



**Board of Commissioners**

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**AGENDA**

**Tuesday December 29, 2009 8:30 a.m.**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Roseau County will meet in session on December 29, 2009 at 8:30 am in the Roseau County Courthouse, Room 110, Roseau, MN, at which time the following matters will come before the Board:

**8:30 Call to Order**

1. Presentation of Colors
2. Approve Agenda

**8:45 Consent Agenda**

1. Approve Proceedings
2. Approve 2010 Safety Training Contract

**9:00 Comments and Announcements**

**9:15 Environmental Officer**

1. Discuss MPCA SSTS Regulation Changes

**9:45 Committee Reports**

**10:15 Break**

**10:30 Auditor's Office**

1. Approve 2010 Budget

**11:30 Discussion**

**11:45 Auditor's Office**

1. Pay Bills

**11:55 Future Agenda Items**

**12:00 Adjourn**

To schedule an appointment with the Board, please contact the County Coordinator at 218-463-4248

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District 1, Alan Johnston, Vice Chair - District 2, Jack Swanson, Chairman -  
District 3, Orris Rasmussen - District 4, Russell Walker - District 5, Mark Foldesi

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ITEM # Consent 1

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

\* Required Fields



<b>*Person Responsible for Request</b> Klein, Trish	<b>*Department</b> Coordinator	<b>*Board Meeting Date</b> Dec 29 2009
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**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
Approve Proceedings from 12-2-09 and 12-15-09.

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
Attached are the proceedings from 12-2-09 and 12-15-09. Please review carefully and advise of any changes.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

**\*Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**

**Coordinator's Office Use (Do Not Write Below)**

<b>Date Received:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
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**Board Action:**

Comm.	Motion (First)	Motion (Second)	Vote			Vote Result
			Yes	No	Abstain	
Swanson						Passed
Johnston						
Folds						Failed
Rasmussen						
Walker						Tabled

**ATTEST:** Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

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

December 2, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by County Board Chairman Jack Swanson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were, Alan Johnston, Orris Rasmussen, Jack Swanson, and Russell Walker. Mark Foldesi was excused.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approval of the University of Minnesota Extension program fee agreement for U-Facilitate Consultation (Budget Planning Session) was added to the Consent Agenda. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously.

### **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Coordinator Klein answered the Board's question from the November 24, 2009 Board Meeting in regard to the bill from Gartner refrigeration. Commissioner Foldesi questioned the high amount being charged. The amount is an annual amount charged to the county for service and maintenance on all of the HVAC units within the courthouse campus. Building Maintenance Supervisor Lenny Johnston budgets for this expense and oversees all of the service performed.

Coordinator Klein notified the Board that she will again be submitting a grant to the Northwest Service Cooperative to receive funding for the counties Wellness Program. Roseau County's funding eligibility increased this year and is set at \$1,100. Historically the grant was used to purchase the Personnel Best newsletter employees receive in their paychecks. Since a decision has not been made on how to continue this educational wellness component, the grant was written to provide partial funding for glucose and cholesterol screenings for the 2010 Flu Stop/Health fair.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved proceedings from the November 10, 2009 Board Meeting.

The Board requested the 2010 Board Meeting Calendar approval be deferred to the December 15, 2009 Board Meeting.

The Board requested removal of the University of Minnesota Extension 4H Position Memorandum of Agreement from the consent agenda to Discussion No. 3 on the agenda.

## **ASSESSOR AL HEIM**

Assessor Al Heim met with the Board and gave an overview of the organizational chart for the Assessors Department including licensure levels and certification requirements for each position. Heim provided an update on the Bovine TB credit applications and plans to follow up on applications not yet received.

Mr. Heim requested the Board approve a pay grade change for Val Wensloff. The request was that Ms. Wensloff be moved to a Grade 6 which is associated with her duties, qualifications, education, and certification. Ms. Wensloff is a Certified Minnesota Assessor (CMA) as approved by the Minnesota State Board of Assessors. Under the former department head, Ms. Wensloff was paid at a grade 7 to perform appraisal work and a grade 5 to perform technical support duties. Mr. Heim requested this situation be simplified and that the position be paid at the level it was graded, which is a Grade 6. A motion to approve the payroll change was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously.

Mr. Heim requested the Boards approval to advertise for an Appraiser Trainee position in order to fill the vacated position in the Assessor's office. An Appraiser II position was advertised and filled. However, the candidate was not able to meet the qualifications of the position based on the offer letter and was released from employment. In an effort to reach a larger pool of candidates, Mr. Heim suggested the Board consider advertising for an Appraiser Trainee with the intent of developing and training the employee in becoming a Certified Minnesota Appraiser. This is a new position to Roseau County and is currently being graded. The preliminary review places it at a Grade 5. A motion to approve the advertisement to hire an Appraiser Trainee (Grade 5) was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously.

Mr. Heim presented the Board with a quote from H & J displays for the purchase of a work station, filing cabinets and a conference table for his office. The furniture that is presently in Mr. Heim's office matches the workstations in the outer office and would be set up as a workstation for the new position. This purchase is included in the 2009 approved budget. The Board requested Mr. Heim get other quotes and move forward with the best value.

