

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 6, 2017**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on June 6, 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; State Representative Cindy Schreiber-Beck and a Daily News Reporter. Visitors Jennifer Klostreich and DeWayne Hoefs attended a portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by Ehlert to approve the minutes of the Meetings May 2 and May 16; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting May 22; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

- correspondence from Wilkin County re- meeting on June 21 to discuss the proposed new floodplain maps

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**JILL BREUER - DISPATCH FURNITURE**

The existing furniture was purchased from Watson Furniture for \$46,085 in 2007; currently all three positions are broken. Quotes have been received from three vendors for replacement furniture.

Breuer is recommending the quote from Minn Kota for \$56,250, it comes with a 5-year warranty and will be delivered and assembled by Minn Kota.

Raising and extending the flooring is also being proposed - Additional flooring is estimated at \$6390 and Nordick Electric estimated \$1500 to add additional outlets to the floor. Raising and extending the existing floor is the least expensive option - to remove the raised floor would involve leveling the floor, running conduit for the electrical and moving the panel.

The total project estimate is \$64,140 and the amount budgeted was \$52,500, leaving a difference of \$11,640.

The Board discussed the proposal and where the non-budgeted funds would be taken from. Breuer reported there is \$220,000 in Capitol Outlay because radios are being pushed back until next year.

Following discussion a motion was made by Ehlert to authorize Breuer to purchase dispatch furniture from MinnKota and proceed with the floor project as proposed, contingent that the costs do not exceed \$64,140; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

In other business, Breuer reported that since 2015 there has been a constant job opening in Dispatch. There have been inquiries about the job, but when they find out that it requires nights, weekends and holidays and what the salary is, they choose not to apply. Advertising is expensive as well as the training for new employees. Breuer requested that the current wages be looked at - she presented several options to the Board.

No action was taken by the Board - Portfolio Commissioners Campbell and Ehlert will follow-up with Breuer.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Discussion was held on the Requirements for On-Site Sewage Treatment Systems, the Commission had tabled action on the second reading of the Ordinance at the April 18 Commission Meeting. There are still concerns with soil classifications, drain field requirements, supply lines, etc. Additional meetings will be held to discuss the concerns.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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

Bridge 119-35.1 - Work is complete and the bridge was opened to traffic June 1.

CH#16 Seal Coat & CH# 22 Alternate - Morris Sealcoat & Trucking was the low bidder at \$288,934.34. Interstate Engineering found a technicality in their bid. State's Attorney McBeth recommended the Commission pass a resolution to waive the technicality. A motion was made by Thompson to approve a Resolution to waive the Technicality in the bid from Morris Sealcoat & Trucking; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Berg to award the bid to Morris Sealcoat & Trucking; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

CH# 1E Change Order - Engineers estimate is \$299,875.73; the portion East of Interstate 29 is \$99,112.45. Have not received a response from Mark Sand and Gravel about the Change Order. Have contacted the Casino regarding cost participation - waiting to hear back.

Bridge 123-24.3 - A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for June 8; Robert Schroeder Construction would like to begin June 12.

Drain #14 Reconstruction - JAV started construction last week; will be closing the road to replace centerline culverts as they cross them.

CH#10N Transverse Crack Leveling - Bargaen Inc has filled and sealed cracks.

Other Department Matters -

- Berg reported he has been receiving complaints about the bridge at Abercrombie. When coming from the Minnesota side, it drops off. Bladow replied the only fix would be to re-mill asphalt and re-lay 100 to 150 ft out and the estimated cost is \$75,000.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A) Ehler reported he will no longer be attending the SE Advisory Board meetings. Due to a law change the make-up of the Board will be changing and Social Service Director Hasbargaen will need to attend those meetings.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - A quote has been received for tinted windows for the SEMCA Offices. Berseth recommended Weber attend a Commission meeting to review the SEMCA budget and the other entities contributing revenue for SEMCA.
- C) Public Health - No Report.
- D) Job Development Board - The next meeting is scheduled for June 21.
- E) Weed Board - No Report.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - No Report.
- H) Administration - Bailey reported the VSO Officer will switch to a 40/hr week beginning June 1.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

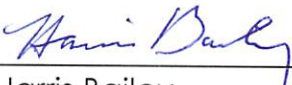
- Correspondence from ND Dept of Health re- MinnDak Farmers Cooperative waste water

A motion was made by Thompson to approve an application for a Temporary Liquor License for Lidgerwood Bar & Grill; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

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

Being there was no further business, the meeting recessed at 9:20 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Dept - Revenue Voucher for April 1-30, 2017 and Sheriff's Department - Revenue & Expenses for April 2017.

ATTEST:   
Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON  
Nathan A. Berseth  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for May 2017.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	228,648.65
County Highway	68,744.35
Social Services	97,006.99
911 Communications	39,381.51
Drug Court	3,140.16
County Agent	4,948.56
Veterans Service	3,154.67
Weed Officer	2,126.00
Public Health Fund	75,617.83
SEMCA	9,617.00
JDA	495.00
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>532,880.72</b>

EXPENSES: \*\* Refer to resolution records

County General	289,101.27
County Highway	70,755.83
Bridge Replacement Fd	12,970.20
15 Mill Road Fund	7,487.87
Social Service	41,187.25
911 Communications	14,943.63
911 Wireless	1,247.94
Drug Court	793.59
Water Rescue	90.07
County Agent	4,289.09
Veterans Service	1,294.73
Weed Control Levy	1,206.86
Public Health	33,289.05
State Medical Levy	9,581.27
Garrison Div	10,684.46
Domestic Violence	245.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	54,072.75
State Aid Distribution	31,662.48
Jail Concession	3,290.69
Sobriety Test Fund	1,715.00
SEMCA	51,172.92
JDA	9,223.24
Sr Citizens Fund	10,629.42
Historical Society	2,652.73
Soil Conservation	9,993.13
Water Mngt Levy	42,003.25
Joint Water Resource	20,082.12
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>735,665.84</b>

**TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES** **1,268,546.56**

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