

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING

May 22, 2007

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 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 a Lawful Gaming Permit for Warroad Lost River Sportsmen's Complex was added to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried to approve the amended agenda.

WARROAD LOST RIVER SPORTSMEN'S COMPLEX

Doug Lindner met with the Board. Mr. Lindner reviewed the history of the Warroad Lost River Sportsmen's Complex and requested approval of an exemption from a lawful gambling license to hold a raffle as part of a Family Fun Shoot on August 12, 2007.

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

2007-05-09

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Warroad Lost River Sportsmen's "Application for Authorization for an Exemption from Lawful Gambling License" to hold a raffle on August 12, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize County Board Chair Jack Swanson to sign said application.

KLEIN MCCARTHY ARCHITECTS, INC.

Architect John Howell met with the Board. Mr. Howell introduced his associate, John Anderson. Mr. Howell noted that he and Mr. Anderson had completed the punch list on the social service building and presented the document to the Board for their review. The punch list has also been reviewed with the contractor. Mr. Howell advised the Board that Pay Request o. 12 had been submitted for approval. Mr. Howell reviewed Change Order J004. Upon recommendation of the Building Committee, the Board agreed to defer action on the change order until an agreement has been reached on the issues relating to exterior painting and dispatch glazing.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Tim Thompson and Diane Grindy of the Minnesota Department of Corrections met with the Board. Jail Administrator Janice Anderson facilitated an inspection of the new jail for Mr. Thompson and Ms. Grindy. Mr. Thompson noted a couple of items of concern, but stated that he had already addressed one of them with the architect and contractor and the other item could be handled through policy. Ms. Grindy is working with the County on the development of policies, identifying training needs, and approving a staffing plan. Ms. Grindy noted that she is satisfied with the policy that she has reviewed to date. Mr. Thompson stressed the importance of a transition team and the necessity of this group to be working full time between now and the opening of the jail developing policy, writing training plans, and facilitating the move from the current facility into the new facility. Mr. Thompson noted that it is recommended that this team be in place from groundbreaking until six months to one year after occupancy. Roseau County's Transition Team consists of Mary Solberg, Patty Berg, Chad Maurstad and Janice Anderson.

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the issue of delinquent taxes owed by the Department of Natural Resources in Roseau County. The Board agreed to draft a letter to send to constituents who are currently being assessed for ditch benefits to educate them about the issue and ramifications. The key issue is that if the state does not pay ditch taxes or pays less ditch taxes, other users of that ditch system ultimately will have to pay more.

The Board discussed the AMC District III meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2007 in Thief River Falls. The Board concurred on Policy Committee appointments and will make these recommendations at the meeting.

Environmental & Natural Resources: Jeff Pelowski
General Government: Jack Swanson
Health & Human Services: Dave Anderson
Transportation: Alan Johnston and Orris Rasmussen

The Board discussed the Increasing Efficiency through Technology training session provided by Pope County Coordinator Riaz Aziz. Mr. Aziz presented information on web based board packets, annual budget planning and payroll management.

The Board discussed 2008 budget planning and reviewed the agenda for the June 6, 2007 session scheduled with department heads.

Upon motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m. The Board will convene its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. on May 29, 2007.

Attest:

Teresa Klein County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

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