

RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 17, 2018

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on April 17, 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.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence from Garrison Diversion re- presentations for grant applications

Hage reported Alliance Pipeline called to notify us they will be expanding their interstate natural gas line that runs through Richland County; there will be no new pipeline in the County but they will be expanding the compressor site. They will provide us more information as the project proceeds.

A motion was made by Berseth to approve a Beer Licence Application for Crooked Lane Farm Folk School LLC; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to approve an application for 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 Berg to approve a Raffle Permit Application for a Benefit for Nicholas Delvecchio; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve a Raffle Permit Application for the Hankinson Sandhills Saddle Club; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

Hage reported that Richland County is scheduled to host the next 5-County Meeting scheduled for July 12; the Board briefly discussed ideas for meeting locations and tours.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

2018 Homeland Security Grant - Have submitted letters of intent for the following:

- Richland County - LEC door security, Digital recorders with security cameras
- Abercrombie City - Generator/Fire Station
- Christine City - Generator/City Hall Community Center
- Lidgerwood City - Generator/Wells & Lift Station
- Fairmount City - Generator/Fire Station
- Wyndmere City - Generator/Wells & Lift Station
- Wahpeton City - Security Cameras City Hall
- Hankinson City - Generator/Wells & Lift Station

Sky Warn Training - Training was held April 16 in Wahpeton.

FEMA RiskMap Community Meeting - Scheduled for April 24 with Townships and Cities to identify old and new hazards and place them on FEMA Maps for identification purposes during an event.

FEMA - US Army Corps of Engineers for LOMR Remapping - Mike Bassingthwaite from Interstate Engineering was also present.

Lambrecht explained that 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 is flawed and misleading and doesn't represent historical events or our current hydrology data. If the LOMR is approved as is with the Corp data, Wahpeton and Breckenridge as well as Richland and Wilkin Counties will be locked into a very unfavorable situation. FEMA is 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 is willing to put together a hydrological study of the area in an effort to provide FEMA with improved data to create a more accurate flood plain map of the area. When complete representatives from the four entities will review and decide how to go forward.

Bassingthwaite explained they would team with Houston Engineering and explained the proposed tasks and phases of the project and provided cost estimates.

A motion was made by Berseth to commit \$18,000 (25% of the cost) toward the initial phase of the hydrological study; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

Railroad Crossings - The County share of the 16th Avenue RR crossing is \$10,210.14. NDDOT has funds available to cover 90% cost-share on other crossings in the County.

- Co Hwy #10 NW of Dwight - Signal Upgrade
 - Total Cost \$140,312.64 Our 10% share \$14,031.26

- Co Hwy 81 SE of Dwight - Surface Upgrade
 - Total Cost \$79,164.80 Our 10% share \$7,916.48

Our total cost share for both projects would be \$21,947.74, these projects were not included in the budget; the Advisory Committee recommends we proceed with the surface upgrade project SE of Dwight. Discussion followed.

Sedler will follow-up to see if there is a deadline to commit to these projects.

Replay of Co Rd 23 - approximately 4 miles. Replay would cost approximately \$22,000 per mile. The cost for a chip seal is approximately \$25,000-\$30,000 per mile. Replay was used on Co Rd 2N and is working well. Requesting authorization to advertise for bids for Replay on Co Rd 23.

A motion was made by Thompson to advertise for Bids for Replay on Co Rd 23; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

Helendale Meeting - 16 Farmers want to reconstruct 15 miles of new drain from Hwy 46 south to the Sheyenne River. They would help rebuild our Roads 23 and 2. They currently have a Permit out to the State Water Commission.

Bid Opening for Culverts - Bids were received from: TrueNorth Steel, Fargo
A motion was made by Berseth to accept all bids received; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

- A Department Head Meeting is scheduled for May 2
- Police Service Contracts for the cities of Hankinson and Lidgerwood have been revised and mailed
- Kummer will continue to research requirements/restrictions for the request from the city of Wahpeton for a Financial Contribution for their 150th Anniversary Celebration.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April


- 18 JDA Meeting
- 18 Health Board Meeting
- 19 SEMCA Meeting
- 19 JPA Meeting

May

- 1 Commission Meeting
- 2 Department Head Meeting
- 15 Commission Meeting
- 30 Veterans Service Expo

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

ATTEST: 
Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator


Rollie Ehlert
CHAIRPERSON
Board of Richland County Commissioners