

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 24, 2007

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Board Chair Jack Swanson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Mark Foldesi, Orris Rasmussen, Jack Swanson, Alan Johnston, and Russell Walker.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of annual step increase for Veteran Service Officer Jeff Parker was added to the consent agenda. Renewal of the County Engineer Brian Ketrings contract was added to the Highway Department appointment. Discussion of prioritizing committee appointments was added to Discussion. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried to approve the amended agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the proceedings of the April 10, 2007 regular board meeting and the April 17, 2007 special board meeting.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the revised joint powers agreement between Region 3 Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the State of Minnesota.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, acknowledged the promotion of Chad Maurstad and Kevin Becker to Sergeant Positions.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the status change of dispatcher/jailer Greg Sorenson from temporary part-time to regular part-time.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the 2007-08 Boat & Water Safety Grant Agreement.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the updated ACH agreement with Citizens State Bank to direct deposit payroll

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved bills for payment as follows:

<i>WARRANTS APPROVED ON 4/24/2007 FOR PAYMENT 4/27/2007</i>			
AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
1076.84	ACOM SOLUTIONS INC	509.25	FRED CLASEN
457.46	TONY DORN INC	3500.31	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-ROSEAU
850.84	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD	4405.00	HOFFMAN DALE & SWENSON PLLC

Ms. Theroux discussed plat book development options with the Board. It was noted that the current atlas is ten years old and the vendor who made the atlas is no longer in business. Ms. Theroux provided quotes to take the current GIS data and develop it into an on-line virtual atlas. The atlas data would belong to the county and not be copyrighted so individual pages could be printed as needed. Ms. Theroux presented a quote for taking the virtual atlas to the next step and developing a paper atlas that would be 8" x 11" spiral bound printed in color. An atlas of this size could sell for approximately \$25 each. Ms. Theroux stated the Board could decide if they would print and sell the atlas themselves or contract with a printer to sell advertising and handle the sales of the atlas. Commissioner Swanson stated his preference would be for a revenue neutral approach that would keep the county out of the sales business. Commissioner Foldesi expressed strong support for the development of a paper atlas. The Board agreed to proceed with the first stage of development and to draft an RFP for a printing a paper plat book. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2007-04-08

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby enter into an agreement with Pro-West & Associates, Inc. for the development of a Roseau County digital plat book at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board authorized Pro-West & Associates, Inc. to develop an RFP to print a paper version of the digital plat book.

KLEIN MCCARTHY & COMPANY, ARCHITECTS, LTD

Rich McCarthy and John Howell met with the Board to review progress on the jail and social service building project. It was noted that the social service building is at 90% completion and the jail at 68% completion. An Authorization to Proceed with a Construction Change was presented for approval to re-route the roof drain to allow a required 18' ceiling height in the recreation room and to provide bypass piping on the boiler at a total cost of \$3,790 in the jail. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried to approve the following resolution:

2007-04-09

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board does hereby approve Authorization to Proceed with Construction Change No. 7.

Department of Corrections staff will be in Roseau on May 21-22, 2007 to do a walk-through on the jail. The Board authorized a special board meeting on May 22, 2007 to meet with Department of Corrections staff and architects Rich McCarthy and John Howell to review the punch list on the social service building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board heard the following committee and other meeting reports: i.) NWRD Committee on Aging; ii.) Building Committee; iii.) Technology Committee; iv.) Extension Committee; v.) Wage Negotiation Session; vi.) Extension Day at the Capital; vii.) Northwest Community Action; viii.) QUINN County; ix.) Highway Department Committee; and x.) AMC Legislative Steering Committee.

BID OPENING

Environmental Officer Jeff Pelowski and Auditor Anne Granitz met with the Board to facilitate a bid opening on one parcel of real estate located in Enstrom Township. The parcel was purchased by the county for topsoil to provide cover at the landfill. Bids were received until 11:00 am. One bid was received. A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2007-04-10

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board does hereby award the bid on real property described as the east half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter (E½ SE ¼ SE ¼) of Section Nine (9), in township one hundred sixty-two (162) north, range thirty-eight (38) west of the fifth principal meridian in Minnesota, to Elaine Naslund for the sum of \$5,555.

