

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 4, 2012 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Tim Campbell, Jason Heitkamp, Perry Miller and Dan Thompson. Also present were Administration Personnel Bailey and DelVal; and State s Attorney Stokes.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the minutes of meetings August 6 and August 20; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the minutes of Budget Meetings August 6, August 8 and August 13; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

Bailey asked who would be attending the Annual NDACo Conferences coming up in October. Heitkamp, Thompson and Miller will be attending.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve a Special Event Liquor Permit for Michael Vogeler for an event at the Bagg Bonanza Farm September 15-16; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

- Correspondence from a Transmission Line Company - Big Stone South to Ellendale; Bailey met with them to get information, no public meetings have been held yet.

ABATEMENTS/EXEMPTIONS

Dakota Nation Housing Development Corporation - Application for a 5 year 100% property tax exemption. Others in attendance were Hankinson School Superintendent Chad Benson, Dick Crooks from Greendale Twsp and Glen Nelson from Dakota Nation Housing Development Corp.

Fossum gave a brief history of the application to Chad Benson the new school Superintendent in Hankinson.

Crooks reported that the Township concerns have been resolved and the Township recommendation is to approve the application.

Stokes has drafted an Agreement between Richland County and the Development Corp and the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate. The Agreement is that the County would be willing to grant exemption only on the condition that if the parcel became Indian Trust Land, they would have to repay the County for tax revenues lost, with interest.

A motion was made by Campbell to approve a 5 year, 100% property tax exemption contingent upon the signed Agreement being returned to the County within 30 days; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

TRUCK REGULATORY REPORT

Sheriff Leshovsky and Deputy Ruhl were asked by Campbell to come to the meeting to give a report on Truck Overloads. Tim Schulte and Lowell Bladow joined the meeting also.

Ruhl reported only one citation was issued in 28 stops during August. In one day they did 20 stops and all permits were in order.

Leshovsky said the Sheriff Department would like clarification on permits in order to provide the Board more accurate information. Can an individual use a Harvest Permit from a bin to the elevator or is it from the field to an elevator?

Schulte replied a Harvest Permit is from the Field to the 1st point of storage only.

Leshovsky also asked if the Sheriff Department could take enforcement action on the 40 mph truck traffic on the roads north of the beet plan and the bypass road in Hankinson - he was told at one time it had to go through some sort of public hearing for the Sheriff Dept to enforce, because of the change to a 40 mph speed for trucks. Stokes replied it could be enforced.

Schulte said he would look back through his records because he remembered some concerns with enforcement as well.

TREASURER S REPORT

A motion was made by Campbell to approve the Treasurer s Report as presented; motion seconded by Heitkamp. Vote was unanimous.

Hage reported that notices were mailed last week for delinquent 2009 taxes, packets will be distributed to the Board at the next meeting for setting minimum sale prices on delinquent properties. Courtesy Statements for 2011 taxes will be mailed out soon.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Tim Schulte and Lowell Bladow.

Culverts at Great Bend - The Board discussed trees growing up around these culverts and the possibility of getting the culverts moved. Schulte replied we would have to hire a crane to get them lifted but they could be hauled on a County vehicle to the Shop.

BRO-0039(039) Bridge 118-35 over the Wild Rice River - All of the substructures have been poured and they should be placing the rock rip rap this week. Riley Brothers is scheduled to start the approach grading this week.

Brightwood Township North Lake Road Paving - Mark Sand & Gravel completed the paving of this project August 21 and the new pavement was striped. We have ordered portable speed humps; this will allow us to remove the humps for winter maintenance. We hope to have them installed in the next few weeks.

CH#16 Box Culvert Project - Midwest Contracting has contacted us to set up a preconstruction conference for this project. Hoping to get something scheduled this week. We haven't seen the contracts for this project, but we should have them this week.

Other Departmental Matters -

- Schulte provided the Board with the NDACo Legislative Services Report for August and briefly went through some highlights

- Mark Sand & Gravel has moved back in our pit and has started crushing the remainder of our material

- We have put together a new job description for the Road Foreman position, this position will replace the Highway Superintendent currently held by Harlan. We will be posting the job opening internally for the first couple of weeks and then advertise publicly if we don't have any interest internally. Harlan's last official day of work will be November 30th.

-The Board briefly discussed the Dave Ward Water Crossing - Bladow and Schulte will discuss further and try to have it open before harvest

- Thompson asked about the Kenny Haase road issue in Moran Twsp. Stokes replied the County has no responsibility, Stokes has spoken with the Township

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Social Service - They have been dealing with some tough cases recently;

some employees have utilized the County's EAP Program. The Social Service Board did have some concerns with the Commission wanting to decrease the Social Service Budget one mill. There are some conventions coming up.

- B) Buildings & Grounds Committee - John got his office moved; he will be putting in an air conditioner/dehumidifier unit to help with the dampness.
- C) Public Health Report - Met two weeks ago on Septic System Variances.
- D) Job Development Board - Met several weeks ago in Hankinson, no new requests for money.
- E) Weed Board - May look into purchasing a used pickup.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - No Report, will be meeting in September.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Bailey distributed Budget Information to the Board for review - The Board discussed Salary/Benefits, following discussion a motion was made by Heitkamp to increase the retirement benefit and the Salary Base 2% for 2013; motion seconded by Thompson. Voting NO was Miller, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

Other adjustments to the mills will be:

Road Program (15 Mills)	From 15.44 mills to 15
Veterans Service	From 1.15 mills to 1
Special Assessments	From .31 mills to 0
JDA	From 1.75 mills to 0
Weed Control	From 4 mills to 3
General Fund	From 49.45 mills to 49.10

This will be a decrease from 137.5 mills to 133.5 or a total decrease of 4 mills that will be presented at the Budget Hearing which will be held September 25th at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Heitkamp to approve the payment of bills; motion

seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September

- 17 Commission Meeting
- 17 LARDC
- 19 JDA Meeting 7 PM

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Reports Filed: Sheriff Department Civil Balance Sheet and Revenue & Expenses July, 2012; Tax and Property Revenue Voucher for July 1 - July 31, 2012.

ATTEST: _____ CHAIRPERSON
Harris Bailey Perry Miller
Auditor/Administrator Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for August, 2012

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	181,646.06
County Highway	99,089.58
Social Services	73,877.73
911 Communications	35,940.78
County Agent	3,587.48
Veterans Service	3,731.87
Weed Officer	1,501.49
Public Health Fund	62,397.57
County Park	80.00
SEMCA	<u>8,147.48</u>
PAYROLL TOTAL	470,000.04

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	326,536.67
County Highway	324,712.28
15 mill Road Levy	391,448.09
Social Service	54,743.81
Emergency Assistance	396.85
911 Communications	32,958.66
911 Wireless	4,362.44
NDRIN	6,107.96
County Agent	2,569.65
Veterans Service	1,290.91
Weed Control Levy	32,429.30
Public Health	34,351.24
State Medical Levy	164.83
FEMA Disaster Reimb	24,110.50
Garrison Cons.	1,738.66
Domestic Violence	385.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	59,501.26
State Aid Distribution	45,170.13
Jail Concession	506.46
Sobriety Test Fund	120.00
County Park	518.94
SEMCA	2,036.07
JDA	24,900.08
Sr Citizens Fund	1,660.13
Historical Society	408.42
Co Agt Special	84.00
Soil Conservation	752.39
Water Mngt Levy	5,905.80
Joint Water Resource	1,630.85
EXPENSE TOTAL	1,381,501.38
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	1,851,501.42

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