

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 17, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, March 17, 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 purchase three disc mowers was added to the Highway Department Agenda. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved Beltrami Island State Forest Section 1 2nd Benchmark Certificate of Satisfactory Grooming.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved Pelan Trail 2nd Benchmark Certificate of Satisfactory Grooming.

The Board, by adoption of consent agenda, authorized a transfer from fund 610 to Unorganized Township Fund 160N Rg. 37W in the amount of \$8,000.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, authorized Unorganized Township Fund 160N Rg. 37W pay \$2,000 to the Warroad Ambulance and Rescue Squad and \$2,000 to the LifeCare Medical Center Ambulance.

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

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 2/26/2009			
AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
31919.97	ROSEAU CO TREASURER	24147.92	SCHOOL DIST 2683
5754.47	SCHOOL DIST 690	10056.37	TOWN OF HUSS
2690.59	TOWN OF LAKE		
	3 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	404.45	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$74,973.77	****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 2/26/2009			
AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME

1358.78	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2109.22	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO
765063.50	DAVIDSON READY MIX & CONSTRUCT	7665.25	MII LIFE-VEBA
811.22	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	9344.82	MN ENERGY RESOURCES
1749.21	MN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE	390.00	MN POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY
3097.87	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	20000.00	NW MN MENTORING PROGRAM
55725.00	NW MN SERV COOP-BLUE CROSS BLU	500.00	PEMBINA TRAIL R C & D ASCN
1108.35	ROSEAU ELECTRIC COOP INC		

4 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 766.19

**** **FINAL TOTAL..... \$869,689.41** ****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 2/27/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
14181.60	TOWN OF BARNETT	13190.19	TOWN OF BARTO
3845.35	TOWN OF BEAVER	8629.61	TOWN OF CEDARBEND
12085.20	TOWN OF DEER	7362.36	TOWN OF DEWEY
11841.49	TOWN OF DIETER	17071.52	TOWN OF ENSTROM
9171.77	TOWN OF FALUN	8703.75	TOWN OF GOLDEN VALLEY
10246.85	TOWN OF GRIMSTAD	11516.97	TOWN OF HEREIM
10088.40	TOWN OF HUSS	23808.04	TOWN OF JADIS
46530.24	TOWN OF LAKE	18550.03	TOWN OF LAONA
7635.02	TOWN OF LIND	14637.23	TOWN OF MALUNG
13226.16	TOWN OF MICKINOCK	10155.85	TOWN OF MOOSE
23764.47	TOWN OF MORANVILLE	9833.86	TOWN OF NERESON
4209.33	TOWN OF PALMVILLE	3931.89	TOWN OF POHLITZ
10595.55	TOWN OF POLONIA	5502.36	TOWN OF POPLAR GROVE
4915.03	TOWN OF REINE	17274.51	TOWN OF ROSS
13617.81	TOWN OF SKAGEN	9061.36	TOWN OF SOLER
17942.66	TOWN OF SPRUCE	11207.08	TOWN OF STAFFORD
13776.58	TOWN OF STOKES		

0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 .00

**** **FINAL TOTAL..... \$418,110.12** ****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 3/05/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
2055.28	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	415.02	CELLULAR 2000-UNICEL
3421.00	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS	640.00	MN NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS
87919.25	ROSEAU CITY	588.80	STATE TREASURER

13 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 1,220.11

**** **FINAL TOTAL..... \$96,259.46** ****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 3/12/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
353.10	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	2109.22	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO
360.85	CELLULAR 2000-UNICEL	3258.16	CENTURYTEL
700.20	LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES	7352.75	MII LIFE-VEBA
811.22	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	2688.00	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS
3242.48	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	9684.83	ROSEAU CITY
4398.00	WYNNE CONSULTING INC		

3 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 135.19

**** **FINAL TOTAL..... \$35,094.00** ****

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 3/17/2009 FOR PAYMENT 3/20/2009