Ms. Granitz presented a list of tax-forfeited parcels eligible for sale and requested the Board and Engineer review the list and identify which parcels to sell and which parcels to hold. Ms. Granitz informed the Board that the procedure to prepare for a land sale is statutorily driven and involves a number of sequenced time frames. If the Board has the list ready at the next Board meeting Ms. Granitz could have the sale scheduled by late summer or early fall.

JIM JENSON APPOINTMENT

Mr. Jon Jenson met with the Board to request the Board consider using sand sealing as a maintenance option in place of chip sealing. Mr. Jenson attended the Board meeting on behalf of Jim Jenson who was unable to attend the meeting for his scheduled appointment due to medical reasons. Chair Jack Swanson informed Mr. Jenson and the other Board members that he had made contact with a number of county engineers throughout the state but primarily in northwestern Minnesota. Mr. Swanson stated that he learned that most counties are not doing any form of seal coating and that the counties that are seal coating are choosing to chip seal. Chair Swanson explained that Roseau County has not routinely seal coated either since 1970, noting that the County is returning to this practice as a method to extend the life of a road because of escalating costs of overlaying. Mr. Jenson stated that sand sealing the road would extend the life of the road for 2-3 years at half the cost. Chair Swanson agreed that chip sealing does double the cost initially but that it is his understanding that it extends the life of the road by 5-6 years which is at least double than for sand-sealing so the cost is really the same. Mr. Jenson requested the Board consider sand sealing on just one of the roads that they have scheduled for seal coating this year. Chair Swanson stated that the only way to conduct a valid test to determine which method worked better would be to do the two techniques on the same road. Commissioner Johnston stated that Roseau County is not in the business of being a test site for maintenance products. Chair Swanson asked Engineer Ketring his opinion on the two road maintenance techniques. Ketring stated that he has no personal experience with sand sealing and that his decision to recommend chip sealing comes from MnDOT research on road life. He stated that in 1965 the entire county was sand sealed and in the 1970's the whole county was chip sealed. Mr. Ketring stated that the Department of Transportation has decades of research and has determined that chip seal is the preferred method because sand sealing maintains the life of the road while chip sealing increases the life of the road. Mr. Ketring explained that the goal is to get pavement to last 50 years. Weather is what ages a road in northern Minnesota as opposed to traffic so arguments for the use of one method of seal coating over another based on traffic count have no validity. Mr. Ketring stated that as the

County Engineer his recommendations have to be based on the long range needs of the road system.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Ketring met with the Board. Mr. Ketring presented the finalized *County Road Realignment Plan* to the Board for approval. This plan is the result of the need to maximize county state aid dollars for roads in Roseau County. Mr. Ketring has been working with MnDOT developing this plan for several months. This plan involves exchanging certain county state aid highway (CSAH) segments with county highway (CH) segments. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION REDESIGNATING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-11

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: County State Aid Highway No. 6 beginning at the intersection of CSAH No. 3 running east to CSAH No. 32 as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 2.0 miles on the south side of Sections 19 & 20, T159N, R41W-Poplar Grove), be and hereby is re-designated as County State Aid Highway No. 3 of said County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the road described as follows: County State Aid Highway 32 beginning at the intersection of County State Aid Highway No. 6 running south approximately two miles to the Roseau County line (on the east side of Sections 29 & 32 of T159N, R41W-Poplar Grove), be and hereby is re-designated as County State Aid Highway No. 3 of said County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, and carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION REDESIGNATING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-12

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: County State Aid Highway No. 6 beginning at the intersection of CSAH No. 32 running east and north to CSAH No. 8 as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 4.0 miles (on the south side of Sections 21 & 22 and east side of Sections 15 & 22, T159N, R41W-Poplar Grove), be and hereby is redesignated as County State Aid Highway No. 38 of said County.

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

RESOLUTION REDESIGNATING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-13

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: County State Aid Highway No. 35 beginning at the intersection of CR No. 134 running east to CSAH No. 5 as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 1.0 mile (on the south side of Section 7, T162N, R36W-Moranville), be and hereby is redesignated as County State Aid Highway No. 44 of said County.

