

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 25, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on March 25, 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, Mark Foldesi and Orris Rasmussen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Consent Item No. 2, Approve IT Administrator Anniversary Step was moved to Discussion. Consent Item No. 3, Approve Cell G Area Camera Relocation Quote was moved to Discussion. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously to approve the revised agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved proceedings from the March 11, 2008 Board meeting.

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

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 3/13/2008 FOR PAYMENT 3/13/2008

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
2266.43	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO	458.59	CELLULAR 2000-UNICEL
3998.31	CENTURYTEL	644.10	LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES
6851.00	MII LIFE-VEBA	418.05	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE
5021.50	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS	2804.44	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION
9896.86	ROSEAU CITY		

8 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 821.59

FINAL TOTAL..... \$33,180.87

WARRANTS APPROVED ON FOR PAYMENT 3/20/2008

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
431.52	DOUGS SUPERMARKET	3618.00	LAURE JOHNSON
682.12	RACHEL KRAHN	50235.00	NW MN SERV COOP-BLUE CROSS BLU
439.31	U OF MN EXTENSION SERVICE	4233.55	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER

13 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 628.10

****** FINAL TOTAL..... \$60,267.60 ******

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 3/25/2008 FOR PAYMENT 3/28/2008

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
753.25	ALTRU HEALTH SYSTEM-ROSEAU	1386.80	AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINES
5539.98	AVIANDS LLC	1928.64	BERGSTROM ELECTRIC INC
353.10	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	11275.00	CRIMESTAR CORPORATION
444.13	DEATONS MAILING SYSTEMS INC	6984.91	DELL MARKETING LP

ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Roseau River Watershed District Administrator Rob Sando and Chairman LaVern Voll met with the Board. They discussed the funding requests for the Hay Creek and Norland Projects and expressed concern that the RRWD may not receive all the funding they have requested. Competing projects include the Minnehaha Project in the metro area and various flood mitigation projects related to last summer's flooding in southern Minnesota. The Hydrology Report completed by Houston Engineering on the State Ditch #69 Petition was discussed. The Board agreed to excuse Commissioner Rasmussen from the April 8, 2008 regular Board meeting so he could attend the regular monthly meeting of the RRWD. Mr. Sando stated that the RRWD is looking into an alternate date for their meetings to eliminate the scheduling conflict.

The Board discussed the Joint Board Committee that has been formed between the Two Rivers Watershed District (TRWD), the RRWD, the Kittson County Board, and the Roseau County Board. Todd Miller and LaVern Voll have been appointed by the RRWD to serve on this Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2008 at 10:00 am at the Greenbush Community Center.

The Board discussed scheduling a joint session between the Roseau County Board and RRWD Board. This meeting will be scheduled as part of the April 8, 2008 Board meeting.

Chair Swanson recessed the meeting at 10:15 am. The meeting reconvened at 10:30 am.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board. Engineer Ketring advised the Board that spring weight restrictions are on and requested the Board approve two requests for variances. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2008-03-08

WHEREAS, Jim Kukowski has requested a load variance on CSAH 6 east of TH 32 to his seed plant, a distance of slightly over ½ mile; and

WHEREAS, Cenex Bulk Plant has requested a load variance on CSAH 28 north of TH 11 to the Bulk Plant; and

WHEREAS, Engineer Ketring has no objections to the variances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a 10-ton load variance on CSAH 6 going east from TH 32 to Jim Kukowski's seed plant and a 10-ton load variance on CSAH 28 north of TH 11 to the Cenex Bulk Plant with the following conditions:

1. That the load variance segments of CSAH 6 and CSAH 28 will be monitored by the Roseau County Highway Department for any problems.
2. That if problems occur, the variance(s) will be revoked.

Engineer Ketring informed the Board that the Township Road Committee met and have ordered maps for three unorganized townships. The Committee will conduct a pilot study utilizing these three townships and will use these findings to inform further road inventory recommendations.

MnDOT District 2 Assistant District Engineer Lou Tasa met with the Board. Mr. Tasa presented a 2008 and 2009 District 2 Proposed Construction Program. Mr. Tasa pointed out that most projects are either bridge replacements or maintenance. Mr. Tasa reviewed the bridge bonding bill and provided an update on the 35W Bridge reconstruction.

Commissioner Foldesi reminded Mr. Tasa of a safety concern he previously reported in Greenbush. Mr. Tasa agreed to follow up and will get back to Commissioner Foldesi on the status.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Jule Hanson, Chief Deputy Terry Bandemer and Jail Administrator Janice Anderson met with the Board. Ms. Anderson requested the board authorize filling one full time and one part-time Dispatch/Jailer position. These are replacements not new positions. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2008-03-09

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes advertising to fill one regular full time and one regular part-time Dispatch/Jailer position.

