

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 27, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Orris Rasmussen, Alan Johnston, Jack Stone, and Russell Walker. Commissioner Foldesi joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m. 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 Johnston, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the agenda.

The Board discussed approval of a Committee of the Whole meeting on September 29, 2005 to meet with architect Rich McCarthy to review the Jail and Social Services building bid documents. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-09-21

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a Committee of the Whole meeting for September 29, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the Jail and Social Services building bid documents.

The Board discussed approval of a Committee of the Whole meeting on October 6, 2005 for the purpose of holding a pre-bid conference on the Jail and Social Services building. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-09-22

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a Committee of the Whole meeting for October 6, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a pre-bid conference on the Jail and Social Services building construction projects.

The Board discussed the correspondence from the City of Roseau regarding the weed and long grass ordinance violation on the Lofstedts 3rd addition property located directly south of the Courthouse. Mowing of this property has been an ongoing problem due to the uneven ground. The Board discussed the matter and agreed to ask County Engineer Brian Ketring to get estimates on having the necessary work done on this property to solve the problem. The property could then be added to the lawn mowing contract to be taken care of on a regular basis.

The Board discussed 2006 appropriations. The Board agreed that given existing budget concerns complicated by rising fuel and associated costs, it would not be fair to raise taxes to increase appropriations. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston,

seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-09-23

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby set the following appropriation amounts for 2006:

Roseau County Medical Travel	\$3,265
Roseau Area Transit	\$3,000
Rural Life Outreach	\$ 750
Area Ag Information Center	\$ 750
Memorial Day	\$ 600

The Board discussed Northwest Regional Library funding. The maintenance of effort required amount for 2006 is \$70,000. The Board agreed to continue funding for 2006 at the 2005 amount. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-09-24

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby sets the 2006 Northwest Regional Library 2006 appropriation at \$80,000.

The Board discussed the appropriation for the Pembina Trail Research and Development Association. Commissioner Walker questioned the benefit this organization has to Roseau County. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by a 2-1 vote, with Commissioner Walker opposed to adopt the following resolution:

2005-09-25

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve an association fee of \$400 for membership in the Pembina Trail Research and Development Association.

The Board discussed the Joint Powers Natural Resources Board involvement and membership fee. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by a 2-1 vote, with Commissioner Stone opposed to adopt the following resolution:

2005-09-26

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the 2006 membership fee of \$2000 for the Joint Powers Natural Resources Board.

The Board discussed the 2006 Soil and Water Conservation District appropriation. A 3% increase had been requested. The Board agreed to maintain the 2005 level of funding. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

Commissioner Foldesi entered the meeting.

2005-09-27

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby set the 2006 Soil and Water Conservation District appropriation at \$49,000.

The Board discussed the 2006 Roseau County Agricultural Society appropriation. Commissioner Walker noted that he thought the Roseau County Fair could do more to be self-supporting. He suggested charging a gate fee and charging for parking. Commissioner Stone stated that it is his understanding that the Fair Board made an agreement with the donors of the grandstand that they would not charge a gate fee. The Board discussed maintaining funding at the 2005 level. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Walker opposed, to adopt the following resolution:

2005-09-28

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby set the 2006 Roseau County Agricultural Society appropriation at \$25,000.

The Board discussed 2006 International Coalition membership fee. Commissioner Walker questioned the value of this agency to Roseau County. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried by a 3-1 vote, with Commissioner Walker opposed, to adopt the following resolution:

2005-09-29

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby agree to pay the \$347 annual fee for membership in the International Coalition.

The Board discussed the Housing Loan program. Roseau County has appropriated \$25,000 to this program for the past six years. So far in 2005, only \$2,000 of that amount has been requested. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone to appropriate \$10,000 to the Housing Loan program on an as needed basis. The motion died for lack of a second. The Board agreed to table discussion of the 2006 appropriation until they find out the status of the program.

