

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 25, 2006

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 8:30 a.m.

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Board Chairman Orris Rasmussen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken. Commissioners present were Orris Rasmussen, Alan Johnston, Mark Foldesi and Russell Walker. Also present were members of the media.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Acceptance of Lester Storey's resignation from the Warroad River Watershed District and appointment of Gerald Phillippe to complete Mr. Storey's term was added to the consent agenda. Discussion of the cost to provide public access to GIS was added to the agenda. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston and carried by unanimous vote.

### CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried by unanimous vote.

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the proceedings of the April 11, 2006 Board meeting.

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Benefit Payout to Mary Reiswig in the amount of \$3,153.88.

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the Certificate of Satisfactory Grooming for the Roseau County Trail Blazers Pelan Trail Grant #A80114 for reimbursement in the amount of \$12,400 and authorized Board Chair Rasmussen to sign the certification on behalf of Roseau County.

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, accepted Lester Storey's resignation from the Warroad River Watershed District and appointed Gerald Phillippe to complete the vacated term which expires September 19, 2006.

### COUNTY ATTORNEY OFFICE APPOINTMENT

Assistant County Attorney Lisa Hanson met with the Board. Ms. Hanson discussed with the Board Minnesota Statute 375.055 which requires publication of the annual commissioner salary and per diem in one other newspaper in addition to the official newspaper. Ms. Hanson advised to publish this notice in the county paper with the highest circulation. A motion to publish the 2006 Commissioner salary and per diem in the Roseau Times Region was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Hanson discussed setting a date for a public hearing on the boundary alteration matter in Huss and Barnett townships. A motion was made to approve a public hearing on June 13, 2006 at 10:45 am by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote. Coordinator Harren was directed to publish the notice of public hearing in the official newspaper, to serve notice of the public hearing on Barnett and Russ Township clerks, and to request that township clerks post the notice on the door of the town halls.

Commissioner Foldesi asked Ms. Hanson for an update on the Juneberry road establishment. Ms. Hanson agreed to contact Terry Haaby and provide Commissioner Foldesi with an update.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Johnston requested the Board discuss the Senior Medical Travel Program. Commissioner Johnston noted that he has been contacted regarding the mileage rate paid to the volunteer drivers. The current IRS rate is 44.5 cents per mile and the Senior Medical Travel Program reimburses mileage at a rate of 40 cents per mile. Senior Medical Travel program is a non-profit organization with limited resource options. The program compensates volunteers at the rate it can afford and is under no obligation to meet any set rate. Commissioner Johnston noted that the dramatic rise in gas costs is creating a burden for volunteer drivers and suggested the Board research what additional revenue would be needed to enable Senior Medical Travel to reimburse volunteer drivers at the current IRS rate. Coordinator Harren agreed to contact Senior Medical Travel Coordinator Gayle Gustafson and invite her to the May 9, 2006 Board meeting to further discuss this matter.

Commissioner Rasmussen requested input from the Board regarding the land exchange proposal by R. J. Zavoral. Commissioner Rasmussen informed the Board that he met with John and Dave Zavoral and explained the Board's concerns. The Board discussed the April 18, 2006 correspondence from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) relating to this proposed land exchange. The DNR concluded in the correspondence that the land exchange proposal would be a benefit to the State, but noted the concerns expressed by Roseau County including a discrepancy as to the acres of land acquired, the discrepancy regarding the name on the recorded deed, and the reduction of taxable land in Roseau County. The DNR concluded that due to these concerns, they would not be pursuing the land exchange at this time. The Board agreed to follow suit.

The Board discussed the cost of making GIS available to the public through the Roseau County web site. At the April 11, 2006 Board meeting, the Board authorized adding GIS to the county web site, however, the Board was not informed of the cost. Pro-West has since indicated it would cost \$5,000 to alter the current web fusion application for public use. The Recorder's office has funds in their budget to cover the cost. The matter will be put on the May 9, 2006 agenda for action.

### NWPIC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RODGER COAUETTE BOARD APPOINTMENT

Northwest Private Industry Council (NWPIC) Executive Director Rodger Coauette met with the Board. Mr. Coauette requested the Board approve renewal of the NWPIC

Joint Powers Agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried by unanimous vote to approve the renewal of the NWPIC Joint Powers Agreement, effective July 1, 2006. The Joint Powers Agreement may be viewed in the Coordinator's Office.

Mr. Coauette presented a set of recommendations passed by the NWPIC regarding the Roseau Workforce Center. The recommendations include: support of a minimum of one full-time permanent staff position in Roseau; if funding permits, fill the Employment Services Representative position that was vacated earlier this year; locate the Business Service Specialist position in the Roseau site; downgrade the Roseau office from Workforce Center Status to a DEED Office; and save funding by co-locating the Job Service Program and Rehabilitation Services. Mr. Coauette stated that the overall recommendation of the NWPIC is to provide as much of a presence in Roseau as can be afforded. The Board was very pleased with these recommendations.

#### MCIT ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE DAVE MORRISSEY APPOINTMENT

Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust (MCIT) Account Executive Dave Morrissey met with the Board to present the 2005 MCIT Annual Member Report. Roseau County has been a member of MCIT since 1981. Roseau County currently insures \$9,650,000 in property, \$2,009,000 worth of Highway Department equipment coverage, and seventy-seven autos, trucks, and trailers. The 2001-2005 claim history indicates that Roseau County submitted a total of fifty-three claims with a pay-out total of \$308,660. \$223,427 of that amount resulted from the June 2001 flood. In 2006, MCIT's risk management service to Roseau County will focus on the Highway Department shops and proper documentation. Mr. Morrissey advised the Board to expect an increase in property reinsurance premiums as a repercussion of the natural disasters that swept the nation last fall.

