

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 4, 2018 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehler and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DeVal; State's Attorney Kummer; and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the minutes of meetings August 7 and August 21; motion seconded by Berg. Berseth was absent from the Vote, the remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

DEB FLACK - DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES GRANT

Flack reported the Health Department has applied and been awarded a Drug Free Communities Grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the amount of \$125,000/yr for five years which can be renewed one time for an additional five years; the grant will cover salary and fringe benefits - there will be no fiscal responsibility to the County. Flack requested authorization to hire an employee to manage the grant.

Following discussion a motion was made by Campbell to authorize Flack to advertise for someone to administer the Drug Free Communities Grant; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

In other business, Flack reported on the front desk area remodel project:

- furniture has been ordered
- an existing cabinet has been moved
- waiting on a second quote
- project needs to be complete by end of year for grant funds to be used

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- Estimated Tax Notices were mailed out last week
- Foreclosure packets will be distributed at the September 18 meeting

SANDY FOSSUM - BUSINESS EXEMPTION

Doug and Cate Bladow, Wahpeton - Application for a 5 year/100% property tax exemption for a new business project.

Doug Bladow was present - He explained they are applying for a business exemption on a proposed 17,820 square ft building to be at the hopper bin site in Center Township. The building will be used to store equipment to operate the hopper bin storage business.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve a 5 year/100% property tax exemption; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Notice of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Fargo-Moorhead Flood Risk Management Project

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

SANDY MEYER - LADY ON THE LAKE AND THE COLONEL LIQUOR LICENSE

Sandy Meyer requested the Board consider issuing a six month liquor license rather than only a full year license. Meyer explained the Colonel Historic Barn only operates from May 1 through October 31 and the Bed & Breakfast allows visitors to bring in their own alcohol.

Following discussion a motion was made by Berseth to create a Six Month Liquor License for \$375 and Six Month Beer License for \$25; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Jesse Sedler, Lowell Bladow, Ron Hohenstern and Damon Devillers from Interstate Engineering.

Helendale Private Drain - Cam and Arlo Leedahl were present and Mike Gowin and Luke Lunde from WSB Engineering joined by Speaker Phone.

Cam Leedahl briefly explained the project plans -

- it is south of Leonard in Section 8 involving Co Rd 23 & Co Rd 2
- the project has been approved by the Water Resource Board
- they are working with the state for final approval
- they are working with the US Army Corp on wetlands
- they are working on permanent easements
- they are negotiating with one landowner who has not granted an easement

Sedler expressed some concerns and questions about the project plans -

- no cross sections in plans
- clear zone area/requirements
- soil borings/slope stability analysis

Sedler will discuss his concerns further with WSB Engineering after the meeting.

Sedler recommended a written Agreement be written up by the State's Attorney that should include maintenance plans for the project.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- Hage reported the Election Recount was held on August 27 for the Libertarian Party, there were no changes to the original Abstract.
- A refund of \$8818 was received from the ND Recorders Information Network.
- Hage updated on the Compensation and Classification Study - PDQ's are due to HR by September 7, then Gallagher begins their process.
- Ehlert reported on a meeting he attended with Jill Breuer where 911 fees and State Radio Services were discussed.
- Berseth reported on his recent trip to D.C. to meet with intergovernmental agencies.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT continued

Helendale Private Drain - Sedler visited further with WSB Engineering, they will be providing additional slope information and we will put our stipulations on the Permit and Maintenance Agreement.

Co Rd #4 - A motion was made by Berg to approve the Construction and Maintenance Agreement for Project SC-3912(056); motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous. The project will be bid November 9th. We will need to borrow ahead on our Federal Aid.

DOT Meeting - The County Meeting with DOT at Annual Conferences has been scheduled for 4:30 P.M. on October 8.

Berg requested the Highway Department order a Sign for the Park Board for the Horseshoe Lake property that reads "No Lifeguard on Duty - Swim at Your Own Risk".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Weed Board - Horseshoe Lake has been sprayed and cut down.

Park Board - A meeting is scheduled for September 17.

Public Health - Heard from Flack earlier in the meeting about a Grant.

Social Services - A new intern has been hired; discussed budgets and evaluations at the last Social Service Board Meeting.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Berseth requested a Revenue Restoration Resolution be on the September 18 Meeting Agenda.

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

State's Attorney Kummer reported she receives updates from NDIRF on the Sadek Lawsuit so the Commissioners could stop and see her for an update or hold an executive session and she could brief them all - the Board will meet in Executive Session after the Budget Hearing on September 18th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September

- 5 Department Head Meeting
- 6 SEMCA Meeting
- 17 Park Board Meeting
- 18 Commission Meeting/Budget Hearing/Executive Session
- 19 JDA Meeting

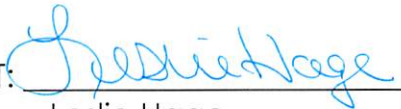
October

- 2 Commission Meeting
- 7-9 NDACO Annual Conferences
- 16 Commission Meeting

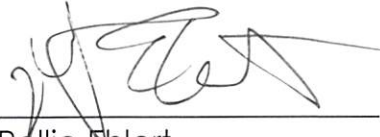
Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:06 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Dept - Revenue Voucher for July 1-31, 2018;
Sheriff Department - Revenue & Expenses for July 2018.

ATTEST:



Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator



Rollie Ehlert
Board of Richland County Commissioners

CHAIRPERSON

The following claims were approved for August 2018

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	234,346.64
County Highway	96,879.36
Social Services	101,182.33
911 Communications	46,510.94
Drug Court	4,061.51
County Agent	5,220.26
Veterans Service	4,142.67
Weed Officer	3,622.00
Public Health Fund	77,509.48
SEMCA	10,008.69
JDA	630.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	584,113.88

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records

County General	252,839.88
County Highway	64,485.76
Road & Bridge Eqpt	510.92
Social Service	45,766.20
911 Communications	22,515.04
Drug Court	1,387.28
Water Rescue	710.00
County Agent	6,112.54
Veterans Service	3,015.38
Weed Control Levy	33,433.01
Public Health	38,627.45
Haz Chem Fund	484.80
State Medical Levy	69.56
Garrison Div	69.56
Domestic Violence	525.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	61,873.40
State Aid Distribution	38,416.05
Jail Concession	667.80
SEMCA	7,092.57
JDA	35,012.76
Sr Citizens Fund	1,331.42
Historical Society	327.33
County Agent Special	254.42
Soil Cons District	69.56
Water Mngt Levy	4,705.77
Joint Water Resource	139.05
EXPENSE TOTAL	620,442.51
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	1,204,556.39

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