

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on September 5, 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; and a Daily News Reporter.

A motion was made by Ehlert to approve the minutes of Meetings August 1 and August 15; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve the minutes of Budget Meetings August 1 and August 3; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Ehlert to approve reimbursement to the Water Resource District in the amount of \$434.96 for Bliss Law Firm Expenses relating to the Diversion; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Berg joined the meeting at this time.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Social Services - They will have an intern until April.

D) Job Development Board - Still working on a Regional Director.

DUERR TOWNSHIP - BORROWED MONEY

Rodrick Lenz and Leon Helmer were present.

In April of 2013 Richland County advanced Duerr Twsp \$75,000 to pay contractors for flood related work. The balance owing is \$38,124.05. Bailey sent Duerr Twsp a letter stating the County will consider using county levy 1255 to levy against the property in Duerr Twsp to pay down the balance remaining.

Following discussion a motion was made by Berg to enter into a 7-year payment plan to be drawn up by the Richland County State's Attorney; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS continued

- B) Buildings & Grounds - The Commission will take a walk-through of the LEC later in the meeting.
- C) Public Health - Will take the request for the remodel into consideration during the LEC walk-through.
- E) Weed Board - Working on getting some issues with Tordon resolved.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - Will meet this month.
- H) Administration - Bailey recommended the hiring of Jesse Sedler as County Engineer. A motion was made by Thompson to approve the hiring of Jesse Sedler as Richland County Engineer; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous. Sedler will begin September 29.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Lowell Bladow and Moriah Herding; and visitor Jesse Sedler.

Paving Projects CH#1, 81, 1E and 21 - Striping is complete, shoulders have been pulled up. CH#1 has shown a large increase in truck traffic since lifting restrictions.

Flooding in Antelope and Ibsen Townships - Roads and bridges have been repaired.

Bridge 123-24.3 - They will be forming the deck this week and plan to pour September 15. Schroeder Construction is asking for a one week extension due to the week lost during flooding; they plan to add personnel and work longer days to keep on schedule.

Because the County could be responsible for liquidated damages by federal highway the Board agreed NOT to offer an extension.

Chip Seal CH#16 and CH#22 - Striping is complete.

Other Department Matters -

- the concrete apron for the Wahpeton Shop will be poured this week
- the roof replacement at the Hankinson Shop is scheduled for September 11

SANDY FOSSUM - NEW BUSINESS EXEMPTION

Owner Debra Grosz was present.

Dakota Vines Vineyard and Winery, Eagle Twsp - Application for a 5 year, 100% exemption for a new business project.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve a 5 year, 100% exemption for Dakota Vines Vineyard and Winery; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued

Thompson reported he received some information from Matt in the GIS Department and will be meeting with the church and landowner tonight regarding the church property survey.

Bailey asked about Farm Exemption Rules and the five items that were approved by the Board at the June 30 Equalization meeting now that we are aware of an Attorney Generals Opinion dated November 14, 1984. Bailey recommended the Board go back to using the Worksheet provided by the State. The Board discussed at length but no action was taken.

The date for the Budget Hearing was scheduled - it will be held at 7:00 PM on September 19.

A motion was made by Berg to purchase new chairs for the Commission Room; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

The Board took a tour of the LEC Building to look at some concerns then reconvened in the Commission Room. The consensus of the Board was to prioritize projects.

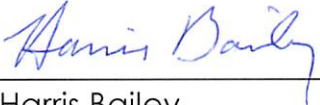
UPCOMING MEETINGS

September

- 18 Park Board Meeting
- 19 Commission Meeting
- 19 Budget Hearing 7:00 PM
- 20 JDA Meeting

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Reports Filed: Tax & Property Dept - Revenue Voucher for July 1-31, 2017 and Sheriff's Department - Revenue & Expenses for July 2017.

ATTEST: 
Harris Bailey
Auditor/Administrator

 CHAIRPERSON
Nathan A. Berseth
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for August 2017.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	225,025.61
County Highway	79,147.68
Social Services	96,221.78
911 Communications	41,599.52
Drug Court	4,464.51
County Agent	4,942.10
Veterans Service	3,943.34
Weed Officer	3,371.00
Public Health Fund	75,063.05
SEMCA	9,722.70
JDA	810.00
PAYROLL TOTAL	544,311.29
EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records	
County General	277,191.22
County Highway	485,940.47
Bridge Replacement Fd	4,359.50
Road & Bridge Equip	32,550.00
15 Mill Road Fund	1,476,505.00
Social Service	42,303.89
911 Communications	16,904.26
911 Wireless	1,892.86
Drug Court	1,015.54
Water Rescue	250.00
County Agent	4,021.71
Veterans Service	1,576.08
Weed Control Levy	17,951.32
Public Health	47,125.48
Haz Chem Fund	400.50
State Medical Levy	11.52
Three Rivers Crisis Ctr	897.00
Garrison Div	1,213.51
Domestic Violence	525.00
Twsp Share Gas & Oil	66,766.67
State Aid Distribution	34,498.05
Jail Concession	1,435.44
Sobriety Test Fund	2,340.00
SEMCA	18,525.77
JDA	18,328.13
Sr Citizens Fund	1,153.54
Historical Society	8,242.37
County Agent Special	8.42
Soil Conservation	460.26
Water Mngt Levy	4,053.40
Joint Water Resource	1,024.99
EXPENSE TOTAL	2,569,471.90
TOTAL PAYROLL & EXPENSES	3,113,783.19

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