

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 15, 2017**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on August 15, 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.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Thompson to approve Temporary Liquor Licenses for the Black Pelican for events at the Bagg Farm September 9, September 16 and September 30; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Berseth entered the meeting.

A motion was made by Berg to approve a Game Site Authorization for the Head of the Red Youth Activities Association for gaming at Terrace Lanes; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

- Correspondence from the ND Dept of Health re- Minn-Dak waste waters

BUDGET DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bailey presented the following:

2017 Tax Levies -

- Veteran's Office - Increase from .75 mills to .85 mills to maintain positive balance
- Extension Office - Decrease from 1.75 mills to 1.5 mills to reduce carryover to 75%
- Weed Control - Decrease from 1.00 mills to .5 mills to reduce carryover to 75%
- JDA - Asked for \$125,000 budgeted 1.5 mills for \$110,000. Need .2 mills
- Liberty Grove Twsp - Borrowed \$58,800; owes \$33,966.81. May Levy 18 mills
- Duerr Twsp - Borrowed \$75,000; owes \$38,124.05. May Levy 18 mills

<u>Other Funds in 2018</u>	Ending Balance	75% of Exp	Excess
Haz Chem	12,264.52	1,612.50	10,652.02
Jail Concession	84,111.63	16,125.00	67,986.63
NDRIN Fees	15,916.60	7,050.00	8,866.60

State Aid Distribution

2017 Reallocate amount from Social Services to General Fund

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- Reallocate amount from Social Services to General Fund
- Add Lidgerwood Ambulance equal to ½ of Wyndmere/Barney Ambulance
- Add Kindred Fire equal to 2 times Leonard Fire
- Reallocate amount from Garrison Diversion to General Fund
- Reallocate amount from Joint Water District to General Fund
- Reallocate amount from Soil Conservation to General Fund

Bailey was directed to send a letter to Liberty Grove and Duerr Townships inviting them to the September 5 Commission Meeting to discuss the borrowed money.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDING REQUIREMENTS FOR ON-SITE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

Others in attendance were Deb Flack, Jennifer Klostreich, and Senator Luick.

A letter was received from Fargo Cass Public Health regarding the revisions made to the proposed septic code. The letter stated the current Richland County septic code does not reflect the exact language as the uniform OSTs code, but it does meet the minimum requirements set for by NDAC and therefore will be enforceable by Fargo Cass Public Health under the contract with Richland County Health Department. The minor differences between the two codes should not interfere with regulation, licensure or education.

The consensus of the Board was to continue with Cass County. A motion was made by Ehlert to approve the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance as Amended; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

BUDGET DISCUSSION continued

A motion was made by Ehlert to reallocate State Aid Distribution from Social Services to the General Fund for 2017; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Ehlert to permanently approve reallocating State Aid Distribution as proposed by Bailey -

- Reallocate amount from Social Services to General Fund
- Add Lidgerwood Ambulance equal to ½ of Wyndmere/Barney Ambulance
- Add Kindred Fire equal to 2 times Leonard Fire
- Reallocate amount from Garrison Diversion to General Fund
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motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow and Moriah Herding.

Paving Projects CH#1, 81, 1E and 21 - The striping has not all been completed. Plan to do the shoulder work next week.

Flooding in Antelope and Ibsen Townships - Water ran over County Road 10, County Road 12 and County Road 25. Closed approximately six bridge locations along Antelope Creek.

Bridge 123-24.3 - Robert Schroeder Construction has poured concrete for the north pier and abutment, concrete beams were cast last week. They have finished most rip rap and channel work.

Chip Seal CH#16 and 22 - Sub-contractor has applied fog seal, striping will be done after the fog seal has cured.

Concrete Apron for Wahpeton Shop - Have received the following bids:
Prime Concrete - \$14,300.00 A & M Contractors - \$14,537.00

A motion was made by Thompson to proceed with the apron project; motion seconded by Berg. Voting NO were Ehlert and Berseth. The remainder voted Yes and the motion carried. Bladow will contact the low bidder.

County Engineer Position - There is an applicant for the Engineering Position. An interview will be scheduled.

DEB FLACK - COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER

Flack reported that the Community Resource Officer is planning to retire at the end of the year. She requested authorization to begin advertising and to hire a replacement. She reported it will take some extensive orientation for the new hire. A motion was made by Campbell to authorize Flack to begin advertising immediately; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

KRISTEN HASBARGEN - PAYMENT FORMULA FOR SOCIAL SERVICES

Hasbargen distributed information from the Department of Human Services explaining the 2018 Payment Calculation and Projections for 2019.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

- Bailey reported the Annual Conference is scheduled for October 8-10 and the meeting with the DOT is scheduled for 7:40 AM on October 9.
- Bailey distributed premium information on the Property Insurance Policies, he has budgeted for a 10% increase. No conferments were received this year.
- Bailey asked the Board for Farm Exemption Rules for 2018; there is an AG Opinion on cash rent from 1984 that the Board was not aware of previously. Berseth suggested this be placed on the Agenda for September or October. Berg suggested Legal Counsel research how to simplify and to talk with some CPA's.

CAM LEEDAHL - HELENDALE PRIVATE DRAIN AND ROADS

Leedahhl asked the Board if they had any questions about the Private Drain.

Leedahhl reported that the Red River Joint Water Resource Board made a recommendation to the Richland County Water Resource Board; they recommended 48 CFS and that the gates should be closed on CR 22 at certain times. They have had no objections in the Township; earlier there were some objections but those issues have been resolved from downstream landowners. Lowell Bladow has no concerns with the plans if they meet the stream crossing standards. There will be a written Plan of Operation for the Gate and it will be monitored closely. They still have some hoops to go through with NRCS, the Corp of Engineers, the State Water Commission etc.

Campbell commented the concern is for the safety of residents and County Road 22.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Bailey asked if there was any progress on determining what needs to be surveyed for the request from the West Prairie Free Lutheran Church. Thompson reported he will follow-up on it.

Campbell reported that Flack received a quote for some remodeling in the Health Department reception area that he will review and bring back to the full Board.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August

16 JDA Meeting


September

5 Commission Meeting

19 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

ATTEST:



Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator



Nathan A. Berseth
CHAIRPERSON
Board of Richland County Commissioners