The Board met with Senior Medical Travel Coordinator Gail Gustafson. Ms. Gustafson reviewed the 2004 annual report. Ms. Gustafson noted that participation is up and trips are up. In 2003, Senior Medical Travel made 799 trips compared to 1,044 in 2004. Ms. Gustafson noted that Roseau Area Hospital and Homes is looking at writing a grant to purchase a van to use for long-term care travel for medical needs such as kidney dialysis that requires multiple trips each week over an extended period of time. This would reduce the pressure on the Senior Medical Travel program considerably.

Board Chairman Orris Rasmussen recessed the Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Auditor Anne Granitz met with the Board. Ms. Granitz provided Commissioners with ditch budget and levy worksheet materials. Ms. Granitz requested that ditch budgets and levies be set at the October 11, 2005 Board meeting.

Ms. Granitz presented the bills for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, 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
712.94	ACE HARDWARE-GREENBUSH	407.99	ACS
318.48	CREATIVE FORMS & CONCEPTS	5546.31	EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION INC
2328.21	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-ROSEAU	302.00	GIRARD'S BUSINESS MACHINES
2656.00	GRAFF CONSTRUCTION	402.85	GRAINGER INC
550.00	HEPPNER CONSULTING INC	1233.76	HOFFMAN DALE & SWENSON PLLC
1230.00	JENSON JEFF	4838.40	JOHNSON OIL CO INC
529.41	JOHNSTON ALAN B	423.74	LAB SAFETY SUPPLY, INC
720.00	LAZNICKA CONSTRUCTION	375.00	MINNESOTA LAWYER
919.48	MOREN MICHELLE E	565.05	MULTI OFFICE PRODUCTS INC
553.52	PAMIDA INC	542.78	POLARIS INDUSTRIES INC
1259.83	QUILL CORPORATION	600.00	RELIANCE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS
4436.25	U OF MN EXTENSION SERVICE	1182.73	U SAVE FOODS
3327.84	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	41708.90	WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING
	48 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	4,713.53	
	**** FINAL TOTAL.....	\$82,385.00	****

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

September 15, 2005	\$ 422,849.13
September 22, 2005	\$ 6,053.36
September 27, 2005	\$ 8,168.88 (forthwith)
September 27, 2005	\$ 350.00 (forthwith)
September 27, 2005	\$ 2,035.00 (forthwith)
September 27, 2005	\$ 310.00 (forthwith)

County Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board. Mr. Ketring requested the Board approve the contract for the one block of work to be done on CSAH No. 77 between the Roseau Post Office and the Fire Hall. This work is part of a City of Roseau economic development project to upgrade sanitary sewers. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following resolution:

2005-09-30

WHEREAS, Engineer Ketring has recommended that the Board approve a contract with Wagner Construction, Inc. for CSAH No. 77, S.A.P. 68-677-04 in the amount of \$204,693.78; and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with the recommendation of Engineer Ketring;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves a contract with Wagner Construction, Inc. and a contract will be given accordingly.

The Board discussed Highway Department equipment rental rates. Engineer Ketring noted that he has been working with the Highway Department Committee to research and make recommendations for a rate increase. The last increase was done in 2004. It was noted that approximately two-thirds of the miles maintained by the Highway Department are for townships. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2005-09-31

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby set the 2006 Roseau County Highway Department Equipment Rental Rates as follows:

<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>RATE W/OPERATOR</u>
Motor grader	\$50.00	\$ 80.00
Truck - Single Axle	\$50.00	\$ 80.00
Truck - Tandem Axel	\$70.00	\$100.00
Gravel Trailer – Red River Pup	\$10.00	N/A
Spray Truck - Single Axle	\$70.00	\$132.00
Spray Truck – tandem Axle	\$80.00	\$142.00
Backhoe – JCB	\$40.00	\$ 70.00
Dozer – D-4	\$70.00	\$100.00
Dozer – D-7	\$85.00	\$115.00
Tractor – 6400 JD	\$25.00	\$ 55.00
Mower – 7’ New Holland	\$10.00	N/A
Tractor – Ford	\$40.00	\$70.00
Mower – 14’ Bi-Fold Woods	\$15.00	N/A
Loader – Case	\$45.00	\$75.00
Trailer – Tandem Flatbed	\$10.00	N/A
Crack Filler – Bearcat	\$40.00	N/A
Patch Wagon	\$40.00	N/A
Crusher	\$150.00	N/A
Steamer	\$100.00	N/A
Pickup	\$ 20.00	N/A

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these rates are effective December 1, 2005.

