Christie commented on the Indoor Recreation Requirements for inmates which is something that the Commissary Funds could be used for, but Space is the concern with that.

Leshovsky suggested funds be included in the budget each year specifically for Jail Maintenance needs such as doors, toilets, plumbing, etc. either through his Budget or the Buildings and Grounds Budget.

Following discussion a motion was made by Berseth to use Commissary Funds for the purchase of three toilet replacements in the Jail Facility (contingent on state law) and address a line item in the budget for jail maintenance at budget time or sooner; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Hage reported the last Police Service Contracts for the cities of Hankinson and Lidgerwood were executed in 2015 with an automatic renewal of one year. She recommended new Contracts be drawn-up which include an auto-renewal. State's Attorney Kummer will review the existing contracts and Sheriff Leshovsky will look at costs to determine if there should be an increase.

New County Treasurer, Sarah Erickson was introduced to the Board. Today is her first day.

Brett Lambrecht reported on a meeting with representatives from Wilkin County, Interstate Engineering, the City of Breckenridge, and the City of Wahpeton - A conference call was held with representatives from FEMA, DNR, and Houston Engineering regarding the LOMR process to get a status update from FEMA.

FEMA has been moving forward with the LOMR approval process based on data submitted by the Corp of Engineers; we have contested that the data gathered by the Corp is grossly flawed. FEMA said they are willing to look at other data if submitted by a separate engineering firm. Now that FEMA has agreed to look at additional data, Interstate Engineering will put together a RFP for review and the cost will be split with the counties of Richland and Wilkin and cities of Breckenridge and Wahpeton.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Jesse Sedler, Lowell Bladow and Moriah Herding.

Cost Participation Agreement - The City of Wahpeton and the County have agreed to split the 10% cost share for the replacement of the railroad crossing and signal upgrade during the construction of 16th Ave N.

NDDOT and RRVW will work with the City and County to upgrade the RR crossing and the cost will be divided among the four entities 90/10 split with the County and the City of Wahpeton each responsible for 5%.

A motion was made by Berseth to enter into the Cost Participation Agreement with the City of Wahpeton for the cost share of the Railroad Crossing Upgrade on 16th Avenue and Commerce Street; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Chip Seal on 11th Ave S - The City of Wahpeton is chip sealing 11th Ave S; it is our County Rd #24 and a farm to market road. The County is responsible for 28 ft of the middle of the roadway, estimated cost is \$21,700. We were not aware of this project so it was not included in the 2018 budget. The City said they would work with us to pay them next year so we will budget for and pay the City in 2019.

Equipment Operator - Will be taking applications through February 26.

Safety Inspection of Concrete Box Culverts - The NDDOT has received permission to extend the inspection cycle from 24 months to 48 months on Reinforced Concrete Box Culverts that are 3 years of age or older that are not deficient and meet the standards. We currently have 12 structures that meet the standards. Sedler requested Board authorization to move forward with the 48 month inspections on the 12 structures; they will be inspected in 2020 and every 48 months thereafter. A motion was made by Berseth to go to a four-year cycle on box culverts that meet the criteria to be inspected on a 48 month cycle; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

Abercrombie and Great Bend Bridge Approaches - Have received complaints that there are major bumps on the Abercrombie bridge approach at the end of the structure. The Great Bend Bridge east of town is in the same condition. These areas will be added as alternates on the overlay plans being worked on for County Rd 1 and if bids come in within budget we will proceed with them. Bump signs were placed at the Abercrombie location last week.

Motor Grader Bid Opening - Scheduled for 9:00 A.M. today (See later in minutes).

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Hage reported that signatures on Bank Accounts need to be updated due to the change of personnel.

A motion was made by Thompson to remove Harris Bailey from the Signature Cards on all Bank Accounts; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell that the authorized signatures on all Bank Accounts handled through the Treasurer's Office be Leslie Hage, Sarah Erickson, and Tricia Kriel; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve a Temporary Liquor License for the Black Pelican for an event at the Bagg Farm (contingent on a current state license); motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to authorize payment of \$348.60 to Tim Fox for reimbursement of a plane ticket to attend a DNR policy meeting in St. Paul; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

MOTOR GRADER BID OPENING

Bids were received from Butler Machinery and RDO Equipment. (Bid Summary Sheet attached to minutes).

A motion was made by Berseth to accept all motor grader bids received for tabulation; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February

21 JDA Meeting

March

6 Commission Meeting

19 Park Board Meeting

20 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:12 A.M.

ATTEST: 
Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator


Rollie Ehlert
CHAIRPERSON
Board of Richland County Commissioners