Mr. Heim gave an update on the local assessor situation and discussed his concern about a potential shortage of qualified local assessors. Local assessor Robert Novacek is now working full time and has decided to reduce his assessing work load. He has resigned as assessor from two of his districts, Ross and Jadis Townships. Mr. Heim informed the Board that local assessor Buddy Erickson has agreed to assess Jadis Township and local assessor Tracy Halstensgard has agreed to assess Ross Township. Mr. Heim noted this is a short term solution but a long term plan is still needed as local assessors give up their districts.

## **RE-PURCHASE OF TAX-FORFEITED PRIORITY IN GOLDEN VALLEY**

Auditor Anne Granitz met with the Board on the Bakri repurchase matter. Ms. Granitz noted that Mr. Bakri did not meet the repurchase requirement approved by resolution at the November 24, 2009 Board meeting which required that Mr. Bakri present a cashier's check to the Roseau County Auditor by the end of business on November 24, 2009. However, Ms. Granitz noted, on December 1, 2009, Mr. Bakri did present a cashier's check. Ms. Granitz asked the Board how they wanted to proceed. The Board concurred that they supported the

repurchase of the property. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-12-01

**RESOLUTION APPROVING  
REPURCHASE OF TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2009, the Roseau County Board of Commissioners approved an application from Michael Bakri, Power of Attorney for Adam Bakri, for a tax-forfeited parcel, described as: All that part of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section Thirty-five (35), in Township One Hundred Fifty-nine (159) North, Range Thirty-nine (39) West lying Northerly of the Roseau River as presently situated, and

WHEREAS, Michael Bakri, on behalf of Adam Bakri, did not fulfill the requirement to make full payment on November 24, 2009, and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2009, Michael Bakri presented a cashier's check to the Roseau County Auditor in payment for repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the application for repurchase of said tax-forfeited lands.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the University of Minnesota Extension Program Fee Agreement for U-Facilitate Consultation (Budget Planning) in the amount of \$325.00.

**LAND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Auditor Anne Granitz met with the Board to review the DNR application to acquire two 40 acre tax forfeited parcels in Twp. 163N., Rg. 43W., Section 30 and 35 and to request the Board adopt a resolution granting these two tax forfeited parcels to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Assessor Al Heim presented a review of the property's indicated value which is \$698 per acre. Mr. Heim noted that the value was determined by researching the value of taxable parcels within the vicinity of the forfeited properties. Based on the fact that Roseau County's current level of assessment is approximately 95%, the previously noted value would be comparable to what like properties in the area are being valued at for tax purposes. The Board discussed at length what value to place on the parcels and agreed to follow the value determined by the Roseau County Assessor which is approximately \$30,000 per parcel. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried by 3-1 with Commissioners Swanson, Johnston, and Walker in favor and Rasmussen opposed to adopt the following resolution:

2009-12-02

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Natural Resources of the State of Minnesota has made application under authority of M.A. 282.01 subd. 1, on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, a state agency, for release of the following described lands from the trust in favor of the taxing district at a cost of \$30,000 per parcel:

PID# 45.30000400 (SENE, Sec. 30, and NWSE, sec. 35, Twp. 163N., Rg. 43W.)

WHEREAS, it appears that there is need for such lands and the applicant desires to obtain such lands for conservation purposes:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the petition of said Commissioner of Natural Resources of the State of Minnesota be granted and that the above described lands be and hereby are released from the trust in favor of the taxing district TO THE State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

## DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the 2010 Employee Cost of Living Adjustment, COLA, for non bargaining employees. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried 3-1 with Commissioners Swanson, Johnston, Rasmussen in favor and Walker opposed to adopt the following resolution:

2009-12-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a 3.5% Cost of Living Adjustment for year 2010 effective December 27, 2009, the first payroll period for 2010.

Commissioner Johnston addressed the Board with suggestions for 2010 budget revisions.

The Board discussed the renewal of the University of Minnesota Extension 4H Memorandum of Agreement. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried 3-1 with Commissioners Rasmussen, Swanson and Walker in favor and Commissioner Johnston opposed.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 15, 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, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
Roseau County, Minnesota

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

December 15, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Wednesday, December 15, 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**

Commissioner Swanson requested switching the Discussion time on the agenda with the Committee Reports time.

Discussion of utilization of Consolidated Conservation funds for the township of Poplar Grove was added as #4 to the Auditor's appointment and approving a resolution in support of Kittson County's Leave to File Amicus Curiae Brief Supporting Kittson County Appeal was added as #6 under Discussion.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the proceedings from the November 24, 2009 Board meeting.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the Civil Service Fee changes. (A copy of the approved fee changes can be obtained from the Sheriff's Office or may be viewed on line on the Roseau County Web Site on the Sheriff's Department web page)

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, accepted the County Veterans Service Office Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$14,000.00.