The Board discussed the rate charged to private county residents for snow removal. The current rate is \$60 per hour with a one-quarter hour minimum charge. Engineer Ketring recommended the Board increase the hourly rate to \$100 per hour with a quarter-hour (\$25.00) minimum charge. Commissioner Johnston suggested a \$50.00 minimum charge. Commissioner Rasmussen suggested that the rate remain more reasonable as the residents who purchase this service from the county are taxpayers. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi to set the new rate at \$100.00 with a minimum of \$25.00. The motion died for a lack of a second. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Stone, and carried by a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Foldesi opposed, to adopt the following resolution:

2005-09-32

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board sets the private snowplow rate at \$100 per hour with a minimum charge of \$35.

Engineer Ketring advised the Board that as requested he had researched the cost to address rural home sites. There are two grades of sign materials. The cost for 5000 signs using the higher grade is \$78,000 or approximately \$16 per household. The cost of the lower grade material is \$62,000 or \$12.50 per household. The Board tabled the matter.

Assistant County Attorney Lisa Hanson met with the Board. Ms. Hanson told the Board that in order to complete the ATV Ordinance, the Board needs to designate the roads to be involved. Ms. Hanson scheduled a meeting with Engineer Ketring, Commissioner Rasmussen, and Commissioner Walker to complete this matter.

The Board gave committee reports. Commissioner Walker noted that he had attended Highway Department meetings on September 16, 2005, September 19, 2005, and September 23, 2005 to review the budget with Engineer Ketring and revise operator/equipment rental rates. Mr. Walker also attended a Sheriffs' Commission meeting on September 14, 2005. Commissioner Rasmussen reported on the Northwest Regional Development Commissioner meeting he attended. He noted that funding is being reduced to this agency and that services to the aging are likely to take the biggest cut.

Commissioner Johnston reported that the Red Lake Housing Authority will be relocating nine of the housing units from Warroad to the Red Lake Indian Reservation. He noted that the Springsteel Homeowners Association is actively pursuing a community septic system.

The Board discussed the 2006 Roseau County Historical Society appropriation. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker to zero fund the Roseau County Historical Society appropriation. Commissioner Johnston seconded the motion. The motion failed by a 2-3 vote with Commissioners Walker and Johnston voting in favor and Commissioners Foldesi, Stone, and Rasmussen opposed. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and passed by a 3-2 vote with Commissioners Stone, Foldesi, and Rasmussen voting in favor, and Commissioners Johnston and Walker opposed, to adopt the following resolution:

2005-09-33

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby set the 2006 Roseau County Historical Society appropriation at \$38,000.

The Board acknowledged the following correspondence: City of Roseau RE: Lofstedts 3rd Addition, Lots 1,2 BLK-1 Weed and Long Grass Violation; Office of the County Attorney RE: Aquila, Inc. Settlement; Friends of the Libraries of Roseau County RE: Library Funding for 2006; Roseau County Environmental Office RE: Solid Waste Planning Meeting Oct 5, 2005; Northwest Minnesota Mentoring RE: September Newsletter; NW Regional Development Commission RE: September Meeting; United States Department of the Interior RE: Report on the Red River Valley Water Needs and Options; Department of Natural Resources Office of the Revisor of Statutes RE: Adopted

Exempt Permanent Rules Relating to General Restrictions on Taking Deer and Fish;
Multi Office Products RE: Relocation of Office; Minnesota Environmental Initiative RE:
Annual Fresh Perspectives Forum. No action was taken.

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 October 11,
2005.

Attest:

Date: _____

Teresa R. Harren
County Coordinator

Orris Rasmussen
Board Chairman