

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 25, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Orris Rasmussen, Alan Johnston, Jack Stone, Mark Foldesi, and Russell Walker. Also present were Gary Bridgeford and Chad Reider, representatives from Industrial Construction Services, Inc. Grand Forks, ND, and 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.

Approval for the Board Chair to sign the Revised Programmatic Standards for the Victim Services grant, approval of a resolution in support of a Limited Use Permit for the Marshall County Driftskippers, and discussion on the Roseau County Election Equipment Plan were added to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the amended agenda.

The Board discussed the need to appoint a new manager to the Two Rivers Watershed District Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-10-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby reappoint Jim Kukowski as manager to the Two Rivers Watershed District Board.

The Board discussed the bids for the Roseau County Jail and Social Services building project. At the October 18, 2005 bid opening, the cost for the entire project came in at \$7.3 million, \$1.2 million of which was for the social services building, which was bid as an alternate. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone to accept the low bid for the jail, with alternate 4, the social services building, deducted. Commissioner Foldesi seconded the motion. Chair Rasmussen called for discussion.

Commissioner Johnston pointed out that the only reason for separate bids for the new jail and social services building was to allow local contractors to bid on the projects, keeping the money within the county. He noted that the alternative to not building both the jail and the new social service building is to spend more money in the future. Commissioner Johnston noted that if you want to save money, cutting the jail would be the wiser decision, even if it requires transporting inmates.

Commissioner Walker advised the Board that Social Services is a growing department and that each time a new position is added, additional funding is generated for county needs. He noted that Social Services has about \$18 million worth of services that run through their department each year at a cost to local tax payers of only about \$1.1 million. He further noted, as an example of how Social Services has expanded, that in 1980 Roseau County had 103 child support cases and collected \$55,208. In 2005, Roseau County has 763 cases and collects over \$2.25 million dollars per year. Commissioner Walker noted that a concern of his is services for the mentally ill. He noted that Roseau County has about 37 residents that fall into the severe and persistent category of needs and whose care Roseau County is mandated to

provide. By being proactive and adequately staffing Social Services to care for these people locally, the County saves money. Commissioner Walker further reminded the Board that the Jail Study Committee, which was appointed by the Board over two years ago, had spent a lot of time and energy researching various options. Ultimately this committee made a series of recommendations to the County Board. These recommendations included building a 26 cell/ 52 unit jail located behind the Roseau County Courthouse, re-locating Law Enforcement into the space currently occupied by Social Services, and building a new building to house the Social Services department. This recommendation was based on the realization that Social Services would be outgrowing its current space long before the debt service on the new jail would be paid off. It was determined that the current Social Services space would be a good fit for Law Enforcement with the added benefit of providing the first stages of Courthouse security, all for less money than it would cost to simply build a new Law Enforcement building along with the County Jail, as had originally been planned. Commissioner Walker concluded that it is in the best interest of the county tax-levy to keep all the functions of Social Services together in one building and keep it running as efficiently as possible.

Commissioner Foldesi advised the Board that he believes the whole project is a good one. However, he does not believe that the county can afford the whole project at this time. It is also Commissioner Foldesi's opinion that even if the county has to spend more money in the future to address Social Services expansions, and additional operation costs for the Sheriff's department due to their separation from the new Roseau County Jail, that those issues should be dealt with as they happen. He believes that different options should be considered, such as renting office space for some of the social service workers etc., before a new building is erected for their entire staff.

Commissioner Rasmussen noted that he believes there must be some other way to take care of the needs in the county, without spending \$7.3 million. Commissioner Rasmussen expressed concern about taxpayers on fixed incomes that cannot afford an additional tax burden.

Mr. Gary Bridgeford, of Industrial Construction Services, Inc., Grand Forks, ND, the low bidder for the Roseau County Jail and Social Services building project, asked to address the Board. Mr. Bridgeford advised the Board to expect a 10% - 15% increase in the price of construction costs in the next year as a result of natural disasters in our country. He stated that should a need exist for additional space, the time to build that building is now.

