

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

August 9, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, August 9, 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 discussion on the resolution in support of the Roseau County Flood Mitigation Project and a discussion on ditch repair and assessment were added to the agenda. An appointment at 9:15 a.m. with Warren Olson regarding ditch cleaning of County Road 21 was also added to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the amended agenda.

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

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 8/9/05 FOR PAYMENT ON 8/12/05

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
829.00	ACE HARDWARE-ROSEAU	684.22	BREEZY POINT RESORT
17200.25	BRYAN ERICKSON AUTO SALES	2592.52	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-LK BRNSN
18551.83	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-ROSEAU	2300.89	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD
5455.46	FRONTIER PRECISION INC	519.37	GRAND FORKS GROCERY FOOD SERV
398.85	GREENBUSH SANITATION LTD	1866.26	H & L MESABI INC
3390.00	HEPPNER CONSULTING INC	490.65	HILLYARD HUTCHINSON
353.99	M & R SIGN CO INC	33148.35	MAR-KIT LANDFILL
3000.00	MIDWEST TESTING LAB INC	1764.00	MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP
600.00	MN DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION	841.76	MN DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY
754.05	MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	451.00	MN STATE AUDITOR
497.00	MULTI OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	742.98	NORTHLAND TIRE
9211.50	NORTHSTAR MATERIALS INC	2000.00	NW MN MULTI COUNTY HRA
334.47	OHAUS CORPORATION	1168.03	PETROWSKI TELECOMMUNICATIONS
385.06	QUALITY PRINTING	305.18	QUILL CORPORATION
400.00	RELIANCE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS	670.71	RIVERFRONT STATION
500.95	ROSEAU AUTO VALUE	473.45	ROSEAU CLEANING SYSTEMS
4878.72	ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN	14504.23	ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT
443.76	ROSEAU CO SHERIFF-SUNDRY ACCOU	2435.25	SJOBERG'S INC
2836.14	SPIELMAN RADIO	4436.25	U OF MN EXTENSION SERVICE
711.78	US RECORDS	19354.25	WRIGHT CONSTRUCTION CO INC
		<b>58 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300</b>	<b>7,378.34</b>
****		<b>FINAL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$168,860.50 ****</b>

The summary of auditor warrants was approved as follows:

July 28, 2005	\$419,798.12
August 4, 2005	\$554,346.38

Ms. Granitz presented an election equipment plan update and distributed a packet of information detailing legislation and other information relating to the development of the Roseau County Election Equipment Plan. As she had stated in the Roseau County Board of Commissioners meeting on July 12, 2005, recent legislation mandated that each voting precinct be equipped with voter assist equipment in order to ensure that every voter be given an equal opportunity to vote. Ms. Granitz attended the meeting on August 4, 2005 where there was a demonstration on this new voting equipment. Ms. Granitz also made the Roseau County Board aware that there is a follow up meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2005 to continue the discussion on this new voting equipment plan.

Ms. Granitz and the commissioners discussed the funding sources – including the use of con con funds – for the Far North Transit building project. Commissioner Stone requested \$15,000 on behalf of the Committee on Aging for the Far North Transit Appropriation. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-08-01

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board does hereby authorize that an appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 be paid forthwith from the Roseau County Consolidated Conservation Development Fund to the Far North Transit building project.

Environmental Officer Jeff Pelowski met with the Board. Mr. Pelowski stated that the Committee for Solid Waste unanimously recommends that the same fee structure be kept for this system for two more years. Mr. Pelowski requested that a public hearing be set for September 13, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. to amend the Solid Waste Ordinance.

#### **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOTICE OF HEARING**

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

2005-08-02

**WHEREAS**, the Roseau County Board of Commissioners concurs with the recommendation of the Solid Waste Planning Committee to maintain the existing tipping fee/service fee schedule for 2006 and 2007.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in order to consider public comments upon the proposed solid waste tipping fee/service fee schedule, the County Auditor is hereby authorized to publish the proposed Amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance with notice that there will be a public hearing on September 13, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., in the Roseau County Board of Commissioners meeting room at the Courthouse in the City of Roseau.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Notice of Intention to Amend the Solid Waste Ordinance shall be published in the official county newspaper.

The Board discussed the appointing of two (2) managers to both the Roseau River Watershed and the Warroad River Watershed. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-08-03

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board does hereby appoint Keith Landin and Loren Horner to the Warroad River Watershed for a three year term expiring September 19, 2008.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board does hereby appoint LeRoy Carriere to the Roseau River Watershed for a three year term expiring September 18, 2008.

Mr. Warren Olson met with the Board to discuss the possibility of having the CSAH No. 21 ditch cleaned. It was decided that Commissioner Rasmussen and County Engineer Brian Ketring would follow up with Mr. Olson concerning this issue.

Mr. Dennis Strandlund met with the Board. The Board acknowledged a correspondence received earlier from Mr. Strandlund. Mr. Strandlund requested the CSAH No. 28 ditch be cleaned by Roseau County. He also relayed some concern about the spillage from the Roseau River on County Road #28 and requested that the dike near that area be fixed. Roseau County Engineer Brian Ketring stated that this ditch has not been cleaned because of the lack of funding. Mr. Ketring also stated that this cleaning should be the responsibility of the Roseau River Watershed. The Board discussed this issue and it was decided that it would be appropriate for the Roseau County Board of Commissioners to meet with the Roseau River Watershed. The Roseau County Board of Commissioners will contact the Roseau River Watershed and set up a meeting time to discuss this issue with them. This will be a public meeting and the Board made it clear that Dennis Strandlund and other interested parties are welcome to attend and they will be contacted with the meeting date and time. No meeting date was decided on today.

