

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

April 28, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Board Chairman Jack Swanson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Mark Foldesi, Alan Johnston, Orris Rasmussen, Jack Swanson and Russell Walker.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approval to hire a temporary employee was added to the Highway Department appointment. Meeting location for inmate aftercare was added to Discussion. Approval of an Amendment to the Stonegarden Grant was removed from the Consent Agenda and added to Discussion. A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Commissioner Johnston seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the re-appointment of Peggy Swart to the Social Services Agency Board.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 Boat and Water Safety Grant Allocation.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the Application for Exempt Lawful Gambling Permit for the Lake of the Woods Chapter of the Roughed Grouse Society.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the North Star ATV Club Minnesota Trail Assistance Program Grant for FY2009.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, proclaimed May 3-9, 2009 as National County Government Week.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the BISF Section 1 and Pelan Trail Certification of Satisfactory Grooming for 3<sup>rd</sup> Benchmark.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the purchase of Employee Identification Proximity Cards from Simplex Grinnell in the amount of \$565.00.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved an Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Board of Animal Health for Bovine TB Services extending the contract to September 30, 2009 and increasing the funding to \$30,000.

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

**WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 4/16/2009**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
53972.57	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	40987.59	D & E SPORT SHOP-ROSEAU
548.15	BRIAN HARDWICK P.A.	34500.00	MATTRACKS INC
75629.88	ROSEAU COUNTY FORD	5438.42	SAY SECURITY NORTH COUNTRY
414.56	VERIZON WIRELESS		
		<b>6 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300</b>	<b>421.56</b>
****		<b>FINAL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$211,912.73 ****</b>

**WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 4/23/2009**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
2149.22	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO	4183.03	LAURE JOHNSON
631.35	MII LIFE-SELECT ACCOUNT ADM	7665.25	MII LIFE-VEBA
811.22	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	3265.48	MN ENERGY RESOURCES
3213.73	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	20000.00	NW MN MENTORING PROGRAM
54855.00	NW MN SERV COOP-BLUE CROSS BLU	22500.00	NW REGIONAL LIBRARY
337.17	ROSEAU ELECTRIC COOP INC		
		<b>3 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300</b>	<b>355.03</b>
****		<b>FINAL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$119,966.48 ****</b>

**WARRANTS APPROVED ON 4/28/2009 FOR PAYMENT 5/01/2009**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
450.00	ASSN OF MN COUNTIES	7794.00	AVIANDS LLC
1512.40	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	563.75	FRED CLASEN
2592.04	FLEET SERVICES DIVISION	360.00	HELGESON FUNERAL CHAPEL INC
21084.00	KAMAR SOLID WASTE FUND	1251.25	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER
520.80	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER-HOME C	554.62	MATTSON PHARMACY INC
500.00	M.B MCGEE P.A.	360.00	MN BOARD OF PEACE OFFICERS
700.00	MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISES TECH	506.35	GRACIA NELSON
8465.99	NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	3060.00	NW CONCRETE PRODUCTS INC
581.22	JEFF PARKER	1250.00	PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES OF SOUTHER
672.08	QUILL CORPORATION	1400.00	RAMSEY CO MEDICAL EXAMINER
3420.74	ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT	9501.39	ROSEAU CO SOIL & WATER CONS
340.00	SVEN & OLE'S ULTIMATE CARWASH	16224.99	U OF MN EXTENSION SERVICE
1510.85	WD LARSON COMPANIES INC	3307.21	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER
10056.27	WIKSTROM TELECOM-INTERNET		
		<b>30 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300</b>	<b>3,596.98</b>
****		<b>FINAL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$102,136.</b>

**COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Swanson notified the Board that he will be traveling to St. Paul with Director of Social Services Dave Anderson and School Board President Stuart McFarland for the AMC Conference April 28-29, 2009. Coordinator Klein and Commissioner Johnston will also be attending. Coordinator Klein will attend the Public Safety portion of the conference regarding consolidated dispatch centers and will also facilitate a World Café Event. Commissioner Johnston will be the chair of the Transportation Committee meeting which the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation Tom Sorel will be attending.

Commissioner Swanson informed the Board that MnDot District Representative Lou Tasa, had answered the Board's question regarding why the price of asphalt continues to increase despite falling oil prices. Mr. Tasa told Commissioner Swanson that due to how efficiently oil is refined now there is less of the by-product that is used to produce asphalt.

Commissioner Walker notified the Board that he will not be attending the AMC conference but will be travelling to St. Paul on May 5<sup>th</sup> regarding TB issues and will also meet with the DNR and State Representatives regarding PILT payments.

Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Miller presented that Board with a note from Rural Life Outreach thanking the Board for their donation.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Foldesi reported on the following committee meetings: Quinn County Advisory Committee meeting, April 27, 2009. Discussed new grant opportunity; DNR meeting, April 23, 2009; Discussed elk and wolf depredation concerns and law enforcement issues.

Commissioner Johnston reported on the following committee meetings: AMC Legislative Steering Committee meeting, 4/17/2009: Discussed possible increase in sales tax, Human Services bill, PILT funding, public safety issues and wage freezes. SSTS/MPCA meeting: Discussed policies for subsurface soil treatment systems; Peatland SNA meeting, 4/23/09: Reviewed draft policy.

