

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 15, 2018**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on May 15, 2018 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Commissioner Tim Campbell was absent. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer; and a Daily News Reporter.

**DEB FLACK - HEALTH OFFICER**

Flack reported that Dr Mayo, the Health Officer for Richland County has submitted his resignation to the Health Board, effective June 30<sup>th</sup>; Dr Mayo has consulted with other physicians and Dr. Ostmo has agreed to serve as the Health Officer beginning July 1. Sanford Clinic has prepared an Agreement for the services of a Sanford-employed physician to serve as the Health Officer; it has been reviewed by State's Attorney Kummer. The only recommendation is to change the Agreement from Medical Officer to Health Officer.

A motion was made by Berseth to enter into the Agreement (as amended) with Sanford Health for a County Health Officer; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

In other business, Flack stated she would like to proceed with the Front Desk Remodel Project; the original quote received was over \$30,000. A quote of \$3,400 was also received for modular furniture which she may be able to use grant funds for; however, June 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. Berseth suggested getting another estimate for the remodel project. Commissioners Ehlert and Thompson will follow-up with John Anderson about getting estimates.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Correspondence from Don Heitkamp. State's Attorney Kummer has reviewed and determined his questions should be directed to the Attorney General as the County has no jurisdiction. Ehlert will follow-up with Mr Heitkamp.
- Correspondence from Federal and Insurance Mitigation Administration in response to the request that FEMA revise the Flood Insurance Study reports and Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Richland and Wilkin County and incorporated areas.

## **CITY OF WAHPETON ANNUAL EQUALIZATION REPORT**

Broadland distributed the City of Wahpeton Annual Report and minutes of the City of Wahpeton Equalization Meeting and highlighted on the following:

- 2018 appraised value and 2017 building permits
  - 2018 exemptions
  - appraisal efforts and sales ratio study
  - 2018 taxable valuation
  - ND city comparisons
- The 2017 sales ratio study placed commercial property at 92.7%. This ratio includes eight commercial sales from 2017, 4 vacant land sales along with 19 commercial sales from 2014 through 2016 resulting in a Total Commercial and Vacant Lot Sales Ratio of 93.1%. Residential property came in at 89.4%. The assessing office increased residential structures by 4% if built prior to 2015 in Hubbard & Tyler's 1001, Magoffin's 1101, Bade's 1201 and Chahinkapa 1601- Schuett 4201 to bring the residential sales ratio to 91.9%.

All values are within compliance.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel in attendance were Jesse Sedler, Lowell Bladow, Ron Hohenstern, Moriah Herding and Damon DeVillers from Interstate Engineering.

Co Rd 1 Overlay CP-0101(018) - Bids were opened at the last meeting and have been tabulated - Knife River Materials, Bemidji was low bidder with a base bid of \$720,048 and alternative #2 bridge ends bid of \$27,956.50. Total base bid with alt #2 is \$748,004.50. Recommend awarding the bid to Knife River Materials. A motion was made by Thompson to award the bid for Co Rd 1 Overlay (including Alt #2) to Knife River Materials; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

Safety Projects NDDOT 90/10 split - Bids came in 22.36% over the estimate. The Engineer's estimate was \$836,843 and low bid came in at \$1,106,554 or a difference of \$269,711. Have visited with NDDOT about eliminating bridge rail widening on Co Rd 3 which would save approximately \$307,000. Working with DOT to see if we could do this as a change order to the project.

Chip Seal of CR 1 - from RC#16 to ND#13. A motion was made by Berg to advertise for chip seal bids on County Rd 1; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous. Bids will be opened June 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### Misc -

- received the rental cat blade last week
- have 4 miles shouldered on Co Rd 1

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

- Berg has been in contact with Dakota Vines and Winery as an option for the 5-County meeting on July 12 and they will be happy to host it; Berg will contact someone in the area about catering in food.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve an Application for a Temporary Liquor License for Lidgerwood Bar and Lounge for an Event July 20-22; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

- Notice from Garrison Diversion that the Grant Application for Mooreton Pond has been declined.
- Notice from Chris DeVries that the City of Wahpeton was not chosen by the Governor as an Opportunity Zone.
- Invitation from US Forest Service to Anniversary Celebration June 5

Hage informed the Board that we will be advertising for Board Positions on the Wahpeton Planning Commission/ETZ, Vector Control Board, Health Board and Social Services Board.

Hage informed the Board that the Police Service Contract for the City of Lidgerwood has not been received back; she will follow-up with the City Auditor.

Hage informed the Board that John Anderson is planning to have a Rummage Sale for surplus furniture in the basement of the LEC in the next month or so. Ehlert recommended checking with other local Governmental Entities to see if they could use any of it.

Hage informed the Board the Census is coming up in 2020 and Matt Syvertsen will take over with the Verification Process.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

June

- 5 Commission Meeting
- 5 Equalization Meetings
- 18 County Canvassing Board
- 19 Commission Meeting

July

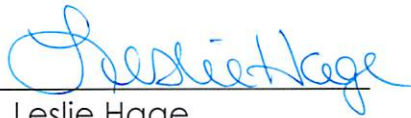
- 3 Commission Meeting
- 12 5-County Meeting
- 24 Commission Meeting
- 24 Budget Meetings
- 25 Budget Meetings

September

- 18 Budget Hearing 10:00 A.M.

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:03 A.M.

ATTEST:



Leslie Hage  
Auditor/Administrator



Rollie Ehlert  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

CHAIRPERSON