

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 5, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on February 5, 2008 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 Jack Swanson, Alan Johnston, Russell Walker, Orris Rasmussen and Commissioner Mark Foldesi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved proceedings of the January 29, 2008 Board Meeting.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the hire of Chris Stauffer as Information Technology Administrator at a Grade 8 Step A.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the benefit pay-out to Deputy Sheriff Nathan McMillin in the amount of \$2,022.85.

The Board discussed advertising to fill the Information Technology Specialist position that is now vacated. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, and carried unanimously to advertise to fill the Information Technology Specialist position.

The Board met with Roseau County elected and appointed Department Heads. Each Department Head gave an update on their office and highlighted things that are going well. The Board reviewed Roseau County logo concepts. A new logo will be part of the renovation of the county web site.

VETERAN SERVICES MEDAL PRESENTATION

Veteran's Service Officer Jeff Parker presented LaMae Lundbohm with a United States Department of Veterans Affairs medal honoring her as a female veteran of WWII. Mrs. Lundbohm served in the United States Coast Guard.

Chair Swanson recessed the meeting at 11:15 am. The Board reconvened at 11:30 am.

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the Roseau County Highway Employees Association Contract. An agreement has been reached regarding wages. The agreement is for a 2% increase in 2008; a 3.5% increase in 2009; and a 3.5% increase in 2010. A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, and carried by a 4-1 vote with Commissioners Foldesi, Johnston, Rasmussen and Swanson in favor and Commissioner Walker opposed to approve the Articles of Agreement between Roseau County and Roseau County Highway Employees Association, Inc effective December 16, 2007 through December 18, 2010.

The Board discussed obtaining a county credit card. Treasurer Diane Gregerson stated she would follow through with the application process, develop a policy and return to the Board within a month.

The Board discussed approval of an Emergency Alert System (EAS) that would allow Roseau County Dispatch to send out emergency messages over the television. Emergency Manager Gracia Nelson agreed to get a price for the equipment needed and return to the Board for further discussion.

Discussion on the Extension Suite renovation was tabled.

Dave Grafstrom met with the Board to discuss how the County and Northland Community College could partner on a research project to work with cattlemen to gather information and compile ideas and solutions to eliminate Bovine TB from northern Minnesota. The agreement will be further refined and placed on the February 12, 2008 agenda for approval.

The Board acknowledged the invitation from Polk County to attend the dedication of their new Justice Center and Regional Correction Center on February 16, 2008.

The Board discussed correspondence from the Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry requesting the Board to honor a timber permit for timber the DNR sold at a timber auction on September 27, 2007. This permit, B1977, was originally approved and sold at auction on June 10, 2004 but due to poor market conditions the permit was forfeited. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and unanimously carried to authorize the DNR Division of Forestry to reissue timber sale permit B1977.

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 12, 2008.

Attest:

Teresa Klein, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

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