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

**WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 11/25/2009**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
320.10	MARK BEITO	395.52	JOHN CARTER
1016.33	BRIAN HARDWICK P.A.	3319.50	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS
1196.27	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	703.47	ROSEAU ELECTRIC COOP INC
312.50	SELECT ACCOUNT-VEBA	500.00	RICK SOVDE
		<b>8 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300</b>	<b>20,698.86</b>
		<b>**** FINAL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$28,462.55 ****</b>

**WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 12/03/2009**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
468.75	ANDERSON LAW OFFICE STEVEN A	1340.78	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

2203.10 CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO	1222.50 JOHN CARTER
199176.94 KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS	742.20 LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES
706.96 MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	836.00 MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS
1730.01 MN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE	640.00 MN NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS
3201.73 NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	20000.00 NW MN MENTORING PROGRAM
53760.00 NW MN SERV COOP-BLUE CROSS BLU	7352.75 SELECT ACCOUNT-VEBA
359.11 VERIZON WIRELESS	

**9 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 782.73**

\*\*\*\* **FINAL TOTAL..... \$294,523.56 \*\*\*\***

**WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 12/03/2009**

<b>AMOUNT VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT VENDOR NAME</b>
3609.49 BADGER CITY	4971.20 GREENBUSH CITY
3840.30 NW MN MULTI COUNTY HRA	2770.77 NW REGIONAL DEV COMM
21881.34 ROSEAU CITY	71932.48 ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DIST
1157.08 SCHOOL DIST 2358	34387.82 SCHOOL DIST 2683
432.04 SCHOOL DIST 447	37178.69 SCHOOL DIST 676
181232.69 SCHOOL DIST 682	72558.68 SCHOOL DIST 690
1671.96 SPRINGSTEEL ISLAND SANITARY DI	3509.04 TOWN OF BARNETT
10543.20 TOWN OF BARTO	347.99 TOWN OF BEAVER
3842.60 TOWN OF CEDARBEND	2365.42 TOWN OF DEER
3341.33 TOWN OF DEWEY	4451.88 TOWN OF DIETER
3009.31 TOWN OF ENSTROM	6463.65 TOWN OF FALUN
1804.38 TOWN OF GOLDEN VALLEY	5864.12 TOWN OF GRIMSTAD
4796.80 TOWN OF HEREIM	1566.60 TOWN OF HUSS
4537.46 TOWN OF JADIS	9973.38 TOWN OF LAKE
3346.75 TOWN OF LAONA	3209.80 TOWN OF LIND
2941.08 TOWN OF MALUNG	2588.88 TOWN OF MICKINOCK
3509.99 TOWN OF MOOSE	4635.78 TOWN OF MORANVILLE
3782.55 TOWN OF NERESON	582.80 TOWN OF PALMVILLE
619.18 TOWN OF POHLITZ	8454.23 TOWN OF POLONIA
1875.09 TOWN OF POPLAR GROVE	1531.03 TOWN OF REINE
3222.43 TOWN OF ROSS	5717.21 TOWN OF SKAGEN
3561.02 TOWN OF SOLER	2611.14 TOWN OF SPRUCE
5651.51 TOWN OF STAFFORD	4068.40 TOWN OF STOKES
25988.01 TWO RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT	3444.11 WARROAD CITY
413.70 WARROAD PORT AUTHORITY	413.20 WARROAD WATERSHED DISTRICT

**5 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 362.49**

\*\*\*\* **FINAL TOTAL..... \$596,572.08 \*\*\*\***

**WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 12/10/2009**

<b>AMOUNT VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT VENDOR NAME</b>
2038.44 AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	354.34 CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
2958.40 CENTURYLINK	1333.85 BRIAN HARDWICK P.A.
465.20 RACHEL KRAHN	2730.00 MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS
9931.71 ROSEAU CITY	2107.50 TOWN OF POPLAR GROVE

**8 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 800.32**

\*\*\*\* **FINAL TOTAL..... \$22,719.76 \*\*\*\***

**WARRANTS APPROVED ON 12/15/2009 FOR PAYMENT 12/18/2009**

<b>AMOUNT VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT VENDOR NAME</b>
958.11 ACE HARDWARE-ROSEAU	369.00 AED BRANDS
8263.95 AVIANDS LLC	660.40 BALLARD MOTOR CO
438.85 BERT'S TRUCK EQUIPMENT OF MHD	1550.38 CAROL'S CEDAR CELLAR
2334.19 CDW GOVERNMENT INC	3117.96 CRT PROCESSING LLC
1666.27 CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIPMENT	524.58 D & L AUTO GLASS AND MORE
790.35 TONY DORN INC	950.00 DW MECHANICAL
1686.43 FARMERS UNION OIL CO-LK BRNSN	4242.27 FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD

694.90 FREDSTROM RENE MD	800.00 PAUL GHERARDI
5900.00 GOULET CONSTRUCTION	5302.30 LESTER GRAFSTROM
772.25 GRAINGER INC	473.44 ANNE GRANITZ
2121.84 H & L MESABI INC	5129.38 JOHNSON OIL CO INC
1005.00 LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER	2107.56 LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC
2937.60 DELORIS LORENSEN	27013.95 MAR-KIT LANDFILL
309.28 MEDICAL IMAGING NORTH	1345.00 MN ASSOC OF COUNTY OFFICERS
31856.14 MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP	7935.25 MN DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
1631.63 MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	642.50 MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISES TECH
3206.25 MN SAFETY COUNCIL	317.00 MN SUPREME COURT
435.37 MULTI OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	25675.61 NORTH AMERICAN SALT COMPANY
980.00 NORTH COUNTRY WEBSITES	6533.16 NORTHERN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE
5151.00 NORTHLAND COMM & TECH COLLEGE-	13877.90 NORTHLAND TIRE
3151.80 LAYTON OSLUND	428.58 QUILL CORPORATION
3088.69 RATWIK, ROSZAK & MALONEY, PA	1020.00 RELIANCE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS
1202.06 RIVERFRONT STATION	346.06 ROSEAU AUTO VALUE
462.76 ROSEAU CLEANING SYSTEMS	2533.89 ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN
5581.75 ROSEAU CO SOIL & WATER CONS	2061.68 ROSEAU DIESEL SERVICE INC
367.50 ROSEAU TIMES REGION AND	2718.20 SJOBERG'S INC
941.00 STAN'S COMMUNICATIONS INC	797.54 STOSKOPF REDI MIX ROSEAU INC
300.00 TIM'S CARPET SALES & SERVICE	633.17 TITAN ACCESS ACCOUNT
500.00 TW VENDING INC	2312.00 WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER
387.50 WIKSTROM TELECOM-INTERNET	10414.09 ZIEGLER INC
	<b>68 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 8,530.82</b>
****	<b>FINAL TOTAL..... \$229,486.14 ****</b>

## COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board acknowledged a letter from Jim Jenson and requested Highway Engineer Brian Ketring contact Mr. Jenson to set up a meeting to discuss his list of concerns.

Coordinator Klein acknowledged the success of the 2009 Annual AMC conference held December 7-9, 2009.

## AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Auditor Anne Granitz and Deputy Auditor John Huss met with the Board to review cash balances, ditch balances and unorganized township balances. Auditor Granitz noted that there are two unorganized townships with negative balances and asked the Board for direction regarding this matter. By consensus the Board authorized Auditor Granitz to transfer \$5,899.37 from Consolidated Conservation funds (Dept 610) into Jadis Unorganized 163-40. The Board also by consensus authorized Auditor Granitz to transfer \$4,000 out of the revenue fund (Dept 840) into Axel & Dick Unorganized 163-43. The Board had previously authorized a gravel project in this unorganized township and had agreed it would be funded from PILT money that has been going into the revenue fund rather than directly into the township that generates the revenue.

Commissioner Mark Foldesi presented a proposed construction project to be done on Poplar Grove Town Hall and requested the use of consolidated conservation funds to pay for the project. It was noted that consolidated conservation funds should be not used in organized townships. Auditor Granitz was asked her opinion regarding this matter. She stated that she could not answer that question and suggested the Board ask the County Attorney to research the matter and provide an opinion to the Board.

The Board discussed the 2010 budget and levy. The Board agreed to approve the levy and to defer action on the budget until the December 29, 2009 Board meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-12-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that the payable 2010 Property Tax Levy for Roseau County is hereby approved, as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Gross Levy</u>	<u>County Program Aid</u>	<u>Net Levy</u>
Revenue	4,208,124	1,012,214	\$3,195,910
Road & Bridge	1,100,000		1,100,000
Welfare	1,600,000		1,600,000
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>472,200</u>		<u>472,200</u>
Total	7,380,324		<b>\$6,368,110</b> (5.55% increase)

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board to request final payout on CP 0905, CSAH 9. A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-12-05

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approved final payout to Thygeson Construction for CP 0905, CSAH 9 Aggregate Shouldering in the amount of \$1,092.35.

Engineer Ketring requested the Board approve final payout on FEMA DR-1288. A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-12-06

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve final payout to R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc., for FEMA DR-1288 in the amount of \$4,570.40.

## DISCUSSION

The Board discussed elected official salaries. As part of discussion, Commissioner Walker stated that given the current economy and rising property taxes he would like to see elected officials make a public statement by voluntarily taking a reduction in wages in 2010. Commissioner Foldesi stated that as leaders he would like to see elected officials voluntarily do this. Commissioner Foldesi added that a wage freeze or reduction would have less impact on higher wage earning employees and would set a good example for other employees and constituents. Commissioner Johnston stated we should not be singling out the elected officials who provide skilled labor to the county and who generally work more than 40 hours per week. Commissioner Johnston expressed concern about being able to find qualified candidates to run for office if we do not pay a competitive wage. Commissioner Swanson noted that while Marvin

Windows continues to have a reduced work schedule and are not giving a 2009 bonus, the school, hospital and other local businesses are giving wage increases and Polaris Industries will be distributing a bonus. He added that the voters will tell us next year whether or not what happened this year was right. Commissioner Rasmussen concurred with Commissioner Johnston that we should not treat the elected officials differently than other county employees.

2009-12-07

Be it resolved that the Board sets the 2010 salaries of elected officials as follows:

Attorney	\$87,006
Auditor	\$70,340
Sheriff	\$71,000
Treasurer	\$63,587 ** Treasurer receives an additional \$250 per month for vital statistics
Recorder	\$56,896

The Board discussed Board member per diem payments. Commissioner Walker presented a proposal that would leave "out of county" per diems at the 2010 rate and reduce the "in county" per diems from \$100 to \$50. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried 4 – 1 with Commissioners Foldesi, Johnston, Swanson and Rasmussen in favor and Commissioner Walker opposed to adopt the following resolution:

2009-12-08

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2010 Commissioner in county per-diem is \$100.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2010 out of county meeting per-diem is \$150.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2010 out of county one day meeting requiring an overnight stay is \$200.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the second and third regular meetings of the Board are eligible for per-diem reimbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2010 per-diem reimbursement for non-elected committee members is set at a maximum of \$100.

The Board discussed the 2010 Board Meeting Dates. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried unanimously to adopt the 2010 Board Meeting schedule as follows:

### **2010 Board Meeting Schedule**

**DATE:**

January 5, 2010  
January 12, 2010  
January 26, 2010  
February 2, 2010  
February 9, 2010

**TIME**

8:30 A.M.  
8:30 A.M.  
8:30 A.M.  
8:30 A.M.  
8:30 A.M.

