

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 1, 2017**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on August 1, 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 DelVal; State's Attorney McBeth; and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the minutes of Meetings July 5 and July 18; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

FEMA Projects - Received notification from FEMA that we will receive \$81,306 for our appeal on a bridge project (PW3681).

Community Risk Meeting - A meeting will be held at Wahpeton City Hall on August 22 with FEMA and the ND State Water Commission.

FY2016 Homeland Security Grant - Will finish city siren projects in the next two weeks.

Pipeline Tabletop - August 30 at the Wahpeton Eagles Club from 9 AM - 3 PM

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

A motion was made by Ehlert to approve the Semi-Annual Pledge of Assets; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

SANDY FOSSUM - FARM EXEMPTIONS

Fossum asked the Board if they had given any more thought to her request at the June 30 meeting to assign Farm Exemptions to another Office. As the Tax Director she feels they are not being handled fairly, she was directed by the Board at the June 30 meeting to go by what the applicant checks on the form and to use her discretion. Because the guidelines are being disregarded, she is in a position of having to pick and choose; before everyone was treated the same.

Fossum asked for clarification - is the Board intent to just have her approve them all, no questions asked?

Ehlert responded that we had to trust the applicant, they are the one's claiming the exemption.

Berseth agreed with Ehlert and suggested that as the applications come in, we notify the Township and if they flag it, we look into it.

Following lengthy discussion a motion was made by Ehlert to approve Completed Farm Exemption Applications that have signatures, unless the Township Chairman raises questions; motion seconded by Berg. Voting NO was Campbell, the remainder voted yes and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

Paving Projects CH#1, 81, 1E and 21 - Will be striping tomorrow and plan to pull back shoulders next week.

CH#1 State Hwy 13 to Co Rd 16 - After the striping is complete the 6 ton year-long restriction will be removed and the road will be an 80,000 GVW road; it was the decision of the Advisory Committee to not allow 10% overloads or harvest permits. Local landowner permits will not be needed. Berg suggested that the weight restrictions be monitored - Bladow will notify the Sheriff Department of the restrictions.

Bridge 123-24.3 - Robert Schroeder Construction has driven pile for the north pier and abutment, they plan to pour both structures this week. They appear to be on schedule for the October 7 completion date.

Chip Seal CH#16 and CH#22 - Morris Seal Coat completed the chip seal projects last Friday. Sub-contractors will apply fog seal and striping. They also chip sealed new pavement at Bridge 119-35.1 north of Hankinson.

Truck Purchase - One of the Highway Trucks was in an accident. Requesting authorization to replace it with a 2011 Volvo from FM Truck for \$32,000. Will be receiving an insurance check for \$15,000, there are funds from the sale of the D4 dozer and funds in the misc highway budget so there are sufficient funds to make the purchase. A motion was made by Thompson to approve the purchase; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Bailey reminded the Board that the County needs to designate a voting delegate for the NDACo Annual Conference by September 1
- Correspondence from the Mayor of Barney regarding traffic concerns on County Rd 3 through the City of Barney
- Correspondence from the ND Dept of Corrections regarding Correctional Officer Basic Training

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A) Social Services -The remodel project is scheduled for October. Bailey distributed information on State Aid Distribution Fund Allocations - this will be discussed further during the budget meetings.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - No Report.
- C) Public Health - Worked on the 2018 budget at the last Health Board meeting.
- D) Job Development Board - A meeting was held several weeks ago and the budget was set for 2018.
- E) Weed Board - No Report.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - No Report.
- H) Administration - No Report.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Thompson asked if the property has been surveyed by our GIS Department for the West Prairie Free Lutheran Church as discussed at the July 18 Board meeting. Bailey replied someone needs to determine what to survey. Thompson will follow-up.

A motion was made by Berg to approve reimbursement to the Water Resource District in the amount of \$4,481.27 for Bliss Law Firm Expenses relating to the Diversion; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August

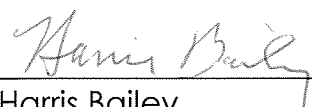
- 3 NDACo President's Tour/Budget Meetings
- 15 Commission Meeting
- 16 JDA Meeting

September

- 5 Commission Meeting
- 19 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

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

ATTEST: 
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Nathan A. Berseth
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for July 2017.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	229,154.87
County Highway	73,521.60
Social Services	96,636.79
911 Communications	42,722.24
Drug Court	3,830.01
County Agent	4,902.68
Veterans Service	3,943.34
Weed Officer	3,184.00
Public Health Fund	75,052.55
SEMCA	9,722.70
PAYROLL TOTAL	542,670.78

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	264,004.45
County Highway	195,388.89
Bridge Replacement Fd	23,110.74
Road & Bridge Eqjuip	42,166.27
15 Mill Road Fund	1,523.13
Social Service	37,401.82
911 Communications	12,811.64
911 Wireless	1,723.10
Drug Court	1,246.39
County Agent	2,329.48
Veterans Service	1,737.53
Weed Control Levy	45,613.89
Public Health	35,522.81
State Medical Levy	3,072.48
Garrison Div	3,849.07
Domestic Violence	315.00
Jail Concession	326.51
Sobriety Test Fund	1,960.00
SEMCA	-10,376.52
JDA	26,880.98
ND Income Tax W/H	12,208.96
Sr Citizens Fund	3,849.07
Historical Society	3,788.20
County Agent Special	1,498.03
Soil Conservation	3,849.07
Water Mngt Levy	15,396.39
Joint Water Resource	7,698.16
EXPENSE TOTAL	738,895.54

TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES **1,281,566.32**

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