

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

June 24, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on June 24, 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, Orris Rasmussen and Russell Walker. Commissioner Foldesi was excused.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mileage reimbursement rate, DEED Meeting, and resignation of Harry Hamilton were added to discussion. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously to adopt the revised agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The Board by adoption of its consent agenda, approved Proceedings from the June 10, 2008 Board meeting.

The Board by adoption of its consent agenda authorized a contract with Kevin Williamson to provide backup SSTS Soil Inspection Service.

The Board by adoption of its consent agenda approved Robert and Judith Aronson's Application for a Reduction in Valuation.

The Board by adoption of its consent agenda, approved bills for payment as follows including two forthwith payments to Northland Community College (\$2,800.72 and \$2,158.38):

**WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 6/12/2008**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
589.15	CELLULAR 2000-UNICEL	2557.16	CENTURYTEL
544.93	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD	1129.86	BRIAN HARDWICK P.A.
6829.50	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS	666.30	RIVERSIDE BAIT & TACKLE INC
10274.14	ROSEAU CITY	88602.62	TWIN CITIES MACK & VOLVO TRUCK
<b>6 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300</b>		<b>640.12</b>	
****	<b>FINAL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$111,833.78</b>	****

**WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 6/19/2008**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
2496.95	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO	1083.42	JOHN CARTER
378.03	CENTURYTEL	383.82	BRIAN HARDWICK P.A.
3618.00	LAURE JOHNSON	7648.75	MII LIFE-VEBA
418.05	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	2804.44	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION
434.23	RIVERSIDE BAIT & TACKLE INC	865.49	ROSEAU CITY
10092.00	ROSEAU CO TRAILBLAZERS		
<b>5 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300</b>		<b>351.29</b>	

\*\*\*\* FINAL TOTAL..... \$30,574.47 \*\*\*\*

**WARRANTS APPROVED ON 6/24/2008 FOR PAYMENT 6/27/2008**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
4293.40	ACS	517.00	ALTRU HEALTH SYSTEM-ROSEAU
517.91	ARROWWOOD RESORT	6155.70	AVIANDS LLC
350.00	BEMIDJI CITY OF	353.10	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
456.00	CRAGUN'S CONFERENCE CENTER	350.00	DEXTER DVERGSTEN
346.50	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE IN	3435.71	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-LK BRNSN
20990.06	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-ROSEAU	7369.19	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD
328.35	MARK FOLDESI	5895.97	GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO
308.45	GRAND FORKS GROCERY FOOD SERV	1890.38	H & J DISPLAYS INC
311.37	HILLYARD HUTCHINSON	2525.00	HOFFMAN DALE & SWENSON PLLC
384.35	PATRICIA IGNASZEWSKI	8672.30	JOHNSON OIL CO INC
500.00	DANIEL JOHNSTON	1725.00	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER
714.02	M & R SIGN CO INC	607.50	MIDWEST MONITORING & SURVEILLA
1665.70	MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP	700.00	MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISES TECH
447.16	MARTHA MONSRUD	387.01	NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT CO
4671.20	NORTHLAND TIRE	985.16	PEART & ASSOCIATES INC
2068.08	PRAXAIR	3811.46	RIVERFRONT STATION
8472.61	ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN	383.98	LORNA SANDVIK
1599.31	STREIFF SPORTING GOODS	400.00	SVEN & OLE'S ULTIMATE CARWASH
1098.48	TW VENDING INC	342.00	WARROAD MOTORS INC
840.01	ZIEGLER INC		

**44 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 4,554.55**

\*\*\*\* FINAL TOTAL..... \$101,423.97 \*\*\*\*

Chair Swanson recessed the Board meeting at 9:00 am.

**PUBLIC HEARING – APPLICATION FOR OFF-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously to open a public hearing per published notice, for the purpose of the Roseau County Board considering the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License. Donald G. Jackson, dba DJ's Salol Store, has requested approval of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for his store in Enstrom Township. Donald and Denise Jackson attended the public hearing. Mr. Jackson told the Board that they would like to add an off-sale business to his business in Salol. Auditor Anne Granitz informed the Board the Enstrom Town Board has approved Mr. Jackson's application for an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License. No written comment was received and no members of the public presented testimony.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Johnston and carried to close the public hearing.

Chair Swanson reconvened the regular Board meeting at 9:07 a.m.

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

2008-06-17

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on June 24, 2008, to consider whether to issue an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License to Donald G. Jackson, and

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Board of Commissioners has considered Mr. Jackson's application, the nature of the business and its impact on the community, the character reputation of the applicant, and the propriety of the location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based upon the evidence presented at the hearing, the Roseau County Board hereby approves the application of Donald G. Jackson for an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License.

Chair Swanson recessed the regular Board meeting at 9:10 am.

**CONTINUATION OF ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION  
(RECESSED 6-17-08)**

Chair Swanson reconvened the regular Board meeting at 10:30 am.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board. Mr. Ketring introduced Badger City Council member Marsha Yates and Badger Mayor Jim Rinde. Council member Yates and Mayor Rinde addressed the Board stating that they wished to acknowledge that the concerns that the City of Badger and Skagen Township had expressed regarding the re-designation of CSAH 27 have been addressed. Mayor Rinde stated that it was frustrating to learn that funding was transferred from one road segment to another without notification to either the affected city or township. Mayor Rinde added that the real concern was that there would be a reduction in the maintenance level of the road. It was noted that Commissioner Foldesi and Engineer Ketring had met with the Badger City Council and the Skagen Township Board and explained that the road in question was changed from a County State Aid Highway (CSAH) to a County Road due to traffic count and the need to leverage as many state aid dollars as possible for roads in Roseau County. Mayor Rinde stated that the re-designation is now understood, however they would appreciate that the road in question be reconsidered as a CSAH should the opportunity arise.

