

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 18, 2019**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on June 18, 2019 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehler and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DeVal; Assistant State's Attorney Moen and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Berg to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried with all voting 'aye'.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

FEMA - President Trump has signed a Disaster Declaration for 2019 Spring Flood Recovery - will schedule township meetings on recovery.

Water is still too high in some areas so the Highway Department has not been able to inspect all County bridges.

One individual had his own bridge destroyed over the Wild Rice - It was an older plank bridge. We held a conference call with Denver to see what could be done for this individual as it is a unique situation and no FEMA funds are available.

Fires -

Richard Spellerberg Shop Fire on May 20
House Fire in Wyndmere on May 25

Dive Team - The Dive Team was called to Dead Colt Creek to recover a victim inside a vehicle in 28 ft of water.

The Dive Team would like to purchase portable Sonar Equipment from Tier 2 Funds, the estimated cost is \$1200.

EMPG Grant - Working on the 2019 Grant, it is a 50/50 match.

Court Room Security Grant - A Committee met last week to discuss applying for grant funds to attach the Courthouse and LEC.

TODD CHRISTIE - VACANCY IN JAIL STAFF

Christie reported a Female Corrections Officer has turned in her resignation and he requested permission to advertise for a Female Officer. With the new state requirements they must have a female officer on duty at all times.

Christie reported the average daily population is down in the jail due to changes in sentencing, but they remain busy all the time with inmates coming in or being released.

Following discussion a motion was made by Campbell to authorize Christie to fill the vacancy in the jail; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

ATTORNEY AMY CLARK - LIQUOR LICENSE

Terrace Bar & Lounge Manager Nick Heitkamp was also present.

At the April 2 Commission Meeting the Board approved a Liquor License for Terrace Bar & Lounge due to a change of ownership of the bowling alley.

Clark explained they plan to hold outdoor events at the bowling alley during summer months and want customers to be able to take their drinks outside during events. State's Attorney Kummer recommended they come back to the Commission to submit an addendum to the original application along with drawings of where alcohol may be allowed outdoors.

A motion was made by Ehlert to approve the addendum to the Liquor License allowing alcohol outdoors during events; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berg to approve a Game Site Authorization for Head of the Red Youth Activities Assn for gaming at Terrace Lanes; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Engineer Jesse Sedler was present.

Drain Tile Project - Co Rd 10 (4.5 miles) from 81 to Interstate. The project is moving forward; the Notice to Proceed and Construction Agreement were executed by Chairman Thompson.

Certifications for Local Match

- HSIP Project for signing, rumble strips, pavement markings, lighting, etc.
- Co Rd 10 Signal upgrade \$14,174.65 final bill
- Co Rd 10 (City limits) Crossing Upgrade - \$6,356.31 final bill

The Certifications for Local Match were executed by Chairman Thompson.

MISC -

- finishing the shouldering work on CR4 today
- Knife River to start putting up TC and milling tapers this week and hope to start paving next Friday
- Lowell Bladow's retirement party is June 20 from 3:00-6:00 at the American Legion by Lake Elsie
- issues with individuals going around barricades where culverts are out
- concerns with overweight enforcement on CR 1

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Thompson reported that with the resignation of County Agent Kayla Carlson, NDSU has suggested Ronda Gripentrog fill in for Carlson's duties until someone is hired; a Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted with terms for part-time contract work for Gripentrog. A motion was made by Campbell to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Richland County and NDSU Extension to provide Supplemental Family and Community Wellness and 4-H Youth Programming; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Hage reported on the Social Service Redesign meeting she recently attended in Bismarck along with Commissioner Campbell and Social Service Director Hasbargen. Zone and Zone Board members were discussed at that meeting - Richland, Ransom and Sargent will pursue being in a Zone, with Richland County being the host County.

WATER RESOURCE BOARD

All Water Resource Board members were present; Highway Engineer Sedler was also in attendance. The Commission was informed on the following by WRB Chairman Friskop.

- The main project this year is Drain 7 being reconstructed (appx 3 miles) in Garborg Twsp
- Engineering Technician Johnson has been checking drains from the spring flooding
- Some snagging and clearing needs to be done in various locations, the WRB is securing bids. Engineer Sedler expressed concerns with debris up against numerous County bridges
- Helendale Project has been approved by the State Water Commission, with contingencies - including a condition that a permit be secured from the County.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June

- 18 Soils Meeting
- 25-27 Auditors/Treasurers Convention

July

- 2 Commission Meeting
- 11 5-County Meeting
- 16 Commission Meeting
- 16-17 Budget Meetings

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

ATTEST: 
Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Danny D. Thompson
Board of Richland County Commissioners