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
465.02	ACE HARDWARE-ROSEAU	2489.58	AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINES
674.81	BALLARD MOTOR CO	1548.31	BERGSTROM ELECTRIC INC
454.76	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	2757.98	COMSTOCK CUSTOM MOWING & SNOW
130837.98	CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIPMENT	320.00	DEATONS MAILING SYSTEMS INC

1463.36	DELL MARKETING LP	451.76	TONY DORN INC
1921.07	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-LK BRNSN	7058.12	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-ROSEAU
3036.66	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD	660.56	FLEET SUPPLY
306.06	DAVE GRAFSTROM	547.52	GRAINGER INC
468.17	GREENBUSH CITY	410.00	GREG'S LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT SERVI
4749.32	H & L MESABI INC	2768.00	HOFFMAN DALE & SWENSON PLLC
1396.86	HOUSTON ENGINEERING	624.09	INTOXIMETERS INC
3948.02	JOHNSON OIL CO INC	720.00	LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING SERVI
23913.90	MAR-KIT LANDFILL	586.94	MATHISON COMPANY
793.94	MATTSON PHARMACY INC	26564.00	MN DEPT OF CORRECTIONS
700.00	MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISES TECH	955.53	MULTI OFFICE PRODUCTS INC
1707.73	NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	27988.42	NORTH AMERICAN SALT COMPANY
400.00	NORTH COUNTRY WEBSITES	1477.05	NORTHLAND COMM & TECH COLLEGE-
1825.90	NORTHLAND TIRE	5652.75	NW CONCRETE PRODUCTS INC
1000.00	ARIA OLSLUND	919.22	PEART & ASSOCIATES INC
460.80	PRAXAIR	5616.10	QUALITY AUTO BODY SHOP INC
422.81	QUALITY PRINTING	373.93	QUILL CORPORATION
720.00	RELIANCE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS	1521.80	RIVERFRONT STATION
741.55	ROSEAU AUTO VALUE	4794.05	ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN
3277.84	ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT	1915.56	ROSEAU DIESEL SERVICE INC
430.50	ROSEAU TIMES REGION AND	3529.41	SAY SECURITY NORTH COUNTRY
2435.25	SJOBERG'S INC	414.14	TITAN ACCESS ACCOUNT
1209.92	TW VENDING INC	10398.58	WIKSTROM TELECOM-INTERNET
	68 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	8,217.58	
	****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$311,043.21 ****

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Miller notified the Board of Representative Dave Olin's Town Hall Meetings schedule for March 21, 2009, in Hallock, Roseau and Warroad.

Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Miller notified the Board of the Mar-Kit Joint Powers Board meeting scheduled for April 8, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. in Hallock, MN. Commissioners Swanson and Foldesi were authorized to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Foldesi reported on the following committee meetings: Two Rivers Watershed Meeting, 2/5/09: Discussed Big Swamp project; Highway Department meeting, 2/6/09: Discussed equipment purchase and cost saving options; Sheriff's Committee meeting, 3/6/09: Discussed monitoring transport of cattle, Stonegarden grant, budgets and wages; Two Rivers Watershed District, 3/8/09: Discussed list of issues on Big Swamp project; KaMaR meeting, 3/9/09: Discussed letters from Marshall and Kittson counties regarding right to leave KaMaR in two years; Joint Lake of the Woods, Roseau County Committee of the Whole meeting, 3/16/09: Shared ideas on cost cutting and shared services.

Commissioner Johnston reported on the following committee meetings: Northwest Regional Development Commission Transportation Advisory Committee, 3/2/09: Heard report from Bridge Committee; discussed stimulus packaged, how ATP members are appointed and CSAH funding. Sheriff's Committee meeting, 3/6/09: Discussed monitoring transport of cattle, Stonegarden grant, budgets and wages; Department Head Meeting, 3/9/09: Discussed cost reduction options within departments; Communications Committee meeting: 3/10/09: Discussed cell phone policy for eligible county employees. Subsurface Septic Treatment Systems meeting, 3/12/09: Discussed legislative activity, county programs and rule changes; Legislative Steering Committee meeting, 3/13/09:

Discussed Governor's proposed change to Human Services, Greenacres legislation, Maintenance of Efforts, environmental concerns and short term offender policy.

