

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 11, 2006

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Orris Rasmussen, Alan Johnston, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board presented Committee reports. Commissioner Mark Foldesi reported on the Roseau River Watershed District mediation meeting he attended on a project in the Roseau River Wildlife Management Area related to repair and improvement of the 2nd and 3rd spillway. This repair would be between pool 2 and 3 where the RRWD has an agreement with the MNDNR. The RRWS is also looking at the possibility of realignment of the old spillway from the SE corner of pool 3 to the west end of pool 3. The most immediate plan is to repair the failing culvert internally between pool 2 and pool 3. Foldesi noted that during the flood event over the weekend of April 1-2, he worked with County Highway employee Jason Monsrud assessing roads and putting up signs where roads were compromised. Commissioner Foldesi noted that both he and Commissioner Walker attended the April 10, 2006 KaMaR Meeting. The Committee discussed the need for a new storage facility but deferred the project due to lack of funds.

Commissioner Rasmussen reported that he attended a flood meeting on April 4, 2006 and heard from businessman Scott Habstritt about his concerns and need to protect his business from flooding. Floyd Haugen was also in attendance at that meeting.

Commissioner Walker reported on the AMC Legislative Conference he attended in St. Paul last week. In one meeting Commissioner Walker learned that an estimated 150,000 acres of wetlands have been gained in just the last three years as a result of the land exchange agreement between the DNR and county governments for road construction projects. Walker also reported on the DNR's proposal to abandon all public ditches in the seven county metro area. Commissioner Walker noted that he and Commissioner Alan Johnston are meeting today with the DNR in Warroad to continue progress with the Beltrami Island State Forest trail designation. They will be reviewing all the public comment sheets today and physically viewing contested trail segments tomorrow.

Emergency Manager Gracia Nelson addressed the Board. Ms. Nelson thanked Board members personally for their help during the recent flood threat. She reported that Commissioner Rasmussen signed a state of emergency resolution on Saturday April 1, 2006 at approximately 8:30 p.m., and presented the resolution to the full Board today for formal approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2006-04-01

Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency

WHEREAS the snow and rain events of the winter and spring of 2006 impacted the population of Roseau County and its cities; and

WHEREAS the snow and rain events of the winter and spring of 2006 caused a significant amount of public property damage; and

WHEREAS the Roseau County Department of Emergency Management requests the Roseau County Board of Commissioners to declare Roseau County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the snow and rain events of the winter and spring of 2006 and continuing;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners declares Roseau County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the snow and rain events of the winter and spring of 2006.

Nelson requested that the Board pass a resolution in support of a Presidential Declaration for Roseau County. There are 46 sites within Roseau County that have been adversely damaged by this spring's flooding with an early damage estimate of \$460,000. The City of Roseau has an estimated \$250,000-\$500,000 in damage and seven other counties will also be requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration. It is likely that the combined damage in these seven counties will be well over the seven million dollar required threshold. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2006-04-02

Resolution Requesting a Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster

WHEREAS the County of Roseau has sustained severe losses of major proportion, caused by heavy snow and rain events during the winter and spring months of 2006 and continuing; and

WHEREAS Roseau County is a public entity within the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS substantial damage has been sustained to public property, as outlined in the attached damage assessment forms; and

WHEREAS the cost of recovery from this disaster is beyond the resources available within the county and state and federal resources are necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, for and on behalf of the citizens of Roseau County, request the Governor of the State of Minnesota to petition the President of the United States to declare the County of Roseau, Minnesota, to be a major disaster area, through appropriate channels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS REQUEST IS FOR:

1. The Public Assistance (Infrastructure Support) Program only, as offered through P.L. 93-288 and 106.390.
2. The Hazard Mitigation Program, as offered through P. L. 93-288 and 106.390.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Emergency Management Director is authorized to coordinate the damage survey teams with local government, and assist in the administration of the disaster recovery process, as needed.

Nelson also reported on efforts to help secure a 330 foot communication tower in Roseau. She said Roseau County represents a "hole in the state" for emergency and disaster communications. A communications tower has been installed by the DOT between Badger and Greenbush, and one is currently under construction southwest of Warroad. A third one in Roseau would provide the bridge needed to communicate effectively throughout the county. Nelson and Pat Novacek testified before the House last Thursday. If the bill passes, the tower would likely be constructed on the DOT property in the city of Roseau at a cost of \$380,000 with a yearly maintenance fee to the county of \$120.

