

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 24, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, February 24, 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 Jack Swanson, Alan Johnston, Orris Rasmussen, and Russell Walker. Mark Foldesi was excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Department of Homeland Security Bureau of Customs and Border Protection appointment was cancelled and removed from the agenda. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously.

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 the proceedings from the February 10, 2009, Board Meeting.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, retroactively approved closing of the Courthouse on February 9, 2009 due to inclement weather.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the Pembina Trail Resource Conservation and Development Association 2009 dues at \$500.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved a benefit payout to Tony Crow in the amount of \$113.34.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved a benefit payout to Kimberly Peterson in the amount of \$356.39.

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved payment of bills as follows:

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 2/12/2009			
AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
2320.24	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	876.34	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
2109.22	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO	414.16	CELLULAR 2000-UNICEL
3165.01	CENTURYTEL	310.85	BRIAN HARDWICK P.A.
500.00	JOINT PWRS NATRL RESOURCES BRD	602.10	LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES
7352.75	MII LIFE-VEBA	811.22	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE
2656.50	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS	640.00	MN NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS
3097.87	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	10542.54	ROSEAU CITY
334.78	REBECCA ROSENKRANS		
	5 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	920.67	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$36,654.25	****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 2/19/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
372.88	CENTURYTEL	434.03	DOUGS SUPERMARKET - WARROAD
4183.03	LAURE JOHNSON	4983.78	MN ENERGY RESOURCES
916.32	ROSEAU CITY	4465.00	ROSEAU CO MEDICAL TRAVEL
16 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300		5,482.48	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$20,837.52	****

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 2/24/2009 FOR PAYMENT 2/27/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
352.00	ALTRU HEALTH SYSTEM-ROSEAU	6884.16	AVIANDS LLC
4850.03	B & B PLUMBING & HEATING INC	481.98	CDW GOVERNMENT INC
6179.66	D-A LUBRICANT CO. INC.	6315.44	DELL MARKETING LP
1991.25	EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION INC	8740.97	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-ROSEAU
1598.17	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD	1505.00	FLAGS USA INC
2593.32	FLEET SERVICES DIVISION	1422.71	GRAINGER INC
967.32	HORNER PLUMBING & EXCAVATION	574.80	LEXISNEXIS MATTHEW BENDER
825.00	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER	852.30	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER-HOME C
837.47	MATTSON PHARMACY INC	582.21	MCBEE SYSTEMS INC
2126.29	MN DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	480.19	MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
700.00	MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISES TECH	1412.03	MULTI OFFICE PRODUCTS INC
800.00	NORTH COUNTRY WEBSITES	937.45	NORTHERN FIRE EQUIPMENT SERV
1048.10	NORTHLAND TIRE	3280.65	NORTHWOODS HEATING & COOLING
719.66	ARIA OLSLUND	307.10	JEFF PARKER
2715.00	PB ELECTRONICS INC	982.50	PRO-WEST & ASSOCIATES INC
477.99	QUILL CORPORATION	1219.91	RATWIK, ROSZAK & MALONEY, PA
1795.39	RIVERFRONT STATION	5221.09	ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN
2130.00	ROWEKAMP	3500.00	SAFETY COMPLIANCE SERVICES
499.43	SAY SECURITY NORTH COUNTRY	500.00	TW VENDING INC
20000.00	US POSTAL SERVICE		
22 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300		4,567.77	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$102,974.34	****

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board discussed attendance at the 2009 AMC Legislative Conference. The Board, by consensus, agreed to send two county representatives to the conference. Commissioner Johnston volunteered to attend as he will have to be in attendance as the Chair of the AMC Transportation Policy Committee. A second representative will be confirmed closer to the date of the conference.

The Board discussed attendance at AMC training, Building Foundations: Making Solid Land Use Decisions. Due to scheduling conflicts, no commissioner will be able to attend this training.

The Board discussed attendance at the 2009 International Lake of the Woods Water Quality Forum. The Board, by consensus, approved Commissioner Johnston's attendance at this conference.

The Board discussed attendance at the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust Training on Workforce Issues. The Board, by consensus, approved Commissioner Swanson's attendance at this conference.

