

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 10, 2007

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, July 10, 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 Jail Food Service Contract was removed from the consent agenda. Awarding County Atlas contract was removed from the consent agenda and added to Discussion. Approval of a Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session was added to the consent agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the amended agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the proceedings of the June 26, 2007 Board Meeting.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved an agreement between the United States Department of Agriculture and Roseau County to allow trapping of grey wolves on county road right of ways.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, set the Public Hearing date on the Roseau County All Hazard Mitigation Plan for July 23, 2007 at 10:00 am.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the purchase of a 2005 Impala LS from Sorenson Chevrolet in the amount of \$14,000 plus tax and license.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, authorized the County Treasurer to transfer debt service payment to Bond Trust Services Corporation on General Obligation Jail Bonds in the amount of \$122,036.88

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved a subordination agreement on the Marty and Rhonda Kaml property.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the Roseau County Trailblazer request for reimbursement on the Pelan Trail Bridge Replacement Project.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved Social Service Change Order S-006 in the amount of \$571.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, set a Committee of the Whole meeting on August 8, 2007 from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon to work on the 2008 Roseau County Budget.

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

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 7/10/2007 FOR PAYMENT 7/13/2007			
AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
1080.88	ACE HARDWARE-ROSEAU	320.80	AMERIPRIDE LINEN & APPAREL SER
1146.04	BALLARD MOTOR CO	631.00	BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT OF MHD
447.34	BLACK BEAR CASINO & HOTEL	332.57	BOB BARKER CO
521.38	FRED CLASEN	657.74	CPR SAVERS & FIRST AID SUPPLY
315.38	CULLIGAN	588.57	D & E SPORT SHOP-ROSEAU
1862.36	D R MOTORS	303.53	DEATONS MAILING SYSTEMS INC
7296.74	TONY DORN INC	300.00	DW MECHANICAL
2537.06	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-LK BRNSN	10805.43	GOULET CONSTRUCTION
530.22	GRAND FORKS GROCERY FOOD SERV	1600.00	GUMERINGER LAWN CARE
16157.93	HEPPNER CONSULTING INC	350.00	HOFFMAN DALE & SWENSON PLLC
375.63	HOLIDAY COMMERCIAL	1208.94	HORNER PLUMBING & EXCAVATION
1889.00	HUMANE RESTRAINT	5680.69	KAYWAY INDUSTRIES INC
8413.50	LARSON'S WINDOW DECOR INC	34419.15	MAR-KIT LANDFILL
3982.89	MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP	1380.00	MN COUNTIES INSURANCE TRUST
474.00	MN COUNTY RECORDERS ASSN	413.00	MN DEPT OF REVENUE-SP TAXES DI
600.00	MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISES TECH	1057.09	MULTI OFFICE PRODUCTS INC
7356.00	NORBYS	1581.16	NORTHLAND TIRE
563.20	NORTHLAND TRADING POST	406.44	JEFF PELOWSKI
305.70	POLARIS INDUSTRIES INC	301.34	POWER PLAN
1652.71	PRIOR ELECTRIC INC	931.89	PRO 5 OF ROSEAU INC
1021.13	R & Q CONTRACTING INC	1800.00	RELIANCE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS
489.45	ROSEAU CLEANING SYSTEMS	4515.00	ROSEAU CO TREASURER
3712.12	ROSEAU DIESEL SERVICE INC	442.33	ROSEAU FARM SERVICE
2435.25	SJOBERG'S INC	15283.80	SORENSEN CHEVROLET OLDS INC
650.15	THIEF RIVER JOBBING CO	4182.89	TRI-CITY PAVING INC
1410.42	THE TRIBUNE	1321.61	U SAVE FOODS
1950.00	VOYAGEURS COMTRONICS CORPORATI	3359.80	WARROAD CITY
2183.19	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	5312.71	WHERLEY MOVING & STORAGE
	58 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	7,207.62	
	****	FINAL TOTAL..... \$178,054.77	****

And the summary of auditor warrants and forthwith payments, as follows:

6-28-07	\$353,558.41
7-05-07	\$ 76,268.62
7-10-07	\$ 375.00 (forthwith)

LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

Roseau City Council Members Curt Ireland, Linda Vatnsdal, Gerry Schiltz, and Pat Novacek, Mayor Jeff Pelowski, Community Development Coordinator Todd Peterson, Fire Chief Tim Skime and City Attorney Pat Moren met with the Board. Mayor Jeff Pelowski gave an update on flood recovery project status and three additional construction projects that are underway as a result of winning a FEMA appeal. Mayor Pelowski noted that the East Diversion Project, designed to remove the City of Roseau from the 100 year floodplain, is on track. The City received a \$1 million grant from the Department of Natural Resources for land acquisition and bridge construction. 2010 is the goal for completion. Mayor Pelowski noted areas of common concern including the non-payment of ditch taxes on Minnesota Department of Natural Resource Consolidated Conservation land parcels. Mayor Pelowski informed the Board that

the Roseau City Council has begun follow up planning and implementation to the Leadership and Strategic Planning Retreat that they attended. The City Council is working on their mission and values statement and their long term plan. Roseau County attended a similar retreat. Fire Chief Skime spoke on the new fire protection contracts. Chief Skime stated that the fire protection cost share formula has not been revised in several decades and was in need of adjustment to accommodate changing demographics and cost.