Commissioner Rasmussen reported on the following committee meetings: Joint Lake of the Woods, Roseau County Committee of the Whole meeting, 3/16/09: Shared ideas on cost cutting and shared services; Flood Preparedness Workshop, 3/12/09: Workshop with Army Corp of Engineers on spring flooding.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meetings: Bovine Stakeholders meeting, 2/24/09: Discuss concerns over enforcement of cattle and deer rules; Ditch law training, 2/24/09: Heard presentation on Ditch Law from Attorney Kurt Deter; Roseau County Township Officers Association Annual Meeting, 2/24/09: Heard presentations from Highway Engineer Brian Ketring, Auditor Anne Granitz, Assessor Allen Heim and Attorney Kurt Deter; Stonegarden Grant meeting, 3/5/09: Discussed Stonegarden grant with Sheriff's from Kittson, Lake of the Woods and Roseau and Joe Strand from US Border Patrol; Town Hall meeting with Dave Olin, 2/27/09: Met at Greenbush School to discuss issues facing Roseau County; Extension Committee meeting, 3/2/09: Reelected Rhett Hulst and heard reports from 4H Coordinator Sandi Weiland, Nutrition Educator, Kristina Kaml and from Karyn Santl on Regional Extension; Roseau City Council, 3/2/09: Discussed County issues; Roseau River Watershed Board meeting, 3/4/09: Discussed concerns on permitting issues on watershed projects with the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board; Criminal Justice Coordinating Board meeting, 3/4/09: Discussed mental health initiative; Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board, 3/5/09: Addressed watershed permitting issue and discussed stimulus funding; KaMaR Board meeting, 3/9/09: Discussed letters from Marshall and Kittson counties regarding right to leave KaMaR in two years; Department Head meeting, 3/9/09: Discussed cost reduction options within each department; Communications Committee meeting, 3/10/09: Discussed cell phone policy for eligible county employees; Jadis Township Annual meeting, 3/10/09: Discussed cost of Highway Department maintaining their roads and flooding concerns; Flood Preparedness Workshop, 3/12/09: Workshop with Army Corp of Engineers on spring flooding; Roseau County Committee on Aging, 3/16/09: Discussed ongoing concerns; Joint Lake of the Woods, Roseau County Committee of the Whole meeting, 3/16/09: Shared ideas on cost cutting and shared services.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee meetings: Bovine Tuberculosis Multi Agency Meeting, 3/5/09: Discussions with elk farmers, dairy farmers, cattle farmers and sharp shooters, discussed benefit of having Grafstrom and Walker as liaison for Roseau County, discussed \$15,000 received from Board of Animal Health and \$6700 which was generated by neighboring counties for county efforts, discussed cattle transport and enforcement; Tax Credit meeting, 3/6/09: Discussed keeping tax credit within the budget; Joint Lake of the Woods, Roseau County Committee of the Whole meeting, 3/16/09: Shared ideas on cost cutting and shared services.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Ketring met with the Board to request a call for bids on a bridge replacement project in Spruce Valley (Unorganized). A motion was made by Commissioner Rasmussen, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution

2009-03-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a call for bids until 2:00 pm on Monday, April 20, 2009, on S.A.P. 68-599-88, Replace Bridge No. 9509 in Spruce Valley (Unorganized).

Engineering Ketring requested the Board approve the purchase of one all-wheel drive motor grader. Mr. Ketring presented the Board with a bid sheet and recommended the purchase of the Caterpillar 140M. The purchase price of the Caterpillar includes trade-in deductions. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-03-05

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the purchase of one (1) all-wheel drive Caterpillar, 140M Motor Grader in the amount of \$63,175.00 from Ziegler Cat.

Engineer Ketring requested the Board approve final payout on FEMA DR 1288, County Ditch 26. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Johnston and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-03-06

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve final payout on FEMA DR 1288, PW 254-Project #2 in the amount of \$6,426.06.