February 23, 2010	8:30 A.M.
March 9, 2010	8:30 A.M.
March 16, 2010	8:30 A.M.
March 30, 2010	8:30 A.M.
April 6, 2010	8:30 A.M.
April 13, 2010	8:30 A.M.
April 27, 2010	8:30 A.M.
May 4, 2010	8:30 A.M.
May 11, 2010	8:30 A.M.
May 25, 2010	8:30 A.M.
June 8, 2010	8:30 A.M.
June 22, 2010	8:30 A.M.
June 29, 2010	8:30 A.M.
July 6, 2010	8:30 A.M.
July 13, 2010	8:30 A.M.
July 27, 2010	8:30 A.M.
August 10, 2010	8:30 A.M.
August 17, 2010	8:30 A.M.
August 31, 2010	8:30 A.M.
September 7, 2010	8:30 A.M.
September 14, 2010	8:30 A.M.
September 28, 2010	8:30 A.M.
October 5, 2010	8:30 A.M.
October 12, 2010	8:30 A.M.
October 26, 2010	8:30 A.M.
November 2, 2010	8:30 A.M.
November 9, 2010	8:30 A.M.
November 23, 2010	8:30 A.M.
<i>December 1, 2010 (Wednesday)</i>	<i>4:00 P.M.</i>
December 14, 2010	8:30 A.M.
December 28, 2010	8:30 A.M.

The Board deferred discussion on the 2010 Budget to the December 29, 2009 Board meeting.

The Board acknowledged correspondence from Mary Wickersham and directed the matter to the Social Services Board for discussion.

The Board discussed a request from Kittson County to approve a resolution of support for the petition to the Minnesota Court of Appeals. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-12-09

**A Resolution Authorizing Petition to Minnesota Court of Appeals for Leave to File Amicus Curiae Brief Supporting Kittson County Appeal**

WHEREAS, Kittson County has authorized the appeal of a district court order in favor of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources that the 1909 State Drainage Commission

proceedings that established State Ditch 72 did not also establish public roads along State Ditch 72 and its laterals.

WHEREAS, the appeal involves issues relating to the authority of the State Drainage Commission and the district courts to establish public roads along judicial ditches in the State; and

WHEREAS, this County also has public roads that were established though the same or similar proceedings and therefore has an interest in the Kittson County appeal.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Board of Commissioners resolves as follows:

The Board hereby authorizes a petition to the Minnesota Court of Appeals for leave to file an Amicus Curiae brief supporting the Kittson County appeal. County staff and/or the County Attorney shall coordinate with other counties that may authorize a similar petition, so that the authorizing counties may file a single joint petition to the Court of Appeals.

### **COMMISSIONER RESIGNATION**

Commissioner Orris Rasmussen presented Board Chair Jack Swanson with a letter and requested that he read the letter to the Board. The letter was addressed to the Roseau County Board of Commissioners and the Residents of Commissioner District 3. The letter stated that upon the advice of his doctor, Commissioner Rasmussen resigned his position effective immediately. In the letter, Commissioner Rasmussen went on to thank the residents of Roseau County for their many years of support.

Auditor Anne Granitz met with the Board following the resignation announcement to request that the Board accept Commissioner Rasmussen's resignation and authorize a special election to fill the vacancy.

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

2009-12-10

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2009, at 11:15 am, Roseau County Commissioner Orris Rasmussen resigned, effective immediately.

WHEREAS, a vacancy is thereby created on the Roseau County Board; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §375,101 provides that a vacancy in the office of County Commissioner must be filled at a special election not less than 30 nor more than 90 days after the vacancy occurs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Roseau County Board of Commissioners, as follows:

1. That a vacancy is hereby declared for the office of the Third District County Commissioner, effective December 15, 2009 at 11:15 a.m.

2. That notice of filing for office of the Third District County Commissioner, Roseau County, Minnesota, shall be published one time in the official paper of Roseau County, *The Tribune*, and one time in the *Roseau Times-Region*.
  
3. That filing for said position shall open on December 29, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. and shall close on January 12, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. Candidates wishing to file for said position must file at the office of the Roseau County Auditor.
  
4. That if more than two (2) candidates file for said office, a Special Primary Election shall be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010.
  
5. That the special election shall be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Due to the resignation of Commissioner Rasmussen, committee reports were deferred to the December 29, 2009 Board meeting.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 12:17 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 29, 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, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
Roseau County, Minnesota

ITEM # Consent 2

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

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<b>*Person Responsible for Request</b> Granitz, Anne	<b>*Department</b> Auditor	<b>*Board Meeting Date</b> Dec 29 2009
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**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
2010 Safety Training Contract

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
Attached is the proposal for the 2010 Annual Safety Training. Note that for the past two years the fee has been \$3500 and this year the fee is \$3200.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

**\*Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**

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<b>Date Received:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>

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Rasmussen						
Walker						Tabled

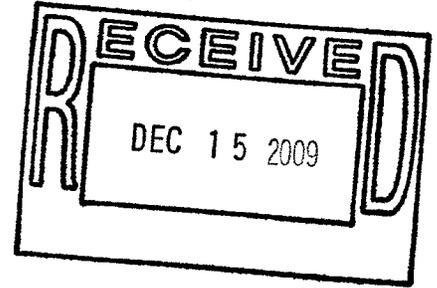
**ATTEST:** Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

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# Safety Compliance Services

December 14, 2009



Anne Granitz, Auditor  
Roseau County Courthouse  
606 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Room 160  
Roseau, MN 56751

Re: Proposal for Safety Training

Hi, Anne:

Enclosed is the Safety Training Proposal for the training sessions scheduled for January 21 and 26, 2010, at the Roseau City Center Building.