The Board discussed attendance at the Joint Powers Board of the Red River Basin meeting. A member from the Roseau River Watershed will attend this meeting. Due to scheduling conflicts, no commissioner will be able to attend this training.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Minnesota Department of Revenue appointment of Allen Heim as the Roseau County Assessor.

The Board acknowledged the upcoming activities of the 2009 Women's History Month events sponsored by the Roseau County Historical Society. Commissioner Foldesi has been invited to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meetings: Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board, 2/12/09: Discussed scientific natural areas and PILT with regard to state funding reductions; Roseau County Committee on Ageing, 2/16/09: Discussed collaborative transportation options from Roseau County; Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI), 2/17/09: Discussed proposed gasifier project; NW Minnesota Household Hazardous Waste Management Joint Powers Board, 2/18/09: Group resolved to oppose legislation which would create a Latex Paint Stewardship Project at a hidden cost to consumers; Bipartisan Legislators Town Hall Meeting, 2/20/09: 15 legislators heard from over 50 people on what to do with potential \$7 billion deficit for the next two-year state budget; Building Committee, 2/23/09: Discussed energy saving ideas and retainage payout to Industrial Contract Services; Shared Engineering Meeting, 2/23/09: Met with city of Roseau and Roseau River Watershed on the prospect of shared engineer.

Commissioner Johnston reported on the following committee meetings: AMC Board of Directors meeting, 2/20/09: Discussed redesign project, tax reform, budget, cohort program, human services and MOE's; AMC Budget meeting, 2/23/09: Discussed economic stimulus bill.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee meetings: BioMass Outreach Program, 2/18/09: Workshop on current and potential uses for Bio-mass in northwest Minnesota; Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus, 2/19/09: Discussed PILT, assessor values and MRCC dues; Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 2/23/09: Discussed state land sales, timber wolf control and sharp shooter schedule.

Commissioner Foldesi had no meetings to report.

Commissioner Rasmussen reported on the following committee meetings: Minnesota; Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus, 2/19/09: Discussed PILT, assessor values and MRCC dues; Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 2/23/09: Discussed state land sales, timber wolf control and sharp shooter schedule.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Swanson reported to the Board the recommendation of the Building Committee to approve paying Industrial Contract Services the remaining retainage due on their contract with Roseau County. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Johnston and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

2009-02-02

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve paying Industrial Contract services the remaining retainage on Project #040700 in the amount of \$20,000.00 pending receipt of IRS form IC134.

The Board discussed the Simplex Grinnell Fire Inspection Proposals. Building Maintenance Supervisor Lenny Johnson received quotes for these services and recommended approving the Simplex Grinnell quote. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-02-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the agreement with Simplex Grinnell for the purpose of Fire Inspection Services at the Roseau County Courthouse building in the amount of \$171.00 annually; at the Roseau County Detention Center in the amount of \$2,416.00 annually and at the Roseau County Social Services building in the amount of \$985.00 annually.

The Board discussed legislation that Senator Leroy Stumpf and Representative Dave Olin are writing authorizing Roseau County to sell specifically identified parcels of Consolidated Conservation land. This legislation is likely to be introduced this week. The parcels identified represent a small portion of the total acres of consolidated conservation land in Roseau County and consist of parcels that would be good candidates for building sites or that the adjoining landowner may be interested in purchasing. The motivation behind the sale is to increase the short and long term revenue to the county by placing more land into private ownership in Roseau County. The Board acknowledged possible resistance from the DNR to the sales due to a number of items including timber value on the land and wetland issues. Commissioner Johnston noted that while he is not opposed to the sale of a small portion of the consolidated conservation land in Roseau County, that the sale of this land is more complicated than it appears at first glance as the county is able to generate funds from the land that goes to provide public services and that it is available for more uses while it is state held than when moved to the private sector. Consolidated Conservation land does generate revenue for the county currently and that revenue is distributed according to statute with 30% going to a county development fund, 40% to the general fund of the school district from which it is derived and, 20% to the county revenue fund and 10% to the township road and bridge fund of the township from which it is derived. Commissioner Rasmussen acknowledged a concern that he has heard from his constituents that this is not a good time to sell these parcels due to the economy and the likelihood that the land would ultimately be sold to landowners residing outside of Roseau County including special environmental interest groups.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MNDOT District 2A Engineer Lou Tasa met with the Board to review the details of the economic stimulus funding going to transportation in Minnesota and specifically to District 2A. Nationally, \$27.5 billion dollars is being directed to transportation projects. Minnesota will receive \$502 million with a required 70/30 split between the state, Minnesota Department of Transportation and local transportation needs. Mr. Tasa noted that of the \$66 million being distributed to greater Minnesota, that District 2A was awarded \$10 million. Mr. Tasa acknowledged that none of the projects submitted on behalf of Roseau County were funded. Mr. Tasa added that the District will work with area transportation partnership (ATP) dollars in an effort to equalize funding and benefit counties within district 2A that did not have projects selected.