Engineer Ketring requested the Board approve the purchase of three nine foot disk mowers to replace the seven foot mowers currently used at the Highway Department. The bid price includes trade-in on (3) 616 disk mowers

2009-03-07

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the purchase of three (3) H6750 disk mowers in the amount of \$22,789.00 from Titan Machinery.

ROSEAU COUNTY ASSESSOR AL HEIM

Roseau County Assessor Allen Heim requested the Board set the dates for the 2009 Board of Appeal and Equalization for June 16, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. and June 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. A motion to approve these dates was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously.

Assessor Heim discussed the legislative changes within the Green Acres program for Roseau County. Mr. Heim informed the Board that the current changes proposed by the legislature focus mostly on when a payback would be assessed after a change in property classification, transfer of property if enrolled in the Greenacres program and how property is classified. Metro area counties are most impacted by this change and Isanti County has passed a resolution requesting the changes be repealed. Assessor Heim did not think this resolution would be necessary for the Board to sign at this time.

DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed a draft of an Exempt Overtime Policy in regards to prohibiting overtime compensation for exempt employees without Board approval. The Board also reviewed a draft policy which would allow compensatory hours for exempt employees to work on the Stonegarden grant. The Board concurred that until the grant has been in place for some time and compensation from the Stonegarden grant has been received by Roseau County, approval of an Exempt Overtime Policy will be deferred.

Auditor Anne Granitz met with the Board to discuss designation of proceeds from the Tax Forfeited Land Sale. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-03-08

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby designate the proceeds from the 2007 Tax Forfeited Lands Sale in the amount of \$111,654.80 and the proceeds from the 2008 Tax Forfeited Lands Sale in the amount of \$29,989.00 to the designated Capital Improvement Fund.

The Board discussed the Joint Lake of the Woods/Roseau County Committee of the Whole meeting. The consensus of the Board was that this meeting was very beneficial to both counties for sharing ideas on cost reductions and common county concerns.

The Board discussed the possible sale of Consolidated Conservation Land (Con Con Land) in Roseau County. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-03-09

WHEREAS, the sale of State owned Consolidated Conservation land would increase the local tax base;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Roseau County Board supports the State of Minnesota selling up to 2400 acres of Consolidated Conservation land in Roseau County.

Social Service Director Dave Anderson met with the Board to discuss proposed legislation entitled the "Human Services Authority Act." Mr. Anderson noted that this proposed legislation would cause an increase in taxes for Roseau County and would not adequately serve the county residents. Commissioner Swanson directed Mr. Anderson to send the figures supporting this increase to the Association of Minnesota Counties. Mr. Anderson presented a resolution opposing this legislation and requested the Boards approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Johnston and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-03-10

WHEREAS, proposed legislative language entitled the "Human Services Authority Act" has been reviewed and discussed; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposal is motivated by an expressed desire to create greater accountability for human services between counties and the state; and

WHEREAS, Roseau County agrees with this desired goal, however, we do not agree that an arbitrary "bigger is better" approach will achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, Roseau County is fearful that this legislation, in its current form, will have unintended consequences of undermining successful regional and multi-county collaboratives already in place; and

WHEREAS, Roseau County is concerned that a fiscal note has not identified state wide cost savings or the potential risk of increased cost and additional burden to local tax payers; and

WHEREAS, Roseau County is concerned that the proposed "Human Services Authority Act" fails to affirm and acknowledge that County Boards are the duly elected human service authority, representing all county residents and taxpayers, and responsible to make local human services policy, budget decisions and set the overall direction of human services administration, including its structure; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Roseau County Board opposes the "Human Services Authority Act" and respectfully requests that the state alongside counties be allowed to explore voluntary and cohesive human service delivery options that are client-focused, outcome based, adequately funded, and administratively simplified as defined by the local units of government that are uniquely positioned to understand the needs of local residents.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 31, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Teresa Klein, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

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