

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 3, 2018**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on April 3, 2018 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; State's Attorney Kummer; and a Daily News Reporter.

Ehler announced a change to the Agenda - the Richland County Water Resource Board will meet with the Commission at 8:40 instead of 10:00.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the minutes of Meetings March 6 and March 20; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Berseth to approve a Temporary Liquor License for the Black Pelican for an event at the Bagg Farm; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berseth to approve an invoice from Widseth, Smith, Nolting & Associates in the amount of \$10,280.95 for Professional Services; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

- Correspondence from City of Great Bend re- burning at Great Bend landfill
- Correspondence from ND Highway Patrol re - weight enforcement

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

CHRIS DEVRIES - CITY OF WAHPETON LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR OPPORTUNITY ZONE

DeVries briefly explained the Opportunity Zone Program. The program gives each State's Governor the authority to designate Opportunity Zones, or areas of populations that are eligible to receive private investments through Opportunity Funds. It is focused on rebuilding low-income communities.

The City of Wahpeton recently submitted an application for a census tract that contains land in both the City and Richland County. DeVries requested a letter of Support from the County for the Program.

A motion was made by Berseth to approve a Letter of Support for the City of Wahpeton as requested; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the Payment of Bills; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

- Hage reminded the Commissioners of the following:
 - a 5-County meeting is scheduled for April 5
 - the Filing Deadline for petitions is April 9 at 4 PM
 - a Department Head meeting is scheduled for April 4 at 2 PM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services - Case loads are steady, child protection numbers are up. The SE Human Service Center Advisory Board will meet in May.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - A waterline was recently replaced in the Courthouse; two blowers and several locks were replaced in the LEC; the Assessors Office remodel is nearly complete. Landscaping will be done this summer.
- C) Public Health - A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, April 4. Ehlerl requested he be involved when there are discussions on the Septic Systems requirements.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

Overlay on Co Rd 1 - Sedler requested authorization to advertise for bids to overlay Co Rd 1 (approximately 5 miles) from Co Rd 10 to Co Rd 8. A motion was made by Campbell authorizing the Highway Dept to advertise for Bids for overlay on County Rd 1; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

Misc

- the new hire at Colfax will begin April 9
- highway crews have started summer hours

COMMITTEE REPORTS continued

D) Job Development Board - The SVEDA Director hire will be announced this week, Lake Agassiz will administer. The next JDA Meeting will be in Wahpeton on April 18.

E) Weed Board - No Report.

F) Soils Committee - No Report.

G) Park Board - Bids have been received for tree stump removal at Mooreton Pond and to tear down an old bathroom at Mooreton Pond. Have applied for three Grants from Garrison Diversion -

- 1) - bathroom demo project at Mooreton Pond
- 2) - tree stump removal at Mooreton Pond
- 3) - roofing project at Abercrombie Park Gazebo

Hage reported she received a message that only the tree removal project is eligible for the grant; the other two are not eligible as they are considered maintenance projects.

H) A Department Head Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, April 4.

WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Burvee distributed a handout and explained changes to the Water Resource District application process. Discussion followed.

Highway Portfolio Commissioners, the State's Attorney and Water Resource Board Chairman will meet to discuss further and come to a solution.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM F/M DIVERSION AUTHORITY - UPDATED PLAN B PRESENTATION

A large group of visitors was present for the presentation.

Mary Scherling, Cass County Commissioner introduced Cass County Commissioners Arland Rasmussen, Chad Peterson, Vern Bennett; Fargo Mayor Tim Mahoney; and Erick Dodds of AE2S Engineering.

Dodds distributed a Handout and gave a presentation of Plan B. (Copy attached to minutes).

Scherling requested Richland County join Cass County in supporting the project for the greater good of the region.

CASH AALAND and CRAIG HERTSGARD - FM DIVERSION

Aaland and Hertsgard from the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) voiced concerns with the proposed Plan B and its negative impacts to Richland County.

JANE PRIEBE - FUNDING REQUEST FOR 150th ANNIVERSARY OF WAHPETON

Priebe is the Chairman of the steering committee, she announced there are four main events planned for next year and many mini-events in between. Funds are needed for advertising and to order mementos and souvenirs, history books and proposed historical markers.

Priebe requested Richland County's support as a financial sponsor and also as a resource for volunteers. She requested the Board consider \$15,000 in financial support in the 2019 budget process.

TED MAUCH - SECURITY AT BAGG FARM

Sheriff Leshovsky and Gary Ruhl were also present.

Mauch explained that the Black Pelican receives Temporary Licenses from the County to serve liquor at the Bagg Farm for Special Events and the Sheriff Dept has been providing security at the events. Mauch received a letter from the Sheriff Department stating they will no longer provide security at the Bagg Farm for these events. He is here today to figure out where to go from here, can he have his own people provide the security? Do they need to be licensed? Mauch has checked with Cass County and they have "event staff" and only call law enforcement if necessary.

Leshovsky explained he does not have the staff to continue to provide security so he sent Mauch a letter indicating Mauch had to provide "private security." Leshovsky reported there have been no issues at the Bagg Farm as far as breaking up fights or anything and there are no requirements for the Sheriff Department to be there. The Event Center is requiring the security for Insurance purposes.

Campbell asked why the individual booking the Bagg Farm can't take care of providing the security. Mauch replied they typically don't know about it until it is too late and then they call the Sheriff Department.

Leshovsky and Mauch will work together and State's Attorney Kummer will review the code to seek a solution.

SENATOR LARRY LUICK

Senator Luick commented on the earlier presentations regarding the Diversion; he has been pushing alternatives to the Diversion, and would like the F/M Diversion group to look at water management instead of the Plan.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April

- 4 Department Head Meeting
- 5 5-County Meeting
- 9 Filing Deadline
- 17 Commission Meeting
- 18 JDA Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:37 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Dept - Revenue Voucher for February 1-28, 2018.

ATTEST: 
Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator



Rollie Ehler
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for March 2018

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	229,894.03
County Highway	79,684.61
Social Services	99,112.68
911 Communications	48,330.69
Drug Court	4,087.51
County Agent	5,078.58
Veterans Service	4,142.67
Weed Officer	400.00
Public Health Fund	81,938.28
SEMCA	10,008.69
JDA	360.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	563,037.74

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records	
County General	254,870.38
County Highway	73,959.05
Bridge Repl Fund	1,157.15
Road & Bridge Eqpt	163,546.57
Social Service	40,582.67
Em Assistance Donation	57.00
911 Communications	31,831.37
Drug Court	1,776.79
County Agent	3,369.38
Veterans Service	1,948.81
Weed Control Levy	709.51
Public Health	47,914.29
State Medical Levy	30,962.09
FEMA	118,284.80
Garrison Div	30,962.09
Domestic Violence	105.00
Jail Concession	584.28
Sobriety Test Fund	1,941.00
SEMCA	9,385.31
JDA	8,719.35
Sr Citizens Fund	103,943.00
Historical Society	7,740.59
County Agent Special	1,018.95
Soil Conservation	30,962.09
Water Mngt Levy	123,848.55
Joint Water Resource	61,924.23
EXPENSE TOTAL	1,152,104.30
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	1,715,142.04

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CHAIRPERSON
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What is Plan B?

- ▶ 100-year Flood Protection Minimum
 - ▶ Some features designed to PMF (Probable Maximum Flood) as required by State and Federal Dam Safety Requirements
- ▶ Diversion Channel
- ▶ Southern Embankment and Control structures
- ▶ Temporary Staging of Flood Waters Upstream
- ▶ In-town Levees through Fargo-Moorhead

