

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 1, 2010

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, December 1, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of contract with Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative for years 2011-2013; appointment of Sue Lisell to the Roseau County Committee on Aging and approval of forthwith payments were added to the Consent Agenda. One Woman 2011 and a Legislative Wish List were added to discussion. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A settlement has been reached on the MCEA lawsuit against Kittson and Roseau Counties. Attorneys representing the two counties will be providing Roseau County with a copy of the agreement in the next few weeks.

Coordinator Klein announced that the interviews for the Roseau County Prevention Coalition Support Specialist went well and the position has been filled.

Coordinator Klein announced that attorney John Stein will be retiring. MCIT has contracted with John Stein for legal representation to counties for many years.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously.

The Board by adoption of its Consent Agenda approved the re-appointment of Social Service Director Dave Anderson to the Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center Board effective January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2014; approved the Veteran Service Officer Hiring recommendation of Donald Dunn effective December 4, 2010 at a Grade 6 Step A part-time fully benefit status; approved the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative Contract for 2011-2013; approved the appointment of Sue Lisell to the Roseau County Committee On Aging and approved forthwith payments to Northern Resources Cooperative in the amount of \$1,064.58; Northern Resources Cooperative in the amount of \$902.71 and Roseau County Ford in the amount of \$240.60.

Commissioner Johnston recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER

Commissioner Alan Johnston administered the Oath of Office to Veteran's Service Officer Donald Dunn.

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the 2011 Greenbush Fire Department appropriation. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2010-12-01

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby appropriate \$1,500 to the City of Greenbush Fire Department for 2011.

The Board discussed the County's current compensatory time policy. It was noted that the legislature allows the public sector to utilize compensatory time as an option to over-time payment as a means to provide government efficiencies. Compensatory time is effective in such departments as the highway department, who in seasonal circumstances, have to work extremely long days for months at a time, however in many other departments it is a deterrent to efficiency and is in some cases a hardship to the employee. The Board discussed the benefits of paying overtime for hours worked in excess of 40 hours as an alternate to compensatory time. Roseau County has a number of employees who struggle to stay under the vacation and compensatory maximums. In those cases offering comp time becomes a burden to the department and the employee.

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

2010-12-02

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby authorize overtime payment for all hours worked in excess of 40 for all non-union/non bargaining employees effective the first pay period of 2011, December 26, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that employees have until June 30th of 2011 to use accrued compensatory time at which time remaining balances will be paid out.

The Board discussed the proposed 2011 Board meeting schedule. The proposed schedule reflects a change to two official board meetings a month (not including the annual reorganization meeting) on the second and fourth Tuesday and reserving the first Tuesday of the month for Department head meetings. It was suggested that Commissioners sign up to take responsibility for two department head meetings each. The two remaining department head meetings would be for the July budget planning meeting and the December budget hearing and those two meetings would be conducted as committee of the whole sessions. Commissioner Swanson expressed concern about meetings lasting too long if there are only two regular board meetings a month.

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

2010-12-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the 2011