Mr. Ken Chruszch met with the Board. Mr. Chruszch wanted to be informed on the progress of State Ditch No. 95 in Barto Township. The Board discussed the culvert that may go into this ditch. Commissioner Foldesi explained the details and decisions made in regard to this culvert as a result of the Joint Commissioner/Watershed meeting held on August 8, 2005. Mr. Foldesi stated that, according to the requisition of the Two Rivers Watershed District, Roseau County would be filling out a permit application for a culvert for Lateral 8, State Ditch No. 95 with the county's recommendation on it.

Mr. Mitchell Johnson from Polaris Industries met with the Board. Mr. Johnson requested that the Board embrace the resolution of support for the Roseau County Flood Mitigation Project. Mr. Johnson stated that Polaris Industries would like to see a safe environment for all those in the Roseau County. Commissioner Johnston proposed that the Board make a decision to support the resolution for the Roseau County Flood Mitigation Project. Mr. Johnson explained that by deciding to support this resolution, the

Board is stating that they are behind the formation of a flood mitigation project. Commissioner Foldesi noted that although he is in favor of supporting this resolution, he is concerned that once the City of Roseau's flood project is completed, there will be no further flood protection projects approved for the benefit of rest of the county. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston and seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried by a 4-1 vote with Commissioners Johnston, Walker, Foldesi and Stone voting in favor and Commissioner Rasmussen opposed to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
ROSEAU FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT**

2005-08-04

**WHEREAS**, the City of Roseau and surrounding area experienced record flooding in June of 2002 with devastating economic and personal costs, and

**WHEREAS**, local, regional, state, and federal resources have rallied together to recover from this disaster and to prevent similar future events, and

**WHEREAS**, government and community groups have outlined a comprehensive flood mitigation approach for the Roseau Area, and

**WHEREAS**, assistance from the U.S. Government, and the State of Minnesota is a critical part in establishing an approach which will allow the residents and businesses of the Roseau Area to operate without the fear of on-going floods, and

**WHEREAS**, through a feasibility study that researched and compared various flood control options including 1.) Taking No Action; 2.) Upstream Flood Water Storage; 3.) A West Aligned Diversion Channel; 4.) An East Aligned Diversion Channel; 5.) A Permanent Levee/Floodwall System; 6.) A North Aligned Diversion Channel; 7.) Modify Channel/River Bank Unloading Modifications; and 8.) High-Flow Channel Cutoffs, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has identified the East side flood diversion channel as the most cost effective option for the Corps to participate in the Roseau Area Flood mitigation effort.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Roseau Area Flood Mitigation Task Force fully supports multiple purpose flood control projects sponsored under the authorities of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a base component in alleviating the future threat of flooding in the Roseau area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Task Force supports the concepts in the draft design of an east side flood diversion channel as presented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, including the incorporation of recreational and ecosystem restoration components; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in addition to the East Side Diversion Project, the Task Force supports flood control and impoundments upstream at the best strategic locations for flood control utilizing both public and private land ownership.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Task Force also supports downstream flood control and/or impoundments to control flooding in the lower reaches of the Roseau River in the most strategic locations utilizing both public and private land ownership

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that with the recognition of the challenges in the implementation of these types of projects, the Task Force encourages the expeditious formulation and development of the project to assure a timely solution to the flooding problems experienced by Roseau and surrounding areas within the Roseau River Watershed.

County Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board. Mr. Ketring requested that the Board cancel the present contract for the 2001 flood projects and re-advertise the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-08-05

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board does hereby authorize the cancellation of the present contract for DR-1370; FEMA PW No. 2187, SD 69.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board does hereby approve re-bidding this project with a bid opening date of September 13, 2005, at 11:00 a.m.

The Board and Engineer Ketring discussed the personnel needs for ditch repair and assessment and also implementation of a system of inspection and estimates. Mr. Ketring stated that he has adequate staff to get these ditches cleaned up; and if the funding comes through for this project, he is willing to get these jobs done. The Board will make more decisions on how to move forward with this project at a later time.

Assistant County Attorney Lisa Hanson met with the Board. Ms. Hanson did some research on the liability of a private homeowner for methamphetamine laboratory cleanup according to the Board's request. She concluded that a private home owner is liable for methamphetamine laboratory cleanup even if the home owner is not aware that methamphetamine is on their property.

The Board discussed payment of per diem to Commissioner Alan Johnston for attending a meeting with Senator Coleman. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-08-06

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board does hereby authorize that per diem be paid to Commissioner Alan Johnston for his attendance at a meeting with Senator Coleman.

Commissioner Walker reported on the August 8, 2005, KaMaR meeting. Commissioner Walker and Commissioner Johnston gave a Sheriff's Commission update. Commissioner Rasmussen, Commissioner Foldesi, and Commissioner Johnston all attended their respected ditch meetings. Commissioners Rasmussen, Walker, Johnston, Foldesi, and Stone all attended the required workplace harassment training sessions the week of August 1, 2005.

Upon motion carried, Chairman Orris Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m. The Board will convene its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. on August 23, 2005.

Attest:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Brianna Milbrath  
Deputy County Auditor

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Orris Rasmussen  
Board Chairman