

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 2, 2017**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on May 2, 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 Thompson to approve the minutes of meetings April 4 and April 18; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

Bailey distributed information received from the Richland County Water Resource Board regarding amendments to the drain tile law introduced during the 2017 Legislative Session.

A motion was made by Berg to approve a Quit Claim Deed between Richland County and Poppy Land Company, LLC; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous. The Deed was prepared to correct a legal description contained in a Warrant Deed recorded in 1998.

A motion was made by Berg to approve reimbursement to the Water Resource District in the amount of \$2,830.02 for Bliss Law Firm Expenses relating to the Diversion; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

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

Berseth reported he attended a meeting last week with the Corp and FEMA representatives - they are reviewing a new flood plain; representatives from Senator Heitkamp and Collins Peterson's office also attended as well as representatives from the cities of Wahpeton and Breckenridge and Wilkin and Richland Counties. Lambrecht will continue to monitor to see how this will affect Richland County.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Deb Flack distributed the Health Department Annual Report and pointed out the 2016 Highlights. There were no major Programming Changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) The legislature has put limits on carry-over balances.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - The front steps of the Courthouse are complete; the remodel in the LEC for the SEMCA office is coming along.
- C) Public Health - Received the Annual Report earlier in the meeting.
- D) Job Development Board - The next meeting will be held in Christine.
- E) Weed Board - Have received bids for spraying.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow, Ron Hohenstern, and Moriah Herding; visitor Jesse Sedler from Interstate Engineering; and several representatives from Mark Sand & Gravel.

Bridge 119-35.1 - A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for later today at Interstate Engineering.

Road Restrictions - Plan to remove restrictions on Monday, May 15.

Paving Projects with Mark Sand & Gravel - Representatives from Mark Sand & Gravel were present - they would like to move their Plant May 8 and start paving shortly after, road restrictions will determine what they can haul. They will evaluate their options.

Other Department Matters -

- 3 motor grader operators attended a Workshop in Bismarck last week
- Berg reported he was contacted by the mayor of Walcott, Lee Vining. The City of Walcott would like to place dumpsters at the County Shop Property again for several days for a city clean up. Bladow replied they are allowing a contractor to use the property for a rural water project to store equipment and stockpile materials for the next several weeks.
- Bailey reported he was contacted by a citizen regarding low wages for Highway part-time summer help. Thompson suggested raising the salary \$2.00/hr.

COMMITTEE REPORTS continued

G) Park Board - The Park Board will be meeting in June.

H) Administration - Bailey reported when the Salary Schedule was reviewed last fall, the Treasurer position was not adjusted - it should be raised to a Grade 19/Step 7. A motion was made by Campbell to adjust the Treasurer Position to a Grade 19/Step 7 retroactive to January 1, 2017; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

JANET GAGELIN - RICHLAND COUNTY POOR FARM CEMETERY

Others in attendance were County Recorder Cyndy Kolle and Restitution Program Director Darlene Lee.

Gagelin gave a brief History of the Richland County Poor Farm Cemetery. A Resolution was adopted by the Board of Commission on November 5, 1931 designating and platting a strip of land to be known as the Richland County Poor Farm Cemetery for low income interment. Gagelin has researched Undertakers Records and discovered no records of interments exist prior to 1931. So far 144 unmarked graves have been located. Gagelin reported when the ground has been opened up, remains have been found because they were not marked. Because of the concern for Dignity and Respect of those interned - she requested the Commission take action. The Fairview Cemetery Board is offering 8 Lots (each has 12 graves) at no cost. Fairview would do the maintenance and the County would continue to maintain the Poor Farm Cemetery. Fairview would create a section in the Cemetery for low income interments and the Poor Farm Cemetery would become inactive for interments.

A motion was made by Thompson to adopt a Resolution that the Poor Farm Cemetery become inactive for interments and the new placement for low income interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous. (Copy of Resolution attached to minutes).

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

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

ATTEST: Harris Bailey
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

Nathan A. Berseth CHAIRPERSON
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Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for April 2017.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	220,952.87
County Highway	70,332.05
Social Services	96,855.88
911 Communications	40,773.25
Drug Court	4,704.07
County Agent	4,926.87
Veterans Service	3,165.17
Weed Officer	445.00
Public Health Fund	75,638.83
SEMCA	9,617.00
JDA	315.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	527,725.99

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records	
County General	286,387.69
County Highway	55,871.34
Bridge Replacement Fd	1,703.07
Road & Bridge Equip	72,482.33
15 Mill Road Fund	531,554.70
Social Service	46,344.73
Emergency Donations	238.36
911 Communications	19,082.94
911 Wireless	1,644.16
Drug Court	1,135.20
County Agent	26,520.63
Veterans Service	2,006.22
Weed Control Levy	511.59
Public Health	31,420.47
State Medical Levy	1,783.08
FEMA Disaster Reimb	87,352.92
Garrison Div	1,783.08
Domestic Violence	175.00
Telecomm Tax Fund	185,292.44
Jail Concession	718.70
Sobriety Test Fund	1,810.00
SEMCA	2,439.88
JDA	24.08
ND Income Tax W/H	12,050.73
Sr Citizens Fund	1,196.66
Historical Society	299.15
County Agt Special	159.02
Soil Conservation	1,478.14
Water Mngt Levy	7,132.15
Joint Water Resource	2,979.67
EXPENSE TOTAL	1,383,578.13
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	1,911,304.12

ATTEST:


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Auditor/Administrator


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CHAIRPERSON
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

418 Second Avenue North
Wahpeton, North Dakota 58075

RICHLAND COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA RESOLUTION

Introduced by Commissioner Dan Thompson, who moved its adoption May 2, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF RICHLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

That the Resolution adopted by the Board of Richland County Commissioners on November 5, 1931 designating and platting a strip of land to be known as the Richland County Poor Farm Cemetery and recorded in Commissioner's Record "I" be amended;

Due to the number of unmarked graves; and

Due to no existing records of interments prior to 1931.

THEREFORE, The Resolution recorded in Commission Book I , November 5, 1931 be amended and The Poor Farm Cemetery become inactive for interments;

and

The new placement for low income interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery in the area designated by the Fairview Cemetery Board.

Commission Sid Berg, seconded the motion for adoption.

ATTEST: /s/
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

 /s/ CHAIRPERSON
Nathan Berseth
Board of Richland County Commission

Roll Call Vote	Ayes	5
	Nays	0
	Absent	0