

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT ON 1/24/2008

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
353.62	CELLULAR 2000-UNICEL	1273.10	FORTIS BENEFITS
1272.29	HUMANA DENTAL	175051.93	ICS,INC
3618.00	LAURE JOHNSON	4869.14	MN ENERGY RESOURCES
1725.73	MN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE	20000.00	NW MN MENTORING PROGRAM
52545.00	NW MN SERV COOP-BLUE CROSS BLU	4465.00	ROSEAU CO MEDICAL TRAVEL
47908.00	ROSEAU CO TRAILBLAZERS	713.77	ROSEAU ELECTRIC COOP INC
3 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300		377.21	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$314,172.79	****

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AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
1855.92	BADGER CITY	9275.13	GREENBUSH CITY
675.18	NW REGIONAL DEV COMM	17030.13	ROSEAU CITY
10686.72	ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DIST	322.24	SCHOOL DIST 2358
9241.85	SCHOOL DIST 2683	10196.84	SCHOOL DIST 676
47635.74	SCHOOL DIST 682	31143.74	SCHOOL DIST 690
550.97	TOWN OF BARNETT	1564.39	TOWN OF BARTO
364.95	TOWN OF DEER	365.14	TOWN OF ENSTROM
903.82	TOWN OF GOLDEN VALLEY	724.29	TOWN OF GRIMSTAD
725.47	TOWN OF HEREIM	835.98	TOWN OF HUSS
1310.89	TOWN OF JADIS	4694.09	TOWN OF LAKE
2045.39	TOWN OF LAONA	394.14	TOWN OF LIND
499.16	TOWN OF MALUNG	1050.35	TOWN OF MICKINOCK
646.30	TOWN OF MOOSE	1476.04	TOWN OF MORANVILLE
1782.50	TOWN OF NERESON	736.34	TOWN OF PALMVILLE
332.05	TOWN OF POLONIA	328.85	TOWN OF REINE
615.52	TOWN OF ROSS	425.43	TOWN OF SKAGEN
711.94	TOWN OF SOLER	394.67	TOWN OF SPRUCE
495.18	TOWN OF STAFFORD	422.96	TOWN OF STOKES
4524.03	TWO RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT	9948.70	WARROAD CITY
1436.31	WARROAD PORT AUTHORITY		
13 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300		1,628.49	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$179,997.83	***

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 1/29/2008 FOR PAYMENT ON 2/01/2008

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
430.34	ACE HARDWARE-ROSEAU	314.55	ROBERT ANDERSON M.D.
4118.40	AVIANDS LLC	353.10	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
823.00	CLENE RITE JANITORIAL SERVICE	985.17	GRAINGER INC
3309.08	GREENBUSH SANITATION LTD	431.75	HILLYARD HUTCHINSON
634.25	LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER	921.40	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER
1174.50	MIDWEST MONITORING & SURVEILLA	711.31	MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISES TECH
1456.00	MN SHERIFF'S ASSN	407.87	PROVANTAGE CORPORATION
1709.00	QUILL CORPORATION	640.00	RELIANCE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS
8925.52	ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT	351.33	LORNA SANDVIK
7017.23	SPIELMAN RADIO	2000.00	WEST CENTRAL INDEXING LLC
2937.13	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER		
32 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300		3,489.72	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$43,140.65	****

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board. Mr. Ketring did not have any action items. The Board asked Mr. Ketring to look into asphaltting the road that will lead into the new Greenbush Nursing home. The Board suggested that Mr. Ketring and Commissioner Foldesi meet with the City of Greenbush and Lifecare Medical Center to discuss options.

The Board discussed recording of roads in Roseau County. Mr. Ketring stated he would research the matter.

The Board requested that Highway Department staff attend the annual Department of Natural resources and Roseau County Annual Road Meeting. Mr. Ketring stated that Daryl Dahl and Tim Erickson would attend.

The Board requested that Highway Department staff knowledgeable of trails in the Lost River State Forest participate in the trail planning sessions with the Department of Natural Resources.

LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER

Lifecare Medical Center Development Coordinator Sue Grafstrom met with the Board. Ms. Grafstrom presented an interagency community physical activity promotion grant opportunity through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota and asked if Roseau County would be willing to partner in submission of this grant. The Board, by consensus, agreed that they would. Ms. Grafstrom stated that a web seminar on this grant opportunity is scheduled for February, 5, 2008 from 1:30-3:00 pm. and invited a Board representative to attend. Ms. Grafstrom noted that this grant proposal is due March 14, 2008.

SENATOR LEROY STUMPF AND REPRESENTATIVE DAVE OLIN

Senator LeRoy Stumpf and Representative Dave Olin met with the Board to discuss Roseau County legislative action items. Concerns regarding Bovine TB, Transportation, Property Tax Reform and Public School funding were key issues discussed.

