

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**APRIL 4, 2017**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on April 4, 2017 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Bailey and DeVal; State's Attorney McBeth; and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Berg to approve the minutes of meetings March 14 and March 21; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

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

**DUI COURT REPORT**

Allen Wolfsteller, Coordinator for the DUI Court, reported there are currently three individuals enrolled in the Program, plans are to eventually expand the program to also include drug violations. The grant match was 25% and the County budgeted \$54,636 but because the DUI Court has 9 individuals volunteering and their base rate exceeds the 25% match, Richland County should not have to fund the DUI Court for the next three years.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Correspondence from KLJ re- Cass Rural Water Leonard Area Expansion Project
- Correspondence from City of Breckenridge re- Wellhead Protection Plan
- Correspondence from City of Great Bend re- cleanup of property

A motion was made by Ehlert to appoint Donnie Lingen to the Richland County Park Board, motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Thompson to accept the 2016 Audit Report; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the payment of bills; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A) Social Service - Still uncertain of legislative cuts in funding. Ehlert reported the SE Human Services Board is scheduled to meet this month.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - The elevated floor in Dispatch may be expanded to accommodate additional equipment.
- C) Public Health - No Report.
- D) Job Development Board - A meeting is scheduled for April 19.
- E) Weed Board - No Report.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - Donny Lingen was appointed to the Park Board by the Commission earlier in the meeting today. The Park Board is scheduled to meet April 17.
- H) Administration - No Report.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow, Ron Hohenstern, and Moriah Herding. Others in attendance were Interstate Engineering Personnel Damon DeVillers and Jesse Sedler and numerous visitors for the bid openings.

Bridge 123-24.3 over Antelope Creek - A motion was made by Berg to approve the Construction and Maintenance Agreement for this Project; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

State Hwy #18 - CPS Engineering is designing Radial T intersections north of Lidgerwood; would obliterate minor roadways intersecting with Hwy 18 at CH#16; County owns triangle sections of land where they need permanent ROW - Bladow informed them this would not be a problem.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

Jen Klosterich, Watershed Coordinator with the Richland Soil Conservation District stopped by the meeting to share concerns with the proposed revisions to the Ordinance for On-Site Sewage Treatment Systems.

Berseth informed Klosterich that the second reading of the Ordinance, amending the requirements, is scheduled for April 18, and Aaron Johnson an Environmental Health Practitioner with Fargo-Cass Public Health will be available to answer questions.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT continued**

Bid Opening for Gravel and Asphalt Crushing - The following bids were received:

	<u>Class 13/Ton</u>	<u>Asphalt /Ton</u>
Central Specialties - Alexandria MN	1.98	3.63
Krause Brothers - Wahpeton	1.254	7.30
Mark Sand & Gravel - Fergus Falls MN	1.263	6.45
M & M Contractors - Breckenridge MN	-	7.20
RTS Shearing - Jamestown ND	-	4.36
James Valley Sand & Gravel - LaMoure ND	2.85	-

A motion was made by Ehlert to accept all bids; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

Bid Opening for Bridge 119-35.1 Project - The following bids were received:

Industrial Builders, West Fargo	\$139,692.50
Swingen Construction, Grand Forks	\$151,402.50

A motion was made by Campbell to accept all bids; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Mark Sand & Gravel/Liquidated Damages - Last fall a letter was sent to Mark Sand & Gravel notifying them that hot bituminous overlay and incidentals for Richland County Highway No. 1, 21, 23 & 81 had a completion date of October 15 and liquidated damages would be assessed beginning October 16 at a rate of \$1600 per calendar day and would be assessed through November 15; the project was suspended November 16 through April 15.

A representative from Mark Sand & Gravel was present at the meeting. He reported they currently have a plant in Ashley and will begin paving there on April 17 when the road restrictions come off, they anticipate it will take two weeks and then plan to move to Richland County.

A motion was made by Campbell to resume liquidated damages beginning April 16 at \$1600/day; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

Roof of Hankinson Shop - Several options are being looked at -

- A foam spray on existing roof, seal & weatherproof - 18 year warranty  
estimated cost \$75,000
- Remove existing steel roof, add fiberglass insulation, replace with steel roof  
estimated cost \$108,000
- Steel roof over the existing roof  
estimated cost \$191,000 - if the existing roof is removed it will be an  
additional \$53,000

The Board will look at options when more information is available.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

April

- 4 Township Officers Meeting
- 6 5-County Meeting
- 17 Park Board Meeting
- 18 Commission Meeting
- 19 JDA Meeting

May

- 2 Commission Meeting
- 8 Legislative Wrap-up
- 16 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

ATTEST:

  
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Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

  
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Nathan A. Berseth  
CHAIRPERSON  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for March 2017.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	215,648.63
County Highway	65,294.44
Social Services	95,817.15
911 Communications	40,740.95
Drug Court	4,498.99
County Agent	4,858.19
Veterans Service	3,154.67
Weed Officer	670.00
Public Health Fund	75,617.83
SEMCA	9,617.00
JDA	360.00
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>516,277.85</b>

EXPENSES: \*\* Refer to resolution records

County General	250,749.18
County Highway	71,468.13
Bridge Replacement Fd	12,257.42
Road & Bridge Equip	67,303.95
15 Mill Road Fund	8,180.32
Social Service	55,960.82
Emergency Donations	782.87
911 Communications	19,183.05
911 Wireless	1,784.63
Drug Court	1,178.26
County Agent	3,027.92
Veterans Service	1,426.69
Weed Control Levy	1,411.72
Public Health	46,466.59
State Medical Levy	30,359.89
Three Rivers Crisis Ctr	975.00
Garrison Div	30,359.89
Domestic Violence	70.00
Jail Concession	2,893.26
Sobriety Test Fund	1,745.00
SEMCA	2,033.11
JDA	7,200.54
Sr Citizens Fund	101,293.57
Historical Society	7,589.99
County Agt Special	373.18
Soil Conservation	30,359.89
Water Mngt Levy	121,439.57
Joint Water Resource	60,719.89

**EXPENSE TOTAL 938,594.33**

**TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES 1,454,872.18**

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