Mr. Ketring explained to the Board that as part of the County Road Realignment Plan, CSAH No. 23 will be moved one mile north. This action requires a public hearing and will impact both Polonia and Barto townships. Ketring requested the Board approve a public hearing that would include both townships. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, and carried to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
REVOCATION OF COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS**

2007-04-14

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that a public hearing on the revocation of the road described as follows: County State Aid Highway No. 23 beginning at the intersection of CR No. 101 running east to CSAH No. 7. (on the south side of Sections 15, 16, 17, & 18, T161N, R43W-Barto, and the south side of Section 13, T161N, R44W (Polonia), as presently located and there terminating, containing 5.0 miles, be scheduled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board shall fix the date, time and place of hearing in the town where the highway is located to consider the revocation not less than 30 days before the hearing.

Mr. Ketring presented four CSAH road revocations for approval as part of the County Road Realignment Plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION REVOKING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-15

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: County State Aid Highway No. 10 beginning at the intersection of CSAH No. 3 running east to TH No. 89 as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 4.0 miles (on the south side of Sections 27, 28, 29, & 30, T163N, R41W-Dieter), be and hereby is revoked as a County State Aid Highway of said County subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the revocation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained as a County Road of the County of Roseau, to be numbered and known as County Road No. 148.

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

RESOLUTION REVOKING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-16

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: County State Aid Highway No. 11 beginning at the intersection of TH No. 11 running north to CSAH No. 26, as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 6.4 miles (on the east side of Sections 36, 25, 24, & 13, and the SE Corner of Sec. 12, T161N, R43W-Barto, and the west side of Sections 7 & 6 of T161N, R42W-Skagen, and the west side of Section 31, of T162N, R42W-Moose), be and hereby is revoked as a County State Aid Highway of said County subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the revocation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained as a County Road of the County of Roseau, to be numbered and known as County Road No. 149.

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

RESOLUTION REVOKING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-17

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: County State Aid Highway No. 27 beginning at the intersection of CSAH No. 2 running north to CSAH No. 16 as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 5.5 miles (on the east side of Sections 10 & 3, T161N, R42W-Skagen, and the east side of Sections 34, 27, 22, & 15, T162N, R42W-Moose) , be and hereby is revoked as a County State Aid Highway of said County subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the revocation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained as a County Road of the County of Roseau, to be numbered and known as County Road No. 139.

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

RESOLUTION REVOKING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-18

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: County State Aid Highway No. 30 beginning at the intersection of CSAH No. 15 running east to CSAH No. 33 as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 3 miles (on the north side of Sections 3, 4, 5, & 6, T160N, R40W (Grimstad), be and hereby is revoked as a County State Aid Highway of said County subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the revocation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained as a County Road of the County of Roseau, to be numbered and known as County Road No. 130.

Mr. Ketring presented seven county roads and one town road for establishment as County State Aid Highways as part of the County Road Realignment Plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION REDESIGNATING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-19

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: County Road No. 101 beginning at the intersection of CSAH No. 23 then running north 1 mile, as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 1 mile (on the west side of Section 13, T161N, R44W-Polonia), be and hereby is established, located, and designated a County State Aid Highway of said County subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained as a County State Aid Highway of the County of Roseau, to be numbered and known as County State Aid Highway No. 23.

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

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-20

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: County Road No. 135 beginning at the intersection of CSAH No. 12 then running north to CSAH No. 35, as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 2.0 miles (on the west side of Sections 19 & 18, T162N, R36W-Moranville), be and hereby is established, located, and designated a County State Aid Highway of said County subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained as a County State Aid Highway of the County of Roseau, to be numbered and known as County State Aid Highway No. 35.

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

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-21

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: County Road No. 141 beginning at the intersection of CSAH No. 2 then running east to TH No. 11, as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 5.8 miles (on the south side of Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, & 36, T162N, R35W-Laona), be and

hereby is established, located, and designated a County State Aid Highway of said County subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained as a County State Aid Highway of the County of Roseau, to be numbered and known as County State Aid Highway No. 42.

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

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-22

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: County Road No. 142 beginning at the intersection of CSAH No. 3 then running east to TH No. 89, as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 4.0 miles (on the south side of Sections 3, 4, 5, & 6, T162N, R41W-Ross), be and hereby is established, located, and designated a County State Aid Highway of said County subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained as a County State Aid Highway of the County of Roseau, to be numbered and known as County State Aid Highway No. 16.

