

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 1, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in Special Session at the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, February 1, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Orris Rasmussen, Alan Johnston, Jack Stone, Mark Foldesi and Russell Walker. Also present were members of the media.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Board Chairman Orris Rasmussen. Commissioner Stone presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Rasmussen welcomed the Jail Committee to the meeting. Committee members Scott Habstritt and Tim O'Donnell spoke on behalf of the Jail Study Committee. Mr. Habstritt reviewed a ten-point list of Jail Committee recommendations.

**ROSEAU COUNTY JAIL STUDY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD
February 1, 2005**

1. Build a new County jail with a capacity of 26/52
2. Move Law Enforcement into the existing Social Services space
3. Build a new Social Services
4. Get an outside jail specialist consultation on the plan
5. Research Moving City Sewer Line
6. Meet with Courthouse Neighbors to discuss issue of jail moving into their neighborhood
7. Talk to Greg & Louise Herling regarding purchase of their property
8. Investigate Purchase of Borgen Building
9. Address Court Administration safety needs
10. Move as expediently as possible
 - a. Begin Social Services Fall 2005
 - b. Begin Jail Spring 2006

The Board acted on each recommendation separately.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-02-01

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Jail Study Committee has completed a Jail Feasibility study with due diligence, comparing alternatives of closing the jail and transporting inmates and bonding and building a new facility; and

WHEREAS, the Jail Study Committee has recommended construction of a 26 cell 52 bed jail adjacent to the Roseau County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with the Jail Study Committee recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize construction of a new Roseau County Jail.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-02-02

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Jail Study Committee has recommended re-locating Law Enforcement into the existing Social Services space within the Roseau County Courthouse, and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with the Jail Study Committee recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize Law Enforcement to re-locate into the existing Social Services space.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-02-03

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Jail Study Committee has recommended constructing a new Social Services building on existing Roseau County property, and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with the Jail study Committee recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize construction of a new Social Services building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-02-04

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Jail Study Committee has recommended reviewing the architectural drawings of the proposed new jail facility with an outside consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with the Jail Study Committee recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize the Jail Study Committee to review the jail facility drawings with a jail facility specialist.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-02-05

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Jail Study Committee has recommended researching moving the Roseau City sewer line that runs through the Roseau County property designated for construction of the new jail; and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with the Jail Study Committee recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize the Jail Study Committee to meet with the City of Roseau to review options and expenses for re-locating the Roseau City sewer line and return to the Board with a recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-02-06

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Jail Study Committee has recommended formally notifying all adjacent landowners of the decision to build a new jail facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with the Jail study Committee recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize the Jail Study Committee to send an informative letter to all landowners adjacent to the Roseau County Courthouse property who may be impacted by the construction of a new jail and to meet individually and/or as a group with any or all interested or concerned parties.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-02-07

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Jail Study Committee has recommended contacting Louise and Greg Herling to determine their interest in selling their property adjacent to the Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with the Jail study Committee recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby direct the Jail Study Committee to contact USA Reality and request they follow the proper procedure of notifying the property owner to find out their interest in selling.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-02-08

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Jail Study Committee has recommended investigating purchasing the Borgen building in Badger as a possible solution to Highway Department and Sheriff's Department needs; and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with the Jail Study Committee recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby direct Commissioner Foldesi and Commissioner Walker to make the necessary contacts and gather the information required to make an informed decision on this matter and to return to the February 15, 2005 Board meeting with a recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-02-09

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Jail Study Committee has recommended addressing the safety and security needs of Court Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with the Jail Study Committee recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby direct the Jail Study Committee to invite the Court Administration group to the next Jail Committee meeting to discuss safety and security issues and to return at the earliest possible date to the Board with recommendations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-02-10

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Jail Study Committee has recommended moving as expediently as possible on this project in order to comply with the Department of Corrections Sunset date of July 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with the Jail Study Committee recommendation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby commit to beginning construction of a new Social Services building by the fall of 2005 and to begin construction of a new jail facility by spring of 2006.

The Board discussed a budget for the scope of the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-02-11

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby set the Roseau County Jail Project budget at \$6,000,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby require further Board approval for any project cost estimated to exceed the approved budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby reserve the right to rescind Board motions 2005-02-01 through 2005-02-10 if bid estimates exceed project scope spending approval.

The Board discussed the Department of Natural resources invitation to be part of the Lost River Planning Committee. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-02-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize the Chair and Vice-Chair to attend the Lost River Forest Planning meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby appoint Fred Meeker as the Township governmental representative on the Lost River Forest Planning Committee.

The Board discussed the annual township meeting scheduled for February 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Roseau County Courthouse meeting room. Coordinator Harren was directed to provide copies of the Board resolutions on road designation in unorganized townships as a model resolution for township boards to act on.

The Board discussed the Roseau County Highway Department Association contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by a 3-1 vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-02-13

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a 7% upfront wage increase effective on payrolls beginning December 19, 2004 to December 16, 2005 for the following employee groups: Social Services, Courthouse Complex, Highway Department, and non-union Sheriff's Department employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that elected and appointed officials are exempt from this wage negotiation settlement.

Upon motion carried, Chairman Orris Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. The Board will convene its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. on February 15, 2005.

Attest:

Date: _____

Teresa R. Harren
County Coordinator

Orris Rasmussen
Board Chairman