Chief Deputy Bandemer requested the Board approve purchase of a new booking camera system. The current one is no longer working. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2008-03-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the purchase of a Sony EVI D70 Video Camera and a FlashBus Spectrim Lite Board at a cost of \$1,317.

It was noted that a PC may be needed to support the new camera and software. Coordinator Klein will discuss this with IT Administrator Chris Stauffer.

Chief Deputy Bandemer reported on the meeting with Superior Billing Co., Inc./Financial Consultants Co., Inc. Commissioner Rasmussen attended the session and stated that he was not in favor of hiring a collection service for the Pay to Stay Program but after the session supports contracting with Superior Billing Co., Inc./Financial Consultants Co., Inc. A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried 4-1 with Commissioner Foldesi, Rasmussen, Swanson, and Walker in favor and Johnston opposed to adopt the following resolution:

2008-03-11

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board agrees to enter into contract with Superior Billing Co., Inc./Financial Consultants Co., Inc. for the management and collection of Roseau County Detention Center fees.

BOVINE TB

Northland Community and Technical College Ag Instructor Dave Grafstrom met with the Board. Mr. Grafstrom gave an update on the plan to eradicate Bovine TB from our region. Mr. Grafstrom stated that 11 herds and 17 whitetail deer have tested positive for Bovine TB and three more suspect deer have been identified. Mr. Grafstrom explained the impending split state status and the implications for the state of Minnesota and for cattle and dairy producers within the split state section. Commissioner Foldesi asked if the timeline on the return to Bovine Free status can be escalated given the current plan to depopulate cattle from the core and managed area. Mr. Grafstrom stated that the USDA would have to revise their rules with regard to the status, but he would pursue the discussion. Commissioner Rasmussen stated nationwide testing should be reinstated as a method to prevent the spread of this infectious disease. Commissioner Rasmussen stated that if testing requirements had been in place, we would not have gotten infected with Bovine TB in the first place.

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the quote to move the camera in Cell G in the Detention Center. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried unanimously to reject the quote from ICS, Inc. to relocate Cell G Area Camera.

The Board discussed the services provided by Northern Moments Photography for the Governor's Bovine TB visit. Ms. Allen is not requesting payment, but spent approximately 6 hours taking photos and provided the county with two CD's of the photos she took. Commissioner Walker advised the Board that he felt it would be appropriate to compensate her in some way. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2008-03-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves a forthwith claim to Northern Moments Photography in the amount of \$100.

The Board discussed Commissioner Johnston's invitation to serve on the state Individual Sewage Treatment System (ISTS) Advisory Committee. Membership on the committee is by appointment. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2008-03-13

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board supports Commissioner Johnston's appointment to the Minnesota Individual Sewage Treatment System Advisory Board.

The Board discussed the County Highway Map. Work on the map is complete with the exemption of Roseau advertising. Commissioner Swanson stated that the matter was being resolved.

The Board discussed utilization of the old Detention and Law Enforcement Center. The Board agreed to put the building up for sale. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2008-03-14

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board agrees to offer for sale, on bids, the old Law Enforcement Center & Jail complex located at 108 3rd Avenue SW, Roseau, Minnesota; subject to easements, reservations, and restrictions of record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no minimum bid will be set but that Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Coordinator Klein will ask Environmental Officer Jeff Pelowski to draft the bid advertisement.

The Board discussed the step increase for IT Administrator Chris Stauffer. Commissioner Foldesi asked for a description of the policy on step increases. It was noted that step increases follow the original date of hire for all employees hired after 2001 and are automatically given on January 1 for all employees hired previous to that date. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously to approve the step increase for Chris Stauffer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meetings: Safety Committee, 3-18-08; Regional Radio Board, 3-19-08; and Building Committee, 3-24-08.

Commissioner Rasmussen reported on the following committee meeting: MRCC, 3-19-08.

Commissioner Foldesi reported on the following committee meetings: Joint Ditch Meeting, 3-12-08; Highway Committee, 3-13-08; Conference Call with Governor Pawlenty, 3-14-08; and TB Meeting and Tour, 3-17-08.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee meetings: Kittson County Road Meeting, 3-12-08; TB Task Force, 3-13-08; TB Task Force – Governor Conference Call, 3-14-08; TB Planning Session, 3-16-08; TB Meeting and Tour, 3-17-08; TB Task Force, 3-19-08; Board of Animal Health Teleconference, 3-20-08; TB Meeting w/Representative Dave Olin, 3-22-08; and Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 3-24-08.

Commissioner Johnston reported on the following meetings: Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum, 3-12-08 to 3-13-08; AMC Legislative Steering Committee, 3-14-08; Lost River State Forest Trail Planning Committee, 3-17-08; and Township Road Committee, 3-20-08.

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

Attest:

Teresa Klein, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

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