If this proposal meets with the Board's approval, please sign it and return it to me in the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions, let me know!

Sincerely,

Barb Schmitz

Enclosures

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# Safety Compliance Services

December 14, 2009

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## 2010 Annual Safety Training Proposal

Safety Compliance Services proposes to conduct two 3-hour safety training sessions for employees of Roseau County which will include the following safety topics:

- Preventing Unsafe Acts*
- Review of AWAIR, Employee Right to Know, Emergency Action/Fire Safety and Bloodborne Pathogens)*
- Slips, Trips & Falls*
- Dangers of Distracted Driving*

Safety Compliance Services will provide course materials, supplies, certificates of course completion and training documentation for employer records.

**Cost:** \$3,200

**Location:** City Center Building, Roseau, Minnesota

**Dates/Times:** January 21, 2010 (9 am – 12 noon); January 26, 2010 (1-4 pm)

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*This Proposal May Be Withdrawn By Safety Compliance Services  
If Not Accepted Within 30 Days*

Authorized Signature: Bob Schmitz, owner  
Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*"Providing quality safety and health compliance services for employers in northwest Minnesota" . . . . .*

ITEM # Env Officer Appt  
**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
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<b>*Person Responsible for Request</b> Pelowski, Jeff	<b>*Department</b> Environmental Services	<b>*Board Meeting Date</b> Dec 29 2009
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**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 SSTS Ordinance Update

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 Environmental Officer Jeff Pelowski will meet with the Board to provide an update on the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) MPCA regulation changes (Minnesota Rules Chapter 7080-7083). Counties are required to incorporate the changes and/or adopt the new Rules into their local Ordinances within two years of passage, (by February 4, 2010). See attached. Roseau County is prepared to do this, however the MPCA has not finalized their revisions. Mr. Pelowski will review this matter with you in detail and present to you the revised SSTS Ordinance for discussion.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

**\*Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**

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Swanson						Passed
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**ATTEST:** Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

December 30, 2009

Commissioner Paul Eger  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Rd North  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

RE: SSTS Local Ordinance Revision – February 4, 2010, MPCA Mandate

Dear Commissioner Eger:

My office is submitting this letter, on behalf of the Roseau County Board of Commissioners, concerning the ongoing MPCA revision of Minnesota Rules Chapter 7080-7083, (ie. Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems - SSTS). As an important part of the Revision, Counties are required to incorporate and/or adopt these Rules into their local Ordinances within two years of passage, (by February 4, 2010).

As the deadline approaches, and after careful analysis, we have decided that it is Roseau County's intention not to adopt the current Rule Revision by the specified date. We have attached a copy of a Resolution, passed by the Board on December 29<sup>th</sup>, which we hope adequately explains our position on this matter.

In short, the County is unwilling to revise our Ordinance at the present time for the following reasons:

- It is unacceptable to adopt MPCA Rules by “reference” when the Rules have not been finalized.
- Many of the proposed Rule Revisions are problematic, (see attached Resolution), and will simply increase SSTS-related costs to our residents and businesses without providing additional protection to the environment.

In the interim, Roseau County will continue to enforce our existing Wastewater Ordinance. We will consider adopting Revised Rules when they have been finalized and the multiple issues identified in the attached Resolution have been adequately addressed.

Please contact my office if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Jeff Pelowski  
Roseau County Environmental Officer

Enclosure

CC: Senator LeRoy Stumpf  
Representative Dave Olin  
Senator Satveer Chaudhary – Chair, Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee  
Representative Kent Eken - Chair, House Environment Policy & Oversight Committee  
Ms. Annalee Garletz - AMC  
Mr. Dan Larson - MRCC  
Ms. Gretchen Sabel - MPCA SSTS Unit  
Ms. Heidi Lindgren – MPCA Regional SSTS Staff

ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has adopted Rules (MN Rule Ch. 7080) related to Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) material specifications, site evaluation, design, installation, inspection and maintenance, as well as developed regulations related to training, qualifications, certification and performance standards for individuals who work with SSTS, and have developed a classification system for the type and use of SSTS; and

**WHEREAS**, Roseau County (County) has adopted a Sewage and Wastewater Treatment Ordinance (Ordinance) to implement, administer and enforce Rules related to SSTS; and

**WHEREAS**, the County assists citizens and businesses with technical and common issues related to SSTS, and to ensure that the Ordinance is administered and enforced accordingly; and

**WHEREAS**, the County received approximately \$10,000 in SSTS pass-through grant funds in 2009 from the State for administering and enforcing this program, (design review, site review, soil verification duties, public assistance, contractor assistance, complaint investigation, compliance inspection enforcement, violation enforcement, etc). The cost incurred by the County to perform these duties in 2009 will be greater than \$35,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPCA began the SSTS Rule Revision process in 2007, which has *not* been completed to-date. As a part of this process, Counties are mandated to adopt these Revisions into their local Ordinances by February 4, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Revisions make substantial changes to all aspects of SSTS; including, permitting, material specifications, site evaluation procedures, system design, inspections, soil verification, maintenance, professional training, etc. The result is that MN Rules Chapter 7080 is being expanded into MN Rules Chapters 7080, 7081, 7082, 7083; and