County Recorder Rick Kvien met with the Board to answer questions regarding adding GIS availability to the public through the county web site. Kvien recommended adopting Becker County's format, which provides the necessary public information without disclosing details that comprise privacy or security. Also discussed was the information-for-fee system that could also be added. Commissioner Foldesi proposed the Board accept Kvien's recommendations. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and passed by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2006-04-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize Recorder Rick Kvien to work with Roseau County GIS software and support consultant Pro-West to implement the web based access and make the following information available through the GIS link: parcel map, parcel number, and tax-payer name.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board may at anytime remove the GIS system from public access.

Engineer Ketring met with the Board. Mr. Ketring requested the Board approve a call for bids for a project on CSAH No. 34 located approximately 3 MILES NORTH OF Roosevelt. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2006-04-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a call for bids on SAP 68-634-03, CSAH No. 34.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bid opening will be May 23, 2006 at 11:00 am in the Board of Commissioners meeting room at the Roseau County Courthouse, Room 180.

Engineer Ketring met with the Board. Mr. Ketring requested the Board approve a call for bids for the 2006 herbicide supply. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2006-04-05

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a call for bids for the 2006 herbicide supply until 11:00 a.m. on May 9, 2006.

Engineer Ketring requested the Board pass a resolution regarding emergency repairs. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2006-04-06

WHEREAS, Roseau County has sustained substantial damage to the existing roadway and drainage infrastructure systems; and

WHEREAS, Roseau County has passed a resolution requesting a Presidential Declaration of a major disaster due to the snow and rain events of the winter and spring of 2006, that resulted in substantial damage to the existing roadway and drainage infrastructure systems throughout Roseau County; and

WHEREAS, these roadway and drainage systems are an essential and integral part of the overall infrastructure network in the County; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to restore the movement of goods and services throughout the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Roseau County Engineer to proceed with emergency repairs to segments of the Roseau County roadway system under Minnesota Statute Sections 375.21 and 375.22; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Engineer shall report to the Roseau County Board of Commissioners at each regularly scheduled meeting what roadway system segments have been repaired under this resolution.

Engineer Ketring discussed correspondence received from the Roseau River Watershed District regarding State Ditch No. 69 and Roseau River Watershed Ditch No. 3. Ditch Attorney Curt Deter had recommended sending a letter to landowners notifying them of the option of either paying into the ditch system as recipients of benefits or having the culverts closed. Ketring asked the Board what action they would like to take. The Board deferred action to the next meeting and requested to receive copies of both correspondences for review.

Ketring requested Board approve payment of the local match portion in the amount of \$14,604.08 for Federal Emergency SP 68-999-18, CSAH No. 2 (County Ditch 10). The Board agreed to approve forthwith payment of this match with the regular bills.

Ketring presented a request by the Minnesota Pine to Prairie Birding Trail for permission to place route markers in Roseau County. Included is an in-kind request for installation and monitoring of the signs. The State denied the request previously, and now individual counties included in the Birding Trail are being approached individually. Commissioner Foldesi suggested that Ketring research the issue further.

Ketring informed the Board of correspondence received by the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians requesting the county to pass a resolution stating they would maintain certain roads in the Beltrami Island State Forest. The Board directed Mr. Ketring to respond that currently the Department of Natural Resources has jurisdiction on the roads referenced in the correspondence.

Ketring presented a bill for snowplowing to be paid forthwith. The Board agreed to approve payment with the rest of the bills.

Auditor Granitz met with the Board. Ms. Granitz present an on-sale and Sunday liquor license request from the new owners of the Warroad Estates Golf Course. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2006-04-07

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby grants an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to Warroad Estates Golf Course, Inc. with license fee set at \$500 and an addition of 20 percent, or \$100, fee set by the Lake Town Board, and also grants a Sunday license, with license fee set at \$125, for license year ending January 31, 2006, and recommends that said license be approved by the Minnesota Liquor Control Director.

Ms. Granitz requested the Board formally approve the agreement between Roseau County and Bond Trust Services to serve as the paying agent for Roseau County. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2006-04-08

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby enter into agreement with Bond Trust Services Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ehlers & Associates, Inc., to serve Roseau County as the designated pay agent, registrar and transfer agent for the \$6,100,000 General Obligation Jail Bonds, Series 2006A (the Bonds) that were sold at the March 28, 2006 regular meeting of the Roseau County Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby agree to pay an initial fee of \$350 and an annual administration fee of \$450 through the final payment of principal and interest on the Bonds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes Chair Rasmussen to sign the agreement on behalf of Roseau County was reviewed and approved by the Office of the County Attorney.

