

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 14, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, April 14, 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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved a revised Credit Card Policy.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the Roseau County Prevention Coalitions 3rd Quarter Fiscal Statistical Report.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved bills and forthwith payments as follows:

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 4/02/2009			
AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
2046.88	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP		
0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300		.00	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$2,046.88	****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 4/02/2009			
AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
1351.58	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	973.24	BRIAN HARDWICK P.A.
1737.31	MN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE	624.00	MN NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS
53760.00	NW MN SERV COOP-BLUE CROSS BLU	30276.00	ROSEAU CO TRAILBLAZERS
5 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300		462.63	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$89,184.76	****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 4/09/2009			
AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
353.10	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	2109.22	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO
3839.41	CENTURYTEL	700.20	LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES
7352.75	MII LIFE-VEBA	811.22	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE
4706.50	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS	300.00	MN DEPT OF HEALTH (ENVIRONMENT
3213.73	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	12210.78	ROSEAU CITY
359.53	WARROAD CITY		

Commissioner Foldesi 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.

Commissioner Johnston reported on the following committee meetings: Communications Meeting, 4/7/09: Discussed cell phone policy.

Commissioner Rasmussen reported on the following committee meetings: Roseau River Watershed Meeting, 4/13/09: Discussed Beltrami Island State Forest water retention.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meetings: Roseau River Watershed Board, 4/1/09: Discussed the Hay Creek/Norland Project and resolution seeking simplification and streamlining of agency permitting process for projects; Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, 4/1/09: Discussed how to best implement Mental Health programs; Northern Counties Land Use Board, 4-2-09: Discussed proposal for elected Watershed Board members and discussed PILT payment reduction; Roseau Economic Development Authority, 4/3/09: Met with a potential manufacturing business developer; Subsurface Sewage Treatment System meeting, 4/6/09: Discussed soil verification contract; Communications Committee meeting, 4/7/09: Discussed cell phone policy; Regional Radio Board, 4/8/09: Approved web-x grant funding for county to county meetings via internet. KaMar Board, 4/13/09: Discussed retrofitting bins and possible contract with Lake of the Woods County; Law Library Committee meeting, 4/13/09: Discussed funding.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee meetings: Roseau County Fair Board meeting, 4/2/09: Discussed animal testing for upcoming fair. Law Enforcement meeting, 4/9/09: Discussed grant for funding law enforcement to patrol cattle transport operations; Roseau River Watershed Meeting, 4/13/09: Discussed Beltrami Island State Forest water retention.

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER – JEFF PELOWSKI

Environmental Officer Jeff Pelowski met with the Board to notify them of an Advertisement for Bids on one (1) Heavy Duty Truck and one (1) Hooklift System required for the Transfer Station. Bids will be received until Friday May 22, 2009 until 4:30 p.m. and opened on Tuesday May 26, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Pelowski notified the Board that the permitting process for the Transfer Station/Demolition Landfill is in process. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency requires permits to be renewed at the Transfer Station/Demolition Landfill every five years. In order to fulfill the MPCA permitting requirements, new engineering documents must be submitted with the application. Mr. Pelowski requested the Board approve a contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) to complete the survey portion of the application. Pelowski informed the Board that he intends to negotiate with SEH to allow the Highway Department to complete the survey portion of the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2009-04-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that Roseau County will enter into an agreement with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. to provide engineering services required to complete the MPCA application requirements for the Transfer Station/Demolition Landfill permit renewal in the amount not to exceed \$10,780.00.

Mr. Pelowski requested the Board approve a Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Soil Verification contract with Keith Block beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 pending receipt of certificate of insurance. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously to approve the SSTS soil verification contract.

Mr. Pelowski presented the Board with the annual SCORE report noting that Roseau County is at a 50.7% recycling rate. This is a very high percentage and credited in large part to the effort of local industry both large and small. Roseau County brought 9,459 tons of mixed municipal waste (MSW) to Mar-Kit Landfill, 682 tons of were disposed of onsite and 9,239 tons were recycled.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board to request approval for a Seal Coat and Fog Seal project on CSAH #5. A motion was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

2009-04-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a contract with low bidder Morris Seal Coat and Trucking on Project No. SAP 068-605-007, on CSAH #5 for a seal coat and fog seal project in the amount of \$206,373.72.

Mr. Ketring informed the Board that the Highway Department is continuing to monitor County roads for high water event related damages.

Commissioner Foldesi passed on a request from the Badger City Council to restripe a portion of a CSAH #73 in the City limits og Badger. Engineer Ketring noted that all roads in Roseau County are on a paint rotation schedule but that due to the removal of lead from paint, the striping is not lasting as long as it has in the past. Ketring noted that he will follow up on the request.

Chair Swanson recessed the Board meeting at 10:45 am. The meeting reconvened at 10:55 am.

DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed the AMC Legislative Update and discussed two major areas of concern including the Human Services Authority Act and the Governor's push to require counties to spend down cash reserves in order to be eligible for county program aid. The Board requested that department heads be invited to the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 5, 2009 to discuss possible responses. The Board requested that government standard accounting advisor Colleen Hoffman, of Hoffman Dale, and Swenson be invited to attend the meeting.

The Board discussed preliminary 2010 budget planning and reviewed the human resource budget. The 2010 wage and benefit increase is based on the 3.5% increase negotiated as part of a two year contract with LELS and a three year contract with the Highway Employee Association as well as scheduled annual step increases but does not include any change in health care costs. 2010 is the final year of the contracts. Commissioner Johnston noted that the local levy only funds a small portion of the total Roseau County budget noting as an example that for every local dollar spent on human services that the county draws in \$20 in state and local funding. Getting that funding is dependent upon adequate staff to serve clients and complete the necessary paperwork for services. Commissioner Johnston noted that it is a similar proportion at the highway department. Commissioner

Swanson noted that the Board has made a commitment through labor negotiations and signing a contract and that he is very uncomfortable going against his word. Coordinator Klein noted that if the Board has any intention of requesting to re-open negotiations early that labor groups deserve the earliest notice that we can provide. The Board requested the item be placed on the April 28, 2009 agenda for further discussion.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 11:50 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 28, 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