**WHEREAS**, the overall effect of the Revision(s) will significantly increase the cost of SSTS design, permitting, installation, (including material costs), inspection, and maintenance; all of which will be passed on to County residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the effect of the Revisions will substantially increase the cost to the County related to SSTS Ordinance administration and enforcement. If the County adopts a revised Ordinance containing the Revisions in 2010, the estimated cost to administer that Ordinance in 2010 would be \$60,000 to \$80,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the County believes that the current Septic System Rules did not previously achieve the maximum environmental protection possible as a result of ineffective enforcement of those Rules by the MPCA, (ie. non-licensed contractors engaged in

regulated septic work, insufficient enforcement staff / too large of regional area to cover, etc.); and

**WHEREAS**, it is the County's belief that the Revisions require an undue and unreasonable burden upon County staff, resources, and program funding as to make them unenforceable; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the County's belief that the Revisions, in their current form, have significant errors, unreasonable requirements, and unnecessary provisions that adopting and enforcing them would constitute a waste of public time and resources.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Roseau County Board of Commissioners elects *not to adopt* the Revisions to the SSTS Rules by February 4, 2010, as mandated; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County opposes the mandate found in the Revisions to adopt, implement and enforce standard(s) that are known to be in error until such time as they have been addressed and corrected; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County opposes the mandate found in the Revisions that contribute to unnecessary increases in the cost of new SSTS to homeowners and businesses; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County opposes the mandate found in the Revisions that unreasonably increases the amount of staff time, resources, and funding at the County level to implement and enforce the SSTS standards; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County opposes the Revisions as they place broad State mandates upon *all* Counties to address special needs and/or situations affecting only a few. Addressing individual specific issues is best left to the each County to resolve, with technical assistance provided by the State, by utilizing their authority to pass an Ordinance more restrictive than the minimum standards prescribed in MN Rule; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County encourages the State to increase its protection of water quality and the environment through a more aggressive, effective and efficient enforcement of the existing Rules rather than exacerbating the problem through the creation of more complex and unenforceable Rules; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Roseau County shall continue to enforce the current Rules related to SSTS until such time as: (1) the Revisions are amended to address the issues identified in this Resolution and supporting documentation; or (2) the MPCA notifies the County of its intention to assume SSTS site evaluation, design review, permitting, inspection, public assistance and enforcement duties; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, it is Roseau County's assertion that SSTS pass-through funds continue to be received until such time as these issues related to the Revisions have been addressed by the MPCA, and adequate time to adopt the resulting Revisions has been provided to the County.

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# SPECIFIC PORTIONS OF THE REVISION OPPOSED BY POLK COUNTY

(Revised Citations – 12/22/09)

**MR Ch 7082.0500 subp 3a: Requirement that Qualified County Employee conduct and verify the site evaluation and design features found within the application prior to permit issuance.** *This requirement doubles our site visits, at a minimum, from what has been the norm. These licensed Site Evaluators have training from the MPCA, have insurance and bonding, and the systems are inspected by a licensed Inspector prior to the system being covered up. The information can be verified at the time of inspection, and if it does not meet the standards, the contractor must bring into compliance. As one of our licensed contractors pointed out, “Why should I even do a site evaluation if you (the County) have to do it anyway?”*

**MR Ch 7080.1720 subp 4c: Requirement to use Soil Observation Pits instead of soil probes/augers/borings.** *This requirement will increase the cost of a site evaluation/design dramatically because the designer cannot use standard soil boring equipment (tools that fit in a passenger vehicle, are readily mobile and affordable). An observation pit must be dug with a backhoe or other similar heavy equipment in order to (1) get a depth of 3-7 feet, and (2) create a hole large/wide enough to be able to see the soil horizons to that depth. You now require the designer to either own that equipment, or contract with a heavy equipment operator for this service. Between capital costs, fuel, travel time, trailering, keeping the hole open until the County can view the observation pit, and then re-filling the pit, the property owner will incur a significant cost for the design. Again, this could be done by having the installer of the permitted system dig a pit on-site and double-checking the design prior to installation, then leaving it open for the County to verify upon the as-built inspection.*

**MR Ch 7080.1930 subp 2: Requirement of 50% larger tank capacity, additional tanks/chambers and installation of an effluent filter for homes using garbage disposal or grinder/ejector pumps.** *This requirement is addressing the grinding of solids in wastewater discharge which stay suspended in the tank longer than normal, thereby increasing the likelihood of clogging the drainfield. First, most dishwashers fall into the definition of ‘grinding devices’. This would require most homes to have 50% larger tank capacity, additional tanks/chambers and need effluent filters (a filter which must be cleaned regularly – which is undesirable by most, and problematic in the winter). Second, an argument can be made for the need to employ larger/more tanks OR an effluent filter, but not both. Lastly, this is not an environmental protection, but a consumer protection – as failure to employ one method or the other results in decreased efficiency of the drainfield leading to premature replacement – those same solids would be in contact with the effluent anyway and released to the environment so there is no environmental degradation issue here.*