Ms. Granitz presented the bills for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to approve payment of warrants as follows:

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 4/11/2006 FOR PAYMENT 4/14/2006			
AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
348.70	ACE HARDWARE-ROSEAU	767.97	ACS
364.03	BALLARD MOTOR CO	671.39	BEAR GRAPHICS INC
845.55	LESLIE BORNEMAN	389.38	FRED CLASEN
1378.00	CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN MAGAZINE	2123.67	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-LK BRNSN
9845.08	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-ROSEAU	2905.65	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD
827.82	GRAND FORKS GROCERY FOOD SERV	2255.00	HELGESON FUNERAL CHAPEL INC
3860.00	HEPPNER CONSULTING INC	356.13	RALPH HERSETH MD
3580.00	HOFFMAN DALE & SWENSON PLLC	5507.48	KITTSOON COUNTY HWY DEPT
988.11	KLEIN MCCARTHY & CO LTD ARCHIT	783.84	LAB SAFETY SUPPLY, INC
9022.25	LAKEWOOD HEALTH CENTER	537.00	LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING SERVI
650.00	O'NEIL LUND	2193.21	PHILLIP LUND
5604.24	M & R SIGN CO INC	2586.75	RICHARD MAGNUSSON
33910.65	MAR-KIT LANDFILL	1151.00	DONALD MILLER
2253.00	SCOTT MILLER	3703.02	MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP
2500.00	MN COUNTIES INSURANCE TRUST	350.00	MN DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-BCA T
600.00	MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISES TECH	1568.80	MULTI OFFICE PRODUCTS INC
1032.01	STUART NELSON	5715.92	NORTHLAND TIRE
796.25	NW CONCRETE PRODUCTS INC	1499.77	NW MN MULTI COUNTY HRA
697.00	OLSON'S SKIME STORE	314.79	PETROWSKI TELECOMMUNICATIONS
343.50	POLARIS INDUSTRIES INC	913.47	POWER PLAN
617.62	QUILL CORPORATION	305.24	RADISSON HOTEL ST PAUL
1604.05	RIVERFRONT STATION	17227.05	ROSEAU AREA HOSPITAL INC
561.60	ROSEAU AUTO VALUE	573.45	ROSEAU CLEANING SYSTEMS
994.98	ROSEAU CO CASH FUND	5377.28	ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN
997.45	ROSEAU DIESEL SERVICE INC	3807.25	RANDY SANDSTROM
1789.75	ROGER SANDSTROM	2435.25	SJOBERG'S INC
719.20	LAVERNE SONSTENG	416.64	SORENSEN CHEVROLET OLDS INC
2098.23	TRANSCOR AMERICA LLC	510.00	U OF MN
1950.00	VOYAGEURS COMTRONICS CORPORATI	408.88	WARROAD PIONEER
3164.50	WARROAD POLICE DEPT	1415.50	TODD WENSLOFF
2392.33	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	7364.08	ZIEGLER INC
		63 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	7,251.24
		**** FINAL TOTAL.....	\$179,722.00 ****

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

March 30, 2006	\$ 35,562.73
April 6, 2006	\$ 36,279.62
April 7, 2006	\$ 800.09
April 11, 2006	\$ 14,604.08 (forthwith)
April 11, 2006	\$ 2,915.00 (forthwith)

County Coordinator Trish Harren informed the Board that April 24-28, 2006 is National County Government Week. Harren explained this is a national program to promote and highlight the work done by county governments. The Board agreed to proclaim April 24-28, 2006, as County Government Week in Roseau County, with Harren coordinating public relations efforts. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2006-04-09

**National County Government Week April 23 – 29, 2006
2006 Theme: Protecting Our Communities**

WHEREAS, America's counties provide a variety of essential services; and

WHEREAS, many of these services work to protect our communities; and

WHEREAS, counties protect residents from natural disasters, terrorist attacks, crime and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, counties are the first to respond to emergency situations and are primarily responsible for planning for disasters; and

WHEREAS, counties also work to protect families, children and youth; and

WHEREAS, there are 3,066 counties in the United States, collectively responsible for the well being of more than 250 million residents; and

WHEREAS, counties provide services that make America's communities stronger, safer places to live and raise families. Counties police our streets, fight fires, save lives in hospitals, keep families healthy, repair bridges, plow snow, help troubled youth, train laid-off workers and perform countless other job; and

WHEREAS, counties have a long history of providing critical services; and

WHEREAS, county governments are the citizen's local government voice, providing solutions that bring communities together; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by our nation's counties:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 23-29, 2006 National County Government Week.

The Board discussed a request from the Warroad Area Community Center to approve their Premises Renewal Permit for Pull-Tabs at the Springsteel Resort in Lake Township. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote, to adopt the following resolution be adopted:

2006-04-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Warroad Area Chamber of Community Center Premises Permit Renewal Application for the Springsteel Resort located in Lake Township, Roseau County for the period effective June 1, 2006, to May 31, 2008.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves this premises permit for pull- tabs and bingo.