The Board asked for input from the public in attendance. Assistant County Attorney Lisa Hanson pointed out that some positive aspects of the jail/social service project include resolution of some security issues by having law enforcement in the courthouse and saving on future costs. She also brought up the fact that there have been extensive architectural costs that have already been paid by the county to come up with this project.

Roseau County Sheriff Jule Hanson was addressed by the Board and asked to explain why he would need more employees if the Sheriff's department was to stay in their present building. Sheriff Hanson explained that with the separation of jail from law enforcement would require the duplication of jailer/dispatcher staff. Dispatch is a function of law enforcement not the jail but is handled through a Jailer/Dispatcher position in an effort to reduce operational expenses. If the jail is separated from the Sheriff's department, it would not make sense to keep the dispatch center with the jail in the jail control center. Additional staff will have to be hired to manage dispatch in the Sheriff's department. If dispatch were to be left in the jail, some form of receptionist staff will be needed at the Sheriff's department to answer the phone and be

available to the public. This additional operational expense exceeds the difference in debt service between building the jail only and building both the jail and social services.

Scott Habstritt, a member of the Jail Study Committee, noted that by building the complete project the anticipated expansion of social services would be taken care of and the security issues in the Courthouse would be addressed.

After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Rasmussen called for a vote. Voting in favor were Commissioners Stone and Foldesi, opposed were Commissioners Walker and Johnston, and Commissioner Rasmussen broke the tie voting in favor of the motion.

2005-10-11

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the bid on the Roseau County Jail and Social Services building project, with the deduction of alternate No. 4, the social services building.

Commissioner Johnston left the meeting.

County Coordinator Teresa Harren requested that the Board authorize Board Chair Rasmussen to sign the revised programmatic standards for the Victim Services grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and passed by unanimous vote to authorize the Board Chair to sign the revised Programmatic Standards for the Victim Services grant.

County Coordinator Teresa Harren also requested that the Board approve a resolution in support of a limited use permit for the Marshall County Driftskippers. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-10-12

WHEREAS, the Marshall County Driftskippers Club is proposing to develop and maintain a snowmobile trail on State Highway Right of Way in Roseau County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Middle River is the sponsoring authority for the Marshall County Driftskippers Club; and

WHEREAS, the City of Middle River is requesting permission from Roseau County to maintain and develop the Marshall County Driftskippers Club's proposed trail within Roseau County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board shall permit the City of Middle River to develop and maintain the proposed snowmobile trail in Roseau County for the Marshall County Driftskippers Club as described below:

On both sides of State Highway No. 89 from 1 mile south of Wannaska to the Marshall County line (7 miles in length).

The Board gave committee reports. Commissioner Rasmussen attended the Joint Powers Natural Resource Board meeting in Bemidji on October 24, 2005. At this meeting

Wayne Bendickson, Lake of the Woods Assessor and Land Commissioner, was appointed as interim director replacing Robert Howard. Commissioner Rasmussen told the Board that the DNR has agreed to pay back ditch taxes with penalty to Lake of the Woods County and is reviewing this issue on a county by county basis. Commissioner Rasmussen also participated in an AMC Water Quality Committee conference call meeting along with fourteen other people from around the state. Commissioner Rasmussen also reported on a MRCC meeting he attended in Moorhead on October 21, 2005. He also viewed the Clay County Courthouse renovation project at that time. Commissioner Rasmussen reported on the Northwest Regional Development meeting he attended in Warren on October 19, 2005, where he viewed Marshall County's flood project. Commissioner Rasmussen stated he was impressed with the single project plan that was both a diversion and a water retention solution in one. Commissioner Walker attended the District III AMC meeting in Thief River Falls on October 13, 2005. Commissioner Walker informed the Board that AMC President Jim Mulder gave an excellent methamphetamine presentation and that Mr. Mulder would be willing to come to Roseau County and give presentations to local businesses and schools. Commissioner Walker attended the MRCC meeting with Commissioner Rasmussen and joined him on the tour of the Clay County Courthouse. Commissioner Walker also attended an election equipment planning meeting on October 12, 2005 and a Highway Department meeting on October 17, 2005.

County Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board. Mr. Ketring advised the Board that he had consulted with ditch attorney Kurt Deter and that Mr. Deter concurs with the Roseau River Watershed judgment and recommendation to the Board to remove the culvert on CR 129 and CR 124 as an unlawful culvert. Mr. Kevin Nelson asked if County Ditch 11 would still be cleaned now that the culvert is being removed. Mr. Nelson stated that he does not believe that this ditch will drain properly even if the culvert is removed. Mr. Ketring recommended the Board rescind its previous authorization to clean the ditch now that the culvert in question is being removed. Mr. Ketring stated that the county cannot legally spend transportation funding to clean ditches and there is no money in the county budget to do ditch cleaning at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-10-13

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby rescind approval to clean Ditch No. 11 at the intersection of CR 129 and CR 124 in Spruce Township on the Ed Streiff property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve removal of the culvert in the ditch on the south side of CR 124 running west of CR 129 as soon as possible.

Sealed bids on DR-1288 ditches were received until 11:00 a.m. and read by Engineer Ketring.

- 1.) FEMA PW Nos. 271 and 264, County Ditch No. 9, Lat. 4 and Lat. 6 and County Ditch No. 18:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Wright Construction	\$254,387.51

- 2.) FEMA PW No. 268, County Ditch No. 11, Lat. 1:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
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Davidson Construction	\$ 182,851.90
Wright Construction	\$ 91,327.04

3.) FEMA PW No. 259, County Ditch No. 21, Lat. 1:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Davidson Construction	\$283,730.00
Ralph McKeever	\$107,681.70
Wright Construction	\$212,327.35

4.) FEMA PW No. 259, County Ditch No. 21, Lat. 2:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Wright Construction	\$142,640.90
Davidson Construction	\$258,916.00

5.) FEMA PW No. 259, County Ditch No. 21, Br. 1 and Br. 1, Lat. 2:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Wright Construction	\$401,345.75
Davidson Construction	\$413,064.00

6.) FEMA PW No. 258, County Ditch No. 23 and Br. 1:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Wright Construction	\$285,413.65
Goulet Construction	\$ 98,668.20
Davidson Construction	\$421,966.50

The bids will be tallied and sent to the Department of Emergency Management for approval. Once this approval has been received, Mr. Ketring will return to the Board with a recommendation to award a contract.

Mr. Ketring requested that the 2006 Ditch Budgets and Levies be approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-10-14

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Board of Commissioners has reviewed and considered budgets for the ditch systems located in Roseau County, and

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Board of Commissioners deems it necessary that the following amounts be levied on ditch systems as stated below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Auditor is directed to spread one-year levies on the following ditches for repairs and maintenance for the year 2006:

<u>Ditch No.</u>	<u>Year 2006 Levy Percentage of Assessed Benefits</u>
County Ditch No. 5	23%

County Ditch No. 6	10%
County Ditch No. 7	25%
County Ditch No. 9	15%
County Ditch No. 10	25%
County Ditch No. 11	25%
County Ditch No. 13	10%
County Ditch No. 17	15%
County Ditch No. 18	10%
Judicial Ditch No. 19	20%
County Ditch No. 20	15%
County Ditch No. 21	25%
County Ditch No. 22	-0-
County Ditch No. 23	20%
County Ditch No. 24	-0-
County Ditch No. 25	15%
County Ditch No. 26	25%
Judicial Ditch No. 33	10%
Judicial Ditch No. 61	10%
Judicial Ditch No. 62	-0-
State Ditch No. 63	10%
State Ditch No. 69	20%
State Ditch No. 72	15%
State Ditch No. 87	10%
State Ditch No. 90	20%
State Ditch No. 91	15%
State Ditch No. 95	20%
State Ditch No. 20	25%

Ditch budgets are on file in the office of the County Auditor.

