

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 23, 2018**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on January 23, 2018 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Rollie Ehler and Dan Thompson. Commissioner Tim Campbell was absent. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Bailey, DeVal and Hage; State's Attorney Kummer; and a Daily News Reporter.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Bailey presented Year-end Budget Adjustments and Transfers to the Commission. (Copy attached to minutes).

A motion was made by Thompson to approve Year-end Transfers as presented; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to approve Year-end Budget Adjustments as presented; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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

2012 Cat Wheel Loader Buyout - Requesting authorization to approve the buyout for \$117,044. A motion was made by Thompson to approve the buyout of the 2012 Cat Wheel Loader; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

Retirements - Paul Berg will be retiring January 31 - requesting authorization to open the position in house first and open the position to the public on February 6. A motion was made by Berg to announce the vacancy; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

16<sup>th</sup> Ave Mill & Overlay - At the January 2 Commission Meeting a motion was passed to enter into a cost Participation Agreement with the City of Wahpeton. The City of Wahpeton plans to mill and overlay 16<sup>th</sup> Ave from the RR tracks to the 210 Bypass. We would mill and overlay the intersection of County 10N and 16<sup>th</sup> Ave to improve intersection safety and transition into the RR crossing.

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%.

## MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Hage asked if Tim Fox was still on retainer for the JPA for 2018. Berseth replied Yes. Kummer asked if he was acting as an Attorney or a Consultant for the JPA. Berseth replied as a Consultant.

A motion was made by Thompson to rescind the motion made on January 2<sup>nd</sup> approving the Minutes of Regular Meetings December 5 and December 19; Special Meetings December 7 (as corrected) and December 8; and Executive Sessions December 5, December 7 (as corrected) and December 8; motion seconded by Berg. Commissioner Berseth was absent from the Vote, the remainder Voted Yes and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Berg to approve minutes as corrected for Regular Meetings December 5 and December 19; Special Session on December 8; and Executive Sessions on December 5, December 7 and December 8; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

The Committee reviewing the RFP for a Vendor for Classification and Compensation Study met to review the RFP's received and it is the recommendation of that Committee to proceed with Arthur J Gallagher & Co from St Paul. A motion was made by Thompson to approve the Gallagher proposal and authorize Hage to negotiate pricing; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous. Discussion followed and included:

- possibility of updating our own job descriptions
- pinpointing a current Organizational Chart for the County
- implementing contingent on Cost Saving Measures by Departments
- closely looking into filling vacancies when they occur

Hage reported the Treasurer's Position closed on January 17; interviews will be done later this week.

A motion was made by Berseth to appoint Bill Berlin, Kenneth Veit and Arnie Anderson to the Richland County JDA Board; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

- Notice of Appeal from WalMart Stores from Attorney Randall Sickler

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

February

- 2 Soils Committee 9:00 AM
- 6 Commission Meeting
- 20 Commission Meeting
- 21 JDA Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:52 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Dept - Revenue Voucher for December 1-31, 2017;  
and Sheriff's Department - Revenue & Expenses for December, 2017.

ATTEST:   
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Leslie Hage  
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON  
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Rollie Ehlert  
Board of Richland County Commissioners