A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the proceedings of the March 28, 2006 Roseau County Board.

Coordinator Harren presented the Northwest Minnesota Mentoring 3rd Quarter Financial Report for approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2006-04-11

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the Northwest Minnesota Mentoring 3rd Quarter Financial Report

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes Board Chair Rasmussen and Auditor Granitz to sign the report on behalf of Roseau County.

The Board discussed the 2007 Victim Service Program. Coordinator Harren noted that the County Attorney's Office will be submitting the grant renewal application this month. To reduce costs, in the last two fiscal years, employees of the program were designated as professional contractors instead of county employees. This enabled the grant to save money in the area of wages and benefits. Since that time, it has been learned that the Internal Revenue Service deems employees of grant programs fiscally managed and supervised by county governments as employees whose salary/wage must be paid through the regular pay-roll system with the appropriate state and federal taxes withheld. In this status, the county must meet pay-equity standards for any employee who works more than 14 hours a week for more than 67 days in a calendar year and compensate these employees at the same rate as other employees in the same job classification. Because the grant funds are limited and the county does not feel it can financially contribute to the program, Victim Services will have to find other cost saving ideas to continue to provide services with the available funding. This will likely mean that services will be reduced and employee hours will be cut. The Victim Services Advisory Board meets on April 12, 2006 to further discuss ideas. Commissioner Foldesi will be attending this meeting. The county agrees to continue its in-kind contribution of office space and fiscal management of the program.

The Board continued committee reports. Commissioner Johnston reported on the AMC Legislative Conference meetings he attended. In the Ag Session it was noted that the Avian Bird flu will likely be arriving in the United States in two months. An identified at risk population is range turkeys. Since they are not in a controlled environment, they have the most likely expose to other bird populations. Commissioner Johnston reported that pressure is on to implement a national identification program in United States cattle. It is likely that US exports of beef will drop dramatically if this program is not implemented. Johnston noted that pork is responsible for 18% of the gross sales in Minnesota. Commissioner Johnston stated that in the Department of Corrections session he attended emphasis was placed on the need to better manage health insurance for inmates. Citizens on Minnesota Care are automatically dropped upon incarceration and there is often a lag time between completion of sentence and reapplication or re-approval of insurance. In the mean time important medications, particularly those for mental health issues, are not taken. This contributes to recidivism

and increased costs to counties. Johnston reported that he and Commissioner Walker went to the capital and met with Representative Maxine Penas and reviewed a number of legislative matters of concern to Roseau County. Commissioner Johnston reported that he and Commissioner Walker attended the Sheriff's Commission meeting on April 5, 2006. The Best Practices Audit will begin on April 18, 2006. Currently 25 people have signed up to be interviewed.

Commissioner Walker informed the Board that he has received the new Methamphetamine training materials from the AMC. He will be making the power point presentations and support materials available to local business and other interested parties. Commissioner Walker will also be distributing the Minnesota Local Government Meth Project materials to the libraries in Roseau County.

Commissioners Walker and Johnston will be attending a DNR trail meeting immediately following the Board meeting to review all the public comments that have been submitted. Tomorrow Johnston and Walker will meet with the DNR to physically view disputed trail segments. The Board agreed to submit a public comment on behalf of the county requesting the access trail at the bottom of Bemis Hill remain open to motorized vehicles.

Commissioner Rasmussen requested direction on the land transfer request. He will be meeting with the parties and wants to know the Board's wishes. The property in question is valued at \$300,000 which will mean a loss of corresponding tax dollars. Additionally, the transfer will violate the county's No-Net-Loss Resolution. Commissioner Rasmussen agreed to listen to the property owners request and reasoning and explain the Board's position.

Commissioner Johnston commended the city of Roseau and Polaris Industries for their thorough emergency planning and execution. Johnston noted that the city of Roseau is the only agent in Roseau County eligible for flood mitigation funding from the federal government due to the cost benefit formula and emphasized the need to continue to build relationships and work collaboratively to ensure that as many citizens as possible in Roseau County receive flood protection.

Commissioner Foldesi extended a commendation to the Roseau County Highway Department for their response to the flood threat.

The Board acknowledged the following correspondence: Department of the Army Corps of Engineers RE: Lake of the Woods, MN Small Harbor Economics Analysis; Robert Ellerbusch RE: Proposed Trail Use in the Beltrami Island State Forest. No action was taken.

Upon motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The Board will convene its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. on April 25, 2006.

Attest:

Date: _____

Teresa Harren
County Coordinator

Orris Rasmussen
Board Chairman