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

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-23

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: County Road No. 143 beginning at the intersection of CSAH No. 2 then running north to CSAH No. 12, as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 2.2 miles (on the west side of Sections 35 & 26, T162N, R36W-Moranville), be and hereby is established, located, and designated a County State Aid Highway of said County subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained as a County State Aid Highway of the County of Roseau, to be numbered and known as County State Aid Highway No. 43.

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

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-24

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: County Road No. 145 beginning at the intersection of CR No. 146 then running north to CSAH No. 13, as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 2.0 miles (on the west side of Sections 25 & 24, T163N, R37W-Lake), be and hereby is established, located, and designated a County State Aid Highway of said County subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained as a County State Aid Highway of the County of Roseau, to be numbered and known as County State Aid Highway No. 45.

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

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-25

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows, to-wit: County Road No. 146 beginning at the intersection of TH No. 11 then running east to CSAH No. 35, as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 2.0 miles. (on the south side of Sections 25 & 26, T163N, R37W-Lake), be and hereby is established, located, and designated a County State Aid Highway of said County subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained as a County State Aid Highway of the County of Roseau, to be numbered and known as County State Aid Highway No. 46.

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

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

2007-04-26

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Roseau that the road described as follows: Township Road 260th Street beginning at the intersection of CR No. 101 then running east to CSAH No. 7, as presently located and there terminating, containing approximately 5.0 miles. (on the south side of Sections 10, 9, 8, & 7, T161N, R43W-Barto), and the south side of Section 13, T161N, R44W-Polonia), be and hereby is established, located, and designated a County State Aid Highway of said County subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the designation of said road or portion thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained as a County State Aid

Highway of the County of Roseau, to be numbered and known as County State Aid Highway No. 23.

Mr. Ketring requested the Board approve a quote to print an updated 911 Roseau County map. The Board requested this matter be held over to the next Board meeting.

Mr. Ketring requested the Board award the 2007 herbicide contract. The low bidder was Farmers Union Oil Company, Roseau. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2007-04-27

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby award the 2007 herbicide bid to low bidder Farmers Union Oil Company, Roseau in the amount of \$37,882.10.

Mr. Ketring requested the Board award a contract for two all-wheel drive motor graders. The low bidder was Zeigler. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2007-04-28

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby award the motor grader bid to low bidder Ziegler for two low mile all-wheel motor graders in the amount of \$480,310 less trade-in allowance of \$253,250 plus a five-year service agreement at a cost of \$2,000 for a total purchase price of \$229,000 plus Minnesota sales tax.

Engineer Ketring presented seal coat bid tabulation information to the Board. Three road segments totaling 36.9 miles were included in the 2007 maintenance schedule. Mr. Ketring informed the Board that the low bid initially came in at \$465,000 which is \$100,000 over the amount budgeted for this work. Mr. Ketring advised the Board that he removed one of the projects (CP 0702, CSAH No. 4, 13.5 miles) from the bid, reducing the project total to below the engineer's unit estimate. Mr. Ketring recommended the Board award a contract to the low bidder on the two remaining seal coat maintenance projects, CSAH No. 8 from CSAH No. 3 east to TH 89 (approximately 13.7 miles) and CSAH No. 4 from TH No. 89 east to Hayes Lake State Park (approximately 9.7 miles). A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, and carried 4-1 with Commissioners Swanson, Johnston, Walker, and Foldesi in favor, and Commissioner Rasmussen opposed, to adopt the following resolution:

2007-04-29

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby award a contract to low bidder Bituminous Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$298,787.97 for CP 0701, CSAH No. 8 and CP 0704, CSAH No. 4.

Commissioner Rasmussen noted for the record that he is in favor of using maintenance dollars to extend the life of a road, but is opposed to the motion because he is against seal coating when the cost is this high. Commissioner Foldesi noted for the record that he voted in favor of the chip seal coat projects for 2007 but wants to research other maintenance options for 2008 and beyond.