Mr. Ketring presented quotes to remove stumps, level, seed and fertilize the two lots owned by Roseau County south of the courthouse. The quotes came in as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Horner Plumbing	\$2, 345.50
R & Q	\$2, 480.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and passed by a 3-1 vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-10-15

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby accept the quote of Horner Plumbing in the amount of \$2,345.00 to landscape Lofstedts 3rd Addition, Lots 1 and 2, BLK-1.

Mr. Ketring requested that the Board approve a Call for Bids for DR-1288 Ditches on December 5, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Ketring will present a recommendation based on these bids at the Roseau County Board of Commissioners meeting on December 13, 2005. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-10-16

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a Call for Bids for DR-1288 Ditches on December 5, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Ketring also requested that the Board authorize the Board Chair to sign the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust Drug and Alcohol Testing contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to authorize the Board Chair Rasmussen to sign the contract.

Assistant County Attorney Lisa Hanson met with the Board. Ms. Hanson informed the Board that the County Attorney's Office has filed one methamphetamine case and two felony DUI felony cases since the last Board meeting. Ms. Hanson reported on the sentencing guidelines training she recently attended in Bemidji. Ms. Hanson will be attending a meeting on Friday, October 28, 2005 to discuss the roads to be included in the ATV Ordinance.

County Auditor Anne Granitz met with the Board. Ms. Granitz presented the bills for payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to approve payment of auditor warrants and commissioner warrants as follows:

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
650.00	ASSN OF MN COUNTIES	1000.00	CLEARWATER CO TREASURER
1442.41	COMPUTERLAND AN NETWORK CENTER	1000.00	CRIMESTAR CORPORATION
361.39	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	753.71	E & L ELECTRIC CO
2699.11	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-ROSEAU	600.64	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD
379.43	GREENBUSH SANITATION LTD	302.13	TERESA HARREN
2847.50	HEPPNER CONSULTING INC	5579.75	JOHNSON OIL CO INC
32293.35	MAR-KIT LANDFILL	2809.99	MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP
2075.50	NORTH COUNTRY INSURANCE	467.55	POLARIS INDUSTRIES INC
8015.00	PRO-WEST & ASSOCIATES INC	560.00	RINKE-NOONAN LAW FIRM
30222.93	ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT	15850.17	ROSEAU CO SOIL & WATER CONS
1442.06	SANITATION PRODUCTS INC	905.25	SCOREBOARD SPORTSWEAR, INC
6727.13	SPIELMAN RADIO	909.39	STREIFF SPORTING GOODS
	31 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	3,486.08	
	**** FINAL TOTAL.....	\$123,380.47	****

And that the summary of auditor warrants be approved as follows:

October 13, 2005	\$251,244.03
October 20, 2005	\$106,269.81

Ms. Granitz updated the Board on the Roseau County election equipment planning process. Ms. Granitz informed the Board that the final election equipment plan meeting will be held at the courthouse at 7:00 p.m. on November 1, 2005. The election equipment plan will be finalized at that meeting and a recommendation will be presented to the Board for approval so that state and federal grant monies can be obtained for the mandated voter assistance machines.

The Board acknowledged the need for continued discussion on the jail project. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to hold a Special Meeting on November 1, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss bid alternates, project finance options, and operational and capital expenses associated with separating law enforcement from the jail.

The Board acknowledged the following correspondence: NW Regional Development Commission RE: Nominations for Public Interest Representatives; NW Regional Development Commission RE: Monthly Board Meeting; NW Area Agency on Aging RE: Training Session on Medicare Part D; and NW Regional Development Commission RE: Land of the Dancing Sky Annual Community Training Session. No action was taken.

Upon motion carried, Chairman Orris Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. The Board will convene its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. on November 15, 2005.

Attest:

Date: _____

Teresa Harren
County Coordinator

Orris Rasmussen
Board Chairman