Mr. Ketring advised the Board that per their request he had solicited new herbicide quotes. Mr. Ketring advised the Board that Farmers Union Oil Company, Roseau, had the low quote. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2008-06-18

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board awards a contract to Farmers Union Oil Company, Roseau, for the provision of the 2008 Roseau County Herbicide supply as follows:

Hi Dep 2-4D	\$17.84 gallon
Aqua Neat	\$42.50 gallon
Element 3A	\$54.93 gallon

Mr. Ketring requested the Board approve final payment to Thygeson Construction on CP 08:02 and 08:03, an aggregate shoulder project 17.046 miles in length with segments on CSAH No. 6 from TH No. 32 to CSAH No. 3 and CSAH No 3 from CSAH No. 6 to CSAH No. 14. A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2008-06-19

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve final payment on project CP 08:02 and 08:03, aggregate shoulder project to Thygeson Construction in the amount of \$61,598.40

Mr. Ketring provided an update on the salt shed construction project.

Commissioner Johnston noted that the Board had previously advised the Highway Department to put up Minimum Maintenance road signs on the Norland road and that he had been advised by Warroad Area DNR Forestry Supervisor Dennis Cameron that the DNR is planning to sign the road as a forestry road. Commissioner Johnston questioned whether we should call a meeting to clarify ownership of this road. The Board concurred and asked that Commissioner Johnston organize the meeting.

Commissioner Johnston requested Board approval to attend the reception for the new Commissioner of Transportation Tom Sorel in St. Paul on June 26, 2008. The Board agreed that as the Vice-Chair of the AMC Transportation Policy Committee that Commissioner Johnston should attend the event.

## **DISCUSSION**

Roseau River Watershed Board Director Todd Miller met with the Board to discuss the possibility of leasing space in the old law enforcement center. The lease on the building the RRWD currently reside in expires in October and they are looking at other possibilities. The Board provided Mr. Miller with some information on the building and scheduled a site visit with Mike Johnston Architects and the RRWD Board on July 2, 2008 at 8:00 am.

Chair Swanson recessed the Board at 11:28 am. Chair Swanson reconvened the meeting at 11:35 am.

The Board discussed a request from the Roosevelt American Legion to help fund the cost of a new well. The Board directed Coordinator Klein to write a correspondence informing them that unfortunately the Board would not be able to do so at this time.

The Board discussed the Pioneer Farm Wayside Rest. Auditor Granitz provided a copy of the March 11, 2003 resolution authorizing the purchase of the property from the State of Minnesota for a fee of \$1. Ms. Granitz also provided a copy of the Quitclaim Deed. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously to offer the parcel for sale to Pioneer Farms pending the legal opinion of the County Attorney.

The Board discussed the County Rx Card. This is a discount prescription card offered by Patient Assistance.com. The program is free of charge to the county and to the users and is designed for uninsured or underinsured county constituents. The Board directed the Coordinator to research the card further and see if there are participating pharmacies in Roseau County.

The Board discussed correspondence from Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Lee Meier regarding legislation passed during the 2008 session that authorizes the HRA to levy up to 25% of the allowable levy permitted under the current MN Statutes section 469.033, subdivision 6 without permission of the local

governing body. For Roseau County this amount is estimated to be \$42,508. The actual amount will be based on taxes levied in 2008 and paid in 2009. This special legislation authorizing the levy will be repealed for taxes levied in 2013 payable in 2014. The special levy funding is designed to give the HRA flexibility in attracting funding for future housing in our region.

The Board discussed the AMC Summer Policy Committee meetings July 31 to August 1, 2008 in St. Cloud. The Coordinator's office will make arrangements for Commissioners Johnston, Rasmussen, Swanson and Coordinator Klein to attend. This is the meeting where the legislative platform for the next biennium is developed.

The Board discussed the recent decision by the Internal Revenue Service to increase the mileage reimbursement rate from 50.5 cents to 58.5 cents effective July 1, 2008. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2008-06-20

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby increase the Roseau County mileage reimbursement rate from 50.5 cents to 58.5 cents effective July 1, 2008.

The Board discussed Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic development road show trainings coming up this summer. These are education sessions regarding changes to the JOBZ program. One session is scheduled for July 21, 2008 in Duluth. The Board authorized Commissioner Johnston to attend one of the sessions.

The Board discussed the resignation of Financial Worker Harry Hamilton and authorized advertising and filling the vacated position. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2008-06-21

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes filling the Financial Worker position vacated by the retirement of Harry Hamilton.

The Board reviewed and acknowledged correspondence received from Jim Jenson regarding the Springsteel Road – CSAH No. 13. The Board directed Coordinator Klein to forward the correspondence to Engineer Ketring for his review.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meetings: Regional Radio Board, 6/18/08; Meeting with Rob Sand, Roseau River Watershed District, 6/23/08; Building Committee meeting, 6/23/08.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee meetings: Bovine TB buyout meeting, 6/10/08; Bovine TB meeting with truckers, 6/13/08; Bovine TB funding meeting, 6/14/08; MCIT Human Resource Training, 6/19/08; and Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 6/23/08.

Commissioner Johnston had no committee reports.

Commissioner Rasmussen reported on the following committee meeting: Building Committee meeting 6/23/08; Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 6/23/08; and Northwest Regional Development meeting, 6/24/08.

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 July 8, 2008.

Attest:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teresa Klein, County Coordinator  
Roseau County, Minnesota

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