Mr. Ketring requested the Board approve a constituent funded calcium chloride program for 2007. The Highway Department would advertise and take orders and then lay the product on gravel roads for county residents who pre-order and pay. The Board discussed concerns associated with some segments of roads done and others not and how this would affect grading. Mr. Ketring informed the Board that Hubbard County has a successful county-wide calcium chloride program at an annual cost of \$300,000. Mr. Ketring noted that this is not exactly the true cost as road maintenance expenses decline on roads that are treated with calcium chloride. The Board noted that this expense is not planned in the 2007 budget so the program could not be county funded this year but agreed to consider it for 2008. The Board agreed to allow the highway department to implement a user funded program for 2007. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2007-04-30

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a constituent funded 2007 calcium chloride program.

The Board discussed the County Engineer's contract. Mr. Ketring's appointment as County Engineer is up in May. By statute, county engineers are appointed in May and serve four-year terms. Commissioners Swanson and Rasmussen met with Mr. Ketring to negotiate the terms of Mr. Ketring's reappointment. Mr. Ketring has agreed to be placed on the county's compensation system at the grade his position is evaluated at by Employers Association, Inc. and the step that he would be on given his length of service (Grade 14 Step G). Further, Mr. Ketring agreed that raises in all subsequent years of the contract will follow the terms of other non-union employees as negotiated and approved by the County Board. Mr. Ketring will be formally re-appointed in May per statute. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2007-04-31

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the *Employment Agreement for Roseau County Engineer* between Roseau County and Brian Ketring and authorizes Chair Jack Swanson to sign the contract on behalf of Roseau County.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

Northwest Regional Development Transportation Planner Troy Schroeder met with the Board. Mr. Schroeder presented the Board with a draft *Proposed Western Minnesota Truck Route* plan for their review. State and federal funding has been requested to develop this route into a ten-ton highway that would provide a significant transportation corridor from the north to the south border of western Minnesota.

Mr. Schroeder discussed the growing need for access management along Trunk Highway No. 11. Mr. Schroeder explained that access management is the planning, design, and implementation of traffic strategies that maintain a safe flow of traffic while accommodating the needs of the residents and business owners along the roadway. Mr. Schroeder stated that the increasing number of residents that all individually gain access directly to TH No. 11 can pose a safety hazard. Crashes increase, traffic flow is reduced, freight and delivery trucks lose time, pedestrian safety is compromised, and overall liability increases. Mr. Schroeder urged the

county to work with townships to begin access planning and management to reduce and mitigate these safety concerns and hazards.

Mr. Schroeder informed the Board that Mickinock Township has requested to have their town roads recorded. Mr. Ketring agreed to work with Mickinock Township on this project.

DISCUSSION

Due to time constraints the Board deferred legislative updates, meeting management protocol, 2008 budget planning, and committee prioritization to the May 15, 2007 regular Board meeting. The Board discussed the Compliance Checks and Administrative Penalties Ordinance. Commissioner Rasmussen noted his concern with over-regulation. The Board agreed to move forward with the public hearing process to hear comment and will make a decision on whether to implement the ordinance based on input received. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, and carried to adopt the following resolution:

2007-04-32

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize a public hearing on June 12, 2007 at 10:00 am to hear public comment on the proposed Compliance Checks and Administrative Penalties Ordinance.

AGRICULTURE UTILIZATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Agriculture Utilization Research Institute (AURI) Project Development Director Michael Sparby met with the Board and gave a presentation on renewable energy opportunities. AURI is created and supported by the Minnesota state legislature but is not a government agency. AURI is a nonprofit corporation working to enhance Minnesota's economy through the development of new uses and new markets for the state's agricultural products. AURI provides feasibility analysis, product development assistance and technical support. Research into using bi-products of corn, wheat, and grass seed as viable sources of heat and energy is one example. Roseau County has an abundance of these resources with blue grass being the most viable. Mr. Sparby highlighted the biomass gasification research project at Northern Excellence Seeds in Williams. Richard Magnusson was present to answer specific questions. The roadblock to implementation of this project is financing. Gasification technology comes from India and is over 600 years, however the Williams processor would be only the second of its model in the United States and therefore is a high risk for finance. Mr. Sparby is currently working on a feasibility study for northwestern Minnesota. The Board asked what it would cost to do a feasibility study just for Roseau County. Mr. Sparby stated that the feasibility study he is currently doing will include Roseau County and advised waiting to see those results and then possibility focusing and refining the study for Roseau County.

Upon motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The Board will convene its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. on May 15, 2007.

Attest:

Teresa Klein County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

Jack Swanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Roseau County, Minnesota