Chair Swanson recessed the meeting at 10:30 am. The Board reconvened at 10:45 am.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Swanson and Commissioner Rasmussen gave a report on the Highway Department Employees Association negotiations.

Chief Deputy Terry Bandemer met with the Board to discuss needs related to CrimeStar. Chief Bandemer stated that Roseau County needs to upgrade its software and purchase additional licenses. Chief Bandemer will return at the February 12, 2008 meeting with a quote for this upgrade.

The Board discussed the Pembina Trail Resource and Development Association dues increase. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and unanimously carried to pay the full dues of \$500, an increase of \$100 over 2007 dues.

The Board discussed the agenda for the monthly work session. It was agreed to invite department heads to the first official work session on February 5, 2008 and to include department head appointments as a standing item on the work session agenda. The Board agreed that they would like to meet quarterly with all department heads and meet with one or two department heads individually at the other work sessions. Coordinator Klein was directed to invite the department heads to the February 5, 2008 meeting.

The Board discussed concerns of Bovine TB in northwestern Minnesota and the possibility of a split state status.

The Board discussed Jim Jenson's letter to the editor that was published in the Greenbush Tribune and Roseau Times Region.

Chair Swanson presented an article that was in the AMC *Minnesota Counties* January edition written by Anoka County Administrator Terry Johnson and requested that the article be read in its entirety into the Board proceedings. Coordinator Klein received permission from the Association of Minnesota Counties and author Terry Johnson to print the article as part of the Roseau County Board proceedings.

Accountability of Elected Officials

By Terry Johnson, County Administrator, County of Anoka

When an elected official is sworn into office, he or she pledges to uphold a version of the following Oath of Office:

I, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, and that I will faithfully execute and discharge the duties of the Office of County Commissioner in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, according to law and to the best of my ability and understanding."

Although some candidates feel comfortable making pledges to special interest groups while campaigning, that pledge may not be in the best interest of the constituents the official represents, and may be in direct conflict with an elected officer's oath.

Special interest groups are quick to urge the public to "hold elected officials accountable" but they need to keep in mind that the official is accountable and responsible to all the constituents he or she represents, not just those who would eliminate, reduce or freeze taxes or levels of taxation.

The dilemma of keeping taxes manageable while meeting the statutory and ethical obligations to our citizens is not an issue that is easily understood, explained or solved. There will always be those who debate and criticize the role of government in our lives, but the fact is, many people need and depend on government for many of the services they need to sustain themselves.

The elected official cannot forget about the 84-year old woman who lives alone and is doing her best to maintain her independence, all the while seeing the costs of transportation and medication increase, while her social security and share of a pension do not. How does the elected official tell her that the bus service which carries her to the pharmacy is being slowly whittled away because there isn't enough money in the budget to continue the same level of service as in past years?

Or what about the thousands of people who rely on publicly-maintained roads every day? If we continue to allow roads to fall into disrepair because we aren't willing to raise the money necessary to maintain and improve them, we're creating not only a public safety hazard, but a barrier to economic development as well. Roads link residents and

businesses to help our communities prosper, and could be considered one of the most important services provided by government.

Then there is law enforcement, feed lot inspections, daycare licensing, correctional facilities, and on and on. All of the services cost money. Some of that cost can be offset with fees, but many of the costs need to be funded with tax dollars.

Yes, we do need elected officials who are accountable; but they need to be accountable to all of their constituents, not just those who feel taxes are too high. They need to be accountable to the oath they swore to uphold, not to a pledge card they signed.

The Board asked Coordinator Klein to submit the article to the three county papers for publication.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following meetings: Contract Negotiations, 1-17-08; Safety Committee, 1-17-08; Roseau County Civic & Commerce Annual Meeting, 1-21-08; Agriculture Stakeholders Meeting; 1-24-08; Senator Coleman Session, 1-25-08; Extension Committee, 1-28-08; and Building Committee 1-28-08.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following meetings: Sheriff's Commissioner, 1-15-08; and Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 1-28-08. Commissioner Walker noted that he was elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Commissioner Johnston reported on the following meetings: Sheriff's Commission, 1-15-08; Department of Natural Resources Lost River State Forest Trail Planning Committee, 1-23-08 and 1-24-08.

Commissioner Rasmussen reported on the following meetings: Contract Negotiations, 1-17-08; Safety Committee, 1-17-08; Norwest Regional Development Commission, 1-22-08; Department of Natural Resources Lost River State Forest Trail Planning Committee, 1-24-08; and Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 1-28-08.

Commissioner Rasmussen informed the Board that he has offered to host the spring Association of Minnesota Counties District III meeting in Roseau County. The Coordinator's Office will make the arrangements.

Upon motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The Board will convene its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. on February 5, 2008.

Attest:

Teresa Klein, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

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