Engineer Ketring requested the Board approve a call for bids on a 2009 Seal Coat project. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-02-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a call for bids until 2:00 pm on April 13, 2009, on S.A.P. 68-605-07, CSAH No. 5, Seal Coat and Fog Seal.

Chair Swanson recessed the meeting at 10:45 A.M. The meeting reconvened at 11:00.

PUBLIC HEARING – SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT GRANT – ARSENIC REMOVAL PROJECT

Commissioner Swanson recessed the regularly scheduled Board Meeting to open the public hearing to obtain public input regarding an application for Small Cities Community Development Program Funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously to open the public hearing.

Commissioner Swanson called for written and public comment. There was none.

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

Commissioner Swanson called the regularly scheduled Board Meeting back to order.

The Board discussed the Small Cities Development Grant which includes an arsenic removal project for Roseau mobile home park and a commercial building rehabilitation into a residential rental property in Warroad. The small cities grant is just under \$40,000 and will leverage over \$500,000. Mr. Wynne informed the Board that the City of Kelliher will no longer be serving as fiscal sponsor for this project as their project was not being selected for funding. The City of Warroad has agreed to serve as fiscal manager and will also maintain the fiscal audit. Roseau County will reimburse Warroad for costs associated with the audit. Mr. Wynne asked Roseau County to sign a Joint Cities Program Joint Participation Agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, Seconded by Commissioner Johnston and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-02-05

WHEREAS, Roseau County, Minnesota has identified an existing need to install an arsenic removal system in a mobile home park in Roseau County;

WHEREAS, many of the residents of this mobile home park are low income and;

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has funding available through the Minnesota Small Cities Program which can be used to assist the owner of the mobile home park to install an arsenic removal system and;

WHEREAS, the City of Warroad, Minnesota has agreed to act as a sponsor for said Minnesota Small Cities Program;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS AGREED THAT:

1. The City of Warroad shall act as the sponsor for a Small Cities Development Program Application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for funding to be awarded in 2009.
2. The Small Cities Application shall request funds for the following activities:

- a. Rental Rehabilitation – installation of arsenic removal system at the Oak Manor Mobile Home Park in Roseau County;
 - b. Rental conversion – conversion of nonresidential property to a residential rental property in Warroad;
 - c. Administration.
3. The City of Warroad will act as the lead applicant and will be responsible for contract execution, and to ensure that all compliance requirements are appropriately met and adhered to in a timely manner. Actual project implementation will be undertaken by an administrative consultant who will contract with the City of Warroad.
 4. The City of Warroad will act as the fiscal manager and shall be responsible for overseeing project activities and for accounting for all fiscal draws and transactions.
 5. The City of Warroad will be responsible for obtaining an annual audit of program expenditures if required to do so by the State of Minnesota and Roseau County will reimburse Warroad for any audit costs incurred which are attributable to the proposed arsenic removal system activity.

The above terms are agreed to by the City of Warroad, Minnesota and Roseau County, Minnesota effective January 15, 2009.

