

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 3, 2017**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on October 3, 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 September 5, September 19 and the Public Hearing on September 19; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Hage reported the County will be taking back 12 properties for non-payment of taxes. The Minimum Sale Price Hearing is scheduled for 8:20 A.M. on October 17.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE**

- Notice for SE Region County Commission Meeting October 5
- Notice for ND Water Convention December 6-7
- Correspondence from Richard Pierce re- taxes

A motion was made by Campbell to appoint Patty Lies to another five-year term on the Richland County Health Board; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Thompson to approve a Quit Claim Deed between Richland County and the West Prairie Free Lutheran Church for property in Barrie Twsp and a Quit Claim deed between Richland County and Joshua Novotny for property in Barrie Twsp; motion seconded by Berg. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Ehlert to appoint Chandra Langseth and Dan Thompson as delegates to the North Dakota State Fair; motion seconded by Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A) Social Services - Angie Conzemius was introduced as the Community Resource Coordinator, she will be replacing Muriel Hedrick who is retiring at the end of the year.
- B) Buildings & Grounds - The construction project in Social Services looks good.
- Ehlert reported in the future all construction projects will require a minimum of two bids, will be coordinated with John Anderson and will come before the Board.
- C) Public Health - Patty Lies was appointed to the Health Board earlier in the Commission meeting.
- D) Job Development Board - A meeting was held last week, discussed the Regional Director position.
- E) Weed Board - The contract spraying is complete; Steve Ginsbach still has several Townships left to spray.
- F) Soils Committee - No Report.
- G) Park Board - No Report.
- H) Administration - No Report.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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

Bridge 123-24.3 - The bridge deck is poured. Dakota Fence is working on the deck guard rail. Wet weather is delaying the dirt work.

NDACo Conference - Scheduled to meet with the DOT to discuss federal aid at 7:40 A.M. on Monday, October 9. Sedler and Bladow will be adding some bridges to the list and Co Rd 4 is the overlay programmed.

16<sup>th</sup> Ave West of Walmart - Planning to rent equipment and mill asphalt by the railroad tracks on 16<sup>th</sup> Ave and the two tracks by Dwight. Spoke with Red River Valley and Western about concrete crossings.

Other Department Matters -

- Heitkamp Construction has reinforced all the rusted purlins on the Hankinson Shop; the north half of the roof is complete - working on the south side. We are eliminating the gutters and installing snow dams over doorways.
- The City of Lidgerwood is working on a sewer project and will be cutting through CH#19.
- Asphalt patching projects are completed.

Berseth reported receiving a call about turning lanes and passing lanes on Hwy 13 by Minn-Kota, the Board discussed sending a letter to the DOT. A motion was made by Thompson to direct the Highway Dept to send a letter to the DOT requesting turning lanes and passing lanes on Highway 13 by Minn-Kota; motion seconded by Berseth. Vote was unanimous.

**MISC/CORRESPONDENCE continued**

Berseth reported that he spoke with Terry Traynor about Farm Exemptions; Traynor said a survey will be done.


A motion was made by Campbell to approve the 2018 Budget; motion seconded by Ehlert. Vote was unanimous.

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

Campbell reported receiving complaints about maintenance and mowing on some of the County properties taken back for non-payment of taxes and he suggested that the Board tour County Properties in addition to County Roads on the tour scheduled for October 17.

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

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

ATTEST:   
Harris Bailey  
Auditor/Administrator

  
Nathan A. Berseth  
CHAIRPERSON  
Board of Richland County Commissioners

The following claims were approved for September 2017.

PAYROLL (inclusive)	
General	224,584.65
County Highway	72,666.54
Social Services	96,469.78
911 Communications	43,672.80
Drug Court	4,503.51
County Agent	5,112.35
Veterans Service	3,943.34
Weed Officer	3,088.00
Public Health Fund	75,575.45
SEMCA	9,722.70
<b>PAYROLL TOTAL</b>	<b>539,339.12</b>

EXPENSES: ** Refer to resolution records	
County General	159,859.34
County Highway	346,164.82
Bridge Replacement Fd	12,750.77
Road & Bridge Eqjuip	10,284.30
15 Mill Road Fund	44,746.82
Social Service	58,164.12
911 Communications	19,101.42
911 Wireless	1,791.28
Drug Court	2,160.35
County Agent	2,741.62
Veterans Service	2,088.88
Weed Control Levy	2,159.76
Public Health	55,909.66
Haz Chem Fund	95.00
State Medical Levy	174.82
FEMA Dis Reimb	142,317.87
Garrison Div	174.82
Domestic Violence	420.00
Jail Concession	844.44
Sobriety Test Fund	2,060.00
SEMCA	2,050.91
JDA	75,299.71
Sr Citizens Fund	174.82
Historical Society	43.72
County Agent Special	296.71
Soil Conservation	174.82
Water Mngt Levy	699.31
Joint Water Resource	349.63
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>943,099.72</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,482,438.84</b>

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