#### COUNTY ENGINEER APPOINTMENT

County Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board. Engineer Ketring requested the Board approve purchase of a new "Melter" crack sealer. The purchase price is \$34,300 and Roseau County will receive \$3,000 in trade. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:

2006-04-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve purchase of a 2006 demo Cimline 230 Melter crack sealer in the amount of \$34,300 plus tax.

The Board discussed the recommendations of the Roseau River Watershed and ditch attorney Curt Deter regarding State Ditch No. 69 and Roseau River Watershed District Ditch No. 3. A letter will be sent to landowners who are receiving benefit from SD No. 69 but are not currently paying into that system. Landowners will be asked to petition and start paying into the system or block the outlets into SD No. 69 so they are ineffective. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, and carried by unanimous vote, to adopt the following resolution:

2006-04-13

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize County Engineer Brian Ketring to send letters, on behalf of the Roseau County Board of Commissioners as drainage authority for State Ditch No 69, to landowners benefiting from State Ditch No. 69 who are not currently paying benefits, asking landowners to petition and start paying into the State Ditch No. 69 system or block the outlets into State Ditch No. 69.

County Engineer Ketring re-presented the request from Minnesota Pine to Prairie Birding Trail Committee to place route markers within Roseau County on existing CSAH road signs. The Minnesota Pine to Prairie Birding Trail Committee would provide the signs and are requesting an in-kind contribution for installation. Engineer Ketring estimated the installation cost at \$300. The Board deferred a decision to the May 9, 2006 Board meeting.

Ketring presented a revised 5-Year Construction Schedule for the Board's review, noting that rising oil costs have dramatically impacted project costs, necessitating a revision in the project schedule after reassessing priorities.

Commissioner Johnston informed Engineer Ketring that the City of Warroad would be in contact regarding drainage issues along CSAH No. 35 where the new Warroad Care Center will be built. The storm sewer system that was put in as part of the development of this subdivision is not big enough to handle drainage from CSAH #35. The City of Warroad, Warroad River Watershed, and Roseau County will need to meet to develop a solution.

**AUDITOR APPOINTMENT**

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

<b>WARRANTS APPROVED ON 4/25/2006 FOR PAYMENT 4/28/2006</b>			
<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
1077.30	CITIZENS STATE BANK	888.39	COMPUTERLAND AN NETWORK CENTER
302.00	DEATONS MAILING SYSTEMS INC	394.68	TONY DORN INC
2251.36	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-ROSEAU	1000.15	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD
1414.17	GRAINGER INC	367.82	HILLYARD HUTCHINSON
1154.75	HONEYWELL	4545.60	JOHNSON OIL CO INC
337.52	LAB SAFETY SUPPLY, INC	3750.00	LAKE OF THE WOODS CO SHERIFF
400.00	M.B MCGEE M.D.	5789.03	MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP
375.70	MULTI OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	400.00	PENNINGTON CO SHERIFF
482.05	QUILL CORPORATION	1200.00	RAMSEY CO MEDICAL EXAMINER
434.17	ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN	375.00	ROSEAU CO MEDICAL TRAVEL
9507.54	ROSEAU CO SOIL & WATER CONS	13580.65	ROSEAU CO TREASURER
1349.44	SPIELMAN RADIO	1212.34	U SAVE FOODS
15000.00	US POSTAL SERVICE	2711.84	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER
	<b>37 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300</b>	<b>4,138.78</b>	
	<b>**** FINAL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$74,440.28</b>	<b>****</b>

And the summary of auditor warrants, as follows:

April 13, 2006	\$ 240,216.70
April 20, 2006	\$ 32,195.35
April 21, 2006	\$ 126.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Walker gave an update on the Beltrami Island State Forest Trail Planning Committee. Walker noted that trail designation planning is nearing completion and a proposal will be compiled and presented to DNR Regional Director Mike Carol for review.

Commissioner Johnston noted that he attended the April 19, 2006 Sheriff's Department Jailer/Dispatch staff meeting and updated employees on the new wage negotiation process. Commissioner Foldesi stated that he had been in contact with Social Services and Commissioner Rasmussen noted that he has spoken to the Highway Department.

Commissioner Rasmussen reported that he attended the April 24, 2006 Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus Board of Directors meeting via teleconference and that MRCC has decided to conduct all but three of their monthly meetings through this medium. Commissioner Rasmussen noted that he will be attending the Northwest Regional Development Commission meeting this evening in Warren.

Commissioner Foldesi reported on the Northwest Community Action Board meeting he attended. Foldesi noted that he will be attending the May 2, 2006 Two Rivers Watershed District meeting to discuss an impoundment in Nereson Township. Foldesi informed the Board that he attended the Victim Service Advisory Council meeting on April 12, 2006 and recommends the Board consider additional ways to support this grant funded service. Foldesi advised the Board that he had received a correspondence from Jim Jenson regarding outsourcing of engineering. Mr. Jenson is requesting a written response from the Board. Commissioner Foldesi will provide Board members with a copy of the correspondence.

COORDINATOR ITEMS

Coordinator Harren presented ideas for recognizing employee years of service contributions. The Board will consider the ideas presented and take action at a later meeting.

Ms. Harren advised the Board that Veterans Service Officer Jeffrey Parker has completed one year of service and is eligible to move to Grade 7, Step C. The Board by consensus authorized Chair Rasmussen to sign the payroll change form.

Upon motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The Board will convene its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. on May 9, 2006.

Attest:  
  
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Teresa Harren  
County Coordinator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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Orris Rasmussen  
Board Chairman