John Wynne of Wynne Consulting met with the Board to review a grant preparation services agreement. Wynne Consulting developed this grant preparation agreement as requested by the Board at the August 26, 2008 Board meeting. Per the agreement, Wynne Consulting would be willing to pursue and write grants on behalf of the county and cities within the county. Northwest Minnesota Multi-County HRA would compensate Wynne Consulting for these services at a rate of \$7500 per year on behalf of Roseau County. In addition, Wynne Consulting would receive a sum equal to 10% of any grant received, capping at \$22,500. The cities of Greenbush and Badger have passed resolutions to participate in this program providing \$2500 in funding from each city. The cities of Roseau and Warroad will likely pass similar resolutions leaving the balance for the county at \$12,500. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Johnston and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-02-06

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board will enter into a one (1) year contract for the purpose of grant preparation services with Wynne Consulting, Inc. beginning January 1, 2009 and remain in effect until December 31, 2009.

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ACTION

Northwest Minnesota Continuum of Care representative Wendy Thompson, Beltrami Area Service Collaborative Executive Director Patrick Grundmeier, and Northwest Community Action CAP representative Diane Hayes met with the Board to provide an overview on homelessness in northwest Minnesota and to present a new response to this human tragedy. In rural areas such as northern Minnesota homelessness is more hidden as homeless people are more likely to move from one unstable, sub-standard or cost-burdened situation to another, often hidden from the eyes of the community. Data demonstrates that people who are homeless over a long period of time suffer devastating consequences that create barriers to their ability to become self sufficient. These issues include worsening of mental health issues, developmental delays for children, increases in the severity of addictions and an increased likelihood to become incarcerated. Studies indicate that the two main

causal factors of homelessness are poverty and a shortage of affordable housing. In response to these studies, a new 10 year homeless prevention program entitled Heading Home Northwest Minnesota has been developed. After questions and discussion the Board was asked to approve a resolution of support of this plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-02-07

WHEREAS, Heading Home Northwest Minnesota is a 10-year plan to address homelessness in a 12-county region, which includes Roseau County.

WHEREAS, Roseau County will benefit from the action steps put forth in this plan to address homelessness in the region.

WHEREAS, the plan was created with input from throughout the region and endorsed by the Northwest Minnesota Continuum of Care.

WHEREAS, the plan provides an analysis of homelessness in Northwest Minnesota and contains county, regional, state, and national data of significance.

WHEREAS, a representative of the Northwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (the CoC) presented the 10-year plan entitled Heading Home Northwest Minnesota to the Roseau County Board. The CoC provided the county with a link to the full report as well as a copy of the Executive Summary for review.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Bob Tuttle of the US Department of Homeland Security Bureau of Customs and Border Protection was unable to attend the meeting. The Board had requested that a representative of Border Patrol attend a meeting and respond to questions and concerns that commissioners receive regarding border patrol activities as well as to answer questions regarding the 2008 HSWM Stonegarden grant. Chief Deputy Terry Bandemer informed the Board that Mr. Tuttle has indicated that while he is unable to attend today's meeting, he would be happy to meet with any member of the Board to answer any questions or concerns they may have with regard to Border Patrol and the Stonegarden Grant. Chief Deputy Bandemer presented the finalized HSEM Operations Stonegarden 2008 grant document between the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management Roseau County in the amount of \$699,026 for the Board's acceptance. This is an eighteen month operation designed to use Roseau County law enforcement personnel and assets to augment enforcement operations in the Warroad Border Patrol Station area of responsibility. Roseau County will be fiscally managing the grant and will serve as the lead patrol agent. Half of the funding will be spent on labor providing 7800 hours of additional surveillance and half of the funding is for the purchase and maintenance of equipment. The Roseau County Sheriff's Office, Greenbush Police Department, Roseau Police Department and Warroad Police Department will be providing all the labor and over \$225,000 of the equipment will be purchased locally, infusing over \$500,000 into the local economy during the 18 month grant contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, and carried by a 3-1 vote with Commissioners Swanson, Johnston, and Walker in favor and Rasmussen opposed.

ACKNOWLEDGE CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged correspondence from the Red Lake Watershed District opposing bill HF 109, SF 266 regarding county board approval of watershed district budgets.

Upon motion carried the Board adjourned at 12:00 am. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 10, 2009, at 8:30 am.

Attest:

Date: _____

Teresa Klein, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

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