Commissioner Rasmussen reported on the following committee meetings: Safety Committee Meeting, 4/21/09: Discussed having Barb Schmitz perform safety checks then having Deb Sletten doing a second safety inspection annually.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meetings: Roseau County Committee on Aging meeting, 4/20/09: Discussed hiring, complaint policy for drivers and received budget information. Job Service Employer's Committee: Talked about issues facing employers. Safety Committee: 4/21/2009: Discussed having Barb Schmitz perform safety checks then having Deb Sletten do a second inspection annually. Survive or Thrive Workshop, April 22, 2009: Roseau business owners received positive advice and information for an optimistic future.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee meetings: TB meeting with State, 4/20/09: Discussed transportation of cattle and simplified permitting process. TB Elk Depredation Plan meeting 4/23/09: Discussed reducing elk herds and testing elk for TB. Joint Powers Board, 4/27/09: Discussed ditch tax concerns. Canadian National Railroad, 4/24/09: Observed rail crossings in county. Also researched how many rail crossings there are in Roseau County, how many crossings have arms and lights and cost of adding crossing arms and lights to these intersections.

Chair Swanson recessed the Board meeting at 9:45. The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Engineer Ketring met with the Board to request approval for the purchase of a rotary mower for the Highway Department. The current mower would be used as a traded-in towards the purchase of the new mower. A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-04-05

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the purchase of a Schulte XH1500 3 Rotary Cutter in the amount of \$21,941.00, less trade in on a Woods 2162 Mower, \$941.00 for a total cost of \$21,000.00, plus tax, from Titan Machinery.

Engineer Ketring requested the Board approve a box culvert installation project in Unorganized Spruce Valley. Mr. Ketring explained to the Board that the township is currently having financial challenges and requested that the township's portion of \$5,000.00 be paid out of Con Con funds as this road provides access to consolidated conservation land. A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-04-06

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby award a contract on S.A.P. 68-599-88, a box culvert installation in Spruce Valley, to low bidder Olson Construction in the amount of \$92,640.80.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township's portion not to exceed \$10,000 is to be paid out of Consolidated Conservation funds.

Engineer Ketring requested the Board approve the hire of a temporary employee to aid the Highway Department in retrieval and management of flood recovery funding related to the 2009 high water event. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously to approve the hire of a temporary part-time employee at the appropriate grade and level.

## **CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR COUNTY ROAD 19**

Reine Township residents Karl Nelson, Ell-Kay Foss, Township Treasurer, and Willie Jenson along with Highway Engineer Brian Ketring, appeared before the Board to request the Board's support to repair a seven mile segment of County Road 19 in Reine Township. Portions of CR #19 are nearly impassable and in need of repair. Because this road accesses Beltrami Island State Forest, Red Lake Wildlife Management Area and Hayes Lake State Park, the project is eligible for State Park Road funds through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Since the road is part of the County State Aid Highway System, MnDOT will have to review the project and make a recommendation. If approved by the District, the project would then go to the DNR to review. Reine Township has already contacted local DNR representatives who have expressed full support of the project. The Board acknowledged that deterioration of gravel roads is a problem in Roseau County this spring, but that there are not sufficient county funds to repair them. However, the Board concurred that they would be in support of this repair project if State Park Funds are approved. The Board noted that repair of CR19 is unique in that it is eligible for special funding and that no county levy dollars will have to be leveraged to do the work.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed the cell phone policy and agreed to defer its approval until the Cell Phone Committee could meet again to determine the proper stipend amounts for data phones.

The Board discussed the possibility of requesting bargaining units to voluntarily re-open negotiations due to the economy. A motion to request LELS and the Highway Department Employees Association to voluntarily re-open negotiations for the final year of their contract was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and passed by a 3-2 vote with

Commissioners Foldesi, Rasmussen and Walker in favor and Commissioners Swanson and Johnston opposed. Coordinator Klein was directed to submit a formal request to each of the bargaining units.

Commissioner Swanson requested that another commissioner be appointed to replace him on the Human Resources Committee for labor negotiations. Commissioner Walker volunteered. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously to remove Commissioner Swanson and add Commissioner Walker to serve on the Human Resource Committee for Labor Negotiations purposes.

Commissioner Johnston suggested the Board begin 2010 budget planning as soon as possible. This item will be added to the May 5, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting. All department heads are requested to attend this session.

Commissioner Swanson addressed the Board regarding upgrading the TV translator towers to digital in Roseau County. Mr. Swanson took an informal survey of a constituent advisory committee asking them to prioritize the counties spending. Funding television towers was on the bottom of the list. Mr. Swanson then spoke with Frank's TV who said they will be offering a local TV plan for \$9.99 via satellite. The Board discussed the possibility of discontinuing the TV tower service and offering an incentive for constituents to purchase a satellite dish. Commissioner Swanson said he does not think it is appropriate for the County to be competing with a local business if they can offer this service at such a low cost. Swanson noted that by getting out of the TV tower business, Roseau County would recoup any incentive funding within two to three years and eliminate an ongoing expense. No action was taken.

Sheriff Jule Hanson and Chief Deputy Terry Bandemer met with the Board to discuss approving a policy for exempt staff to work Stonegarden Shifts. No action was taken.

Commissioner Rasmussen was asked by Jail Chaplin Jim Butler if the County would have space for him to hold meetings for those wishing to continue meeting for post care after completing their sentences. Options discussed included the County Board Room, City Center Rooms, Social Services Space, or the City Library. Coordinator Klein was directed to find out if this would be a conflict of the separation of church and state. Commissioner Rasmussen will notify Mr. Butler of his options.

Chief Deputy Bandemer presented the Board with an Amendment to the original Stonegarden Grant. This Amendment was generated because the numbers on the original grant were incorrect in the amount of \$699,026.00. The requested amount was for \$730,000.00. The amendment is for the difference of \$30,974.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried by a 3-2 vote with Commissioners Johnston, Swanson and Walker in favor and Commissioners Foldesi and Rasmussen opposed.

Coordinator Klein advised the Board that May 3-9, 2009 is National County Government Week with the theme of "Going Green." Ms. Klein suggested that this week would be a good time to educate the public on the duties of county government as well as green activities the county is or will be participating in.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 12:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 5, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

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