The Board asked the City Council for their suggestions regarding the County's role in economic development. Councilman Gerry Schiltz noted that he sees the County as the conduit for economic development for the various cities within the county. Commissioner Foldesi noted that he is in favor of local units of government partnering and supporting each other and wants to encourage the philosophy that what is good for one part of the county is a benefit to the entire county. The group discussed land use planning and zoning. City Attorney Pat Moren asked the county about their future land use planning and zoning intentions. Mr. Moren noted that approximately 75% of the counties in the State of Minnesota have implemented county-wide zoning and planning. The Board noted that Roseau County has traditionally had a "hands-off" approach to planning and zoning and encouraged planning and zoning to be facilitated at the township level primarily because of the unique characteristics of the individual townships within the county. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have an educational session and discussion on land use and planning and zoning at the next annual township officers meeting. Council Member Gerry Schiltz noted that he and Commissioner Rasmussen serve on the Northwest Regional Development Commission and that Roseau County is hosting a quarterly meeting in Roseau on September 25, 2007. Council Member Linda Vatnsdal suggested that the city and county collaborate on hosting an all county local unit of government annual or bi-annual conference or summit. She noted that we all share in the goal of building and sustaining a quality of place that will attract and keep people and businesses in our county and that it would be beneficial to gather the various Boards and leaders together to build partnerships and generate ideas on how we can work together on mutual goals and projects. It was discussed that this session could be modeled after the AMC Cities, Counties, and Schools Annual Conference. Council Member Curt Ireland noted that the hospital plans to build a new nursing home in Greenbush and that the hospital is in the process of reinventing its image to reflect a vision of itself as a community hospital rather than a City of Roseau hospital.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board heard the following committee and other meeting reports: i.) Two Rivers Watershed Committee; ii.) Joint Powers Natural Resource Committee; iii.) Roseau River Watershed District Board Meeting; iv.) MN DNR Rule Change Administrative Hearings: Grygla/Warroad; v.) Northwest Regional Development Commission Transportation Committee; vi.) Northwest Regional Development Committee of Aging; vii.) TV Antenna Committee; and viii) Building Committee.

Chair Swanson recessed the meeting at 10:00 am. The meeting reconvened at 10:15 am.

DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed and discussed the quotes received to produce a new Roseau County Atlas. The Board had put out a Request for Proposals to produce a new county atlas but did not receive any response to the advertisement. The Board agreed to invite local businesses to submit a quote to produce the atlas. Two quotes were received--one from North

Country Media of Roseau and one from Advantage Marketing of Warroad. Due to employment related conflicts of interest, Commissioners Walker and Swanson abstained from discussion and action on the matter. Joseph Bain of North Country Media presented and reviewed the details of the North Country Media quote. Rebecca Colden of Advantage Marketing presented and reviewed the details of the Advantage Marketing quote. The Board discussed the two quotes at length. Both quotes were essentially equal. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi to accept the North Country Media quote. The motion died for a lack of a second. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, to accept the quote of North Country Media on a five-year contract. The motion failed by a two to one vote, with Commissioners Foldesi and Rasmussen in favor and Commissioner Johnston opposed. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen to accept the quote of Advantage Marketing. The motion failed with Commissioners Rasmussen and Johnston voting in favor and Commissioner Foldesi opposed. The Board discussed re-advertising for quotes. The Board agreed that likely the same businesses would submit quotes and it would be no easier to make a decision. After lengthy discussion the Board was unable to decide by vote on which quote to accept and agreed to draw lots. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, and carried by unanimous vote to determine the outcome of the acceptance of quotes by drawing lots. The quote of ADvantage Marketing was selected. Coordinator Klein will meet with ADvantage Marketing to finalize the details of the contract and bring it to the Board for final review and approval.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Ketring met with Board. Mr. Ketring advised the Board that he did not have any action items for approval. Mr. Ketring informed the Board that he had been invited to a meeting in Kittson County on July 17, 2007 sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources regarding issues and concerns relating to ditch cleaning in Joint Ditch No. 72. Commissioner Foldesi was also invited and plans to attend.

Mr. Ketring presented a request from the Roseau City Council to consider placement of a T intersection on the corner of CSAH No. 24 as part of the East Diversion. Placement of a T intersection would allow the diversion land use area to move further south on the west side of CSAH No. 28 and reduce the displacement of Roseau City Park. The Army Corps of Engineers plan maintains the curve that currently exists on this segment of CSAH No. 28 as part of the East Diversion Project but plans to move the road section including the curve south and west. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the T intersection versus the proposed curve. The Board requested Engineer Ketring study the matter further and make a recommendation to the Board.

The Board discussed the *MN DNR Proposed Rule Change Regarding Determining Drainage Benefits on State Owned Lands in Consolidated Conservation (Con-Con) Lands*. The Board agreed by consensus to support the decision of the Joint Powers Natural Resource Board to retain the services of Jerry Von Korff of Rinke-Noonan Law Firm to write a response to the DNR on behalf of the affected counties and watershed districts. The Board expressed disappointment in the work of Rebecca Anderson who had previously been retained. Commissioner Johnston requested the Board consider developing a new Joint Powers Agreement among all the various entities involved in the MN DNR ditch tax assessment issue.

Upon motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The Board will convene its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. on July 24, 2007.

Attest:

Teresa Klein County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

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