**MR Ch 7080.2270 subp 11: Requirement to keep tanks accessible to remove contents during a 100 year flood.** *This requirement basically states that the tank must be able to*

*have the contents pumped out during a 100 year flood event. First, of all of the things to worry about, why would anyone concern themselves with the contents of a septic tank being released downstream during a 100 year (catastrophic) flood event? Second, there should never be any heavy trucks navigating flooded roads/driveways during a 100 year flood event – much less something so trivial as a septic system pumper. This is a time of emergency management, not maintenance service. Lastly, to pump out a septic tank with the ground saturated (as tends to happen when all the land around it is flooded) would result in the hydrostatic pressure collapsing the tank.*

**MR Ch 7082.0600 subp 1: Requires the County to track the pumping and maintenance agreements of all septic systems permitted.** *This requirement has the County acting as a records depository and sending 'nasty-grams' to those people who do not provide evidence of having their system inspected for leakage below the limiting soil horizon and pumped every 3 years. This requirement is a consumer protection issue moreso than an environmental protection one. If the tank is not pumped regularly, there is a greater likelihood that the solids accumulating in the tank will work their way down the septic pipe and clog the drainfiled, which leads to premature replacement. County staff time and resources are better utilized on other matters than harassing residents and businesses that they have not had their tank pumped lately. If the MPCA feels these records are that necessary, they certainly have the ability to require the pumpers to submit them to their office instead of a County office that does not want them. Of course, if a County did want this information for some reason, they have the local authority to require it in their Ordinance. .*

**MR Ch 7082.0600 subp 2: Requires the County to track and enforce the operational plan and maintenance agreements for all holding tanks and Type IV / V septic systems.** *This requirement differs from the tracking of all septic systems in that it requires us to enforce the scheduled service (i.e. the County will ticket or otherwise legally compel any landowner to have their tank pumped if they do not do so voluntarily). Aside from the fact that Counties have better uses for staff, resources and funding than tracking septic volumes in holding tanks and verifying records of pumping and maintenance, this requires us to keep tabs on the use of properties on a perpetual basis. Realizing that peoples uses of their property is fluid, owners change, lifestyles change, this has us intruding into the personal lives of our citizens in an adversarial manner – justifying to us (the County) why the tank has not been pumped – this threatens to waste the time, resources and funds of not just Zoning departments, but also that of Sheriff's, Attorneys and Court systems. What is the downside to them not pumping the holding tank – if its full they cannot use it.*

**MR Ch 7082.0040: Annual report due to MPCA from local units of government.** *This requirement in and of itself is not unique. However, on all fronts there has been a movement to streamline, consolidate and/or eliminate the reporting burden that local units of government must comply with as demands for the staff, resources and funding of those entities are stretched in this dire economic environment. This report has consistently grown in length, complexity and detail each year. Something has to give, as Counties are asked to do more with less, and even if all of the items on this list are altered to our satisfaction, we are still assuming much more in the ways of duties, obligations and burdens than*

*previously. In order to comply with the report demands, we are required to substantially alter how we track and document permits.*

### **General Themes:**

The complexity of volume of paperwork has increased significantly for all aspects of septic system design, installation, inspection, maintenance and pumping. The Rules dump the duties of retaining, consolidating and tracking these documents to the County – and in many cases there seems to be no sound reason for needing to do so. Now, through this Revision, the State has seen fit to require the County to be a ‘reminder service’ or the ‘septic pumping police’.

There also seems to be a movement of using County zoning department in the role of ‘consumer protection enforcer’ under the guise of ‘environmental protection enforcer’. If you weigh the environmental risks associated with solids prematurely plugging the drainfield because the tank was not pumped every three years vs. all of the other activities our zoning officials, deputies, attorneys and court officials should be doing instead, you’ll most likely find yourself wondering how this requirement ever found its way into a formal Rule.

Lastly, this by no means is an ‘all-encompassing’ list of issues. No representation is made as such. There are other Counties with their own issues with the Revisions, and some of them have a much more intimate knowledge of the issues, quirks and flaws of the Revisions

ITEM # Auditor Appt

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

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<b>*Person Responsible for Request</b> Granitz, Anne	<b>*Department</b> Auditor	<b>*Board Meeting Date</b> Dec 29 2009
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**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
Approve 2010 Budget

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
At the September 15, 2009 Board meeting, the Board approved the PRELIMINARY 2010 Budget & Levy. At the December 15, 2009 Board meeting the Board finalized the 2010 **Levy but deferred budget approval to the December 29th meeting**. The Board will discuss and finalize the 2010 budget. The preliminary budget approved on September 15, 2009 is attached.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

**\*Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**

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Swanson						Passed	
Johnston							
Folds						Failed	
Rasmussen							
Walker						Tabled	

**ATTEST:** Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

**From the September 15, 2009 Board Meeting:**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed budgets for the year 2010—incorporating the proposed levy as shown above—are hereby approved, as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Net Budget</u>
Revenue	\$ 6,319,893	\$ 6,755,641	\$(435,748)
Road & Bridge	7,084,626	7,296,095	(211,469)
Welfare	3,112,478	3,321,909	(209,431)
Debt Service	485,803	448,918	36,885
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Tax Supported Funds – Total	\$17,002,800	\$17,822,563	\$(819,763)
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Environmental	\$ 1,276,942	\$ 1,258,853	\$ 18,089
Total – All Funds	\$18,279,752	\$19,081,416	\$(801,674)