

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 16, 2017**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on May 16, 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; Assistant State's Attorney Kummer; and a Daily News Reporter.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Grass Fire - 100 Acres burned on NDSU Land and Alsager Ranch about 7 miles west of Walcott on May 9. Fire Departments from Colfax, Walcott, Kindred, Leonard & Wyndmere responded.

FEMA Projects - \$130,000 will be sent back to FEMA for 2009 projects that were never completed.

Waiting on appeals for Elma and Duerr Projects and closeouts on Homestead, Liberty Grove and Moran Projects.

Summer Weather Awareness Drill - A Summer Awareness Drill was held April 26 for Richland County Schools; city sirens were tested and First Responders were paged.

FY2017 State Homeland Security Grant - April 21 was the deadline to submit letters of intent to apply.

National Flood Insurance Program Training - Lambrecht will be attending the training in Fargo on May 23. The training will focus on Letters of Map Amendment and Letters of Map Revisions which are routine Flood Insurance Rate Map changes.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

A motion was made by Berg to approve reimbursement to the Water Resource District in the amount of \$1,614.40 for Bliss Law Firm Expenses relating to the Diversion; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

## **SANDY FOSSUM - BUSINESS EXEMPTION**

Others in attendance were Dale Beyer and Jody Schuler from Minn-Kota Ag Products.

Minn-Kota Ag Products has applied for an expanding business exemption. They are constructing a grain shuttle facility in Section 10 of Barney Twsp. The applicant is requesting a 10 year (PILOT) payment in lieu of taxes.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the application and payment schedule as presented; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

## **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

The Board reviewed the proposed Health Insurance Rates for 2017-2019.

A 15% increase was included in the budget, the actual increase came in at 9.8%.

A motion was made by Ehlert to approve the new rates for Health Insurance as presented; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow, Ron Hohenstern, Moriah Herding and Interstate Engineering Personnel Damon DeVillers and Jesse Sedler. A representative from Bituminous Paving, Inc was also present.

Bridge 119.35.1 - Work started on Monday, May 15.

Road Restrictions - Restrictions were removed on Monday, May 15.

Bridge 123-24.3 - Bids were opened May 12, apparent low bidder was Robert Schroeder Construction, Glenwood MN for \$820,179.20. The Engineers estimate was \$975,000; DOT will tabulate the bids.

Will interview firms for Construction Engineering on May 18, three firms have submitted proposals. An interview selection committee needs to be appointed. A motion was made by Campbell to appoint Portfolio Commissioners Berseth and Thompson, Finance Director Bailey, and Highway Personnel Bladow and Hohenstern to the Interview Selection Committee; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

CH# 1E - Interstate Engineering is preparing an overlay cost estimate that we will try to include with the paving projects (appx 2 miles). After we have a cost estimate we may approach the Casino for cost participation.

## Misc Department Matters -

- Krause Bros is in our pit crushing Class 13 road gravel
- Mark Sand & Gravel is crushing for the paving projects

### **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

Ehlert reported he and Berseth along with Senator Luick, Assistant State's Attorney Kummer, and others had a meeting with Cass County to discuss the proposed amendments to the Ordinance for On-Site Sewage Treatment Systems. The Commission had Tabled action of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Ordinance at the April 18 Board meeting and are still not ready to Adopt it until they have additional answers.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve an Agreement between the Richland County Health Department and Wahpeton School District for a Public Health Emergency Site; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

- Correspondence from ND Dept of Health re- waste disposal by M & M Construction from Central Elementary School

### **HIGHWAY DEPT continued**

Bid Opening - CH# 16 Seal Coat - Bids were received from Asphalt Surface Technologies, Bituminous Paving and Morris Seal Coat. A motion was made by Thompson to accept all bids; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous. (Bid sheet attached to minutes).

### **MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

Bailey informed the Board that expenses for the Joint Powers Authority are at 80% of the Annual Budget.

The Board discussed the expenses for relocating/remodeling the SEMCA offices in the LEC and who should be paying for them. The project has included moving a door, adding a new door, and replacing carpets - the estimated cost for the remodel is \$15,000. There will likely be some additional expenses for general maintenance of the previous SEMCA office space, it will need new carpet. Thompson, Ehlert and Campbell all agreed that the LEC is our building - it needed general maintenance and it was necessary.

The Board discussed SEMCA and SEMCA funding, they would like SEMCA to give a report to the Board at a future meeting. The Board would like a report on:

- who the participating entities are
- who contributes to the budget for SEMCA
- who does SEMCA report to

Campbell will follow-up with Weber about giving a Report to the Commission.

Bailey reported on the Legislative Wrap-up Meeting he attended - the County will need to pass a Resolution before July 1 for the collection of a \$25 fee in any criminal matter that has the potential for jail time. (HB 1003). Kummer was asked to follow-up.

(HB 2206) affects Social Service carry-over balances. At the end of 2016 \$100,000 will be the carry-over limit and anything over that will be transferred to the General Fund and our levy will go down by that amount.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS


#### May

- 17 JDA Meeting
- 22 Helendale Private Drain Project Meeting 10:00 AM
- 24 SE Human Services Meeting

#### June

- 6 Commission Meeting
- 6 Equalization Meetings
- 19 Park Board Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

ATTEST:   
Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON  
Nathan A. Berseth  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

**BID TABULATION**  
**BITUMINOUS SEAL COAT ON RICHLAND COUNTY No. 16**  
**RICHLAND COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA - PRIME**

Name	Address	Total Base Bid	Total Alternate No. 1 Bid	Remarks
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp.	P.O. Box 1025 St. Cloud, MN 56302 PH: 320-363-8500	185,534. <sup>20</sup>	110,192. <sup>60</sup>	
Bituminous Paving, Inc.	PO Box 6 Ortonville, MN 56276 PH: 320-273-2113	226,490. <sup>-</sup>	120,672. <sup>50</sup>	
Mark Sand & Gravel Co.	PO Box 458 Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0458 PH: 218-736-7523			
Morris Sealcoat & Trucking	46253 208 <sup>th</sup> Street Morris, MN 56267 PH: 320-589-2844	192,589. <sup>26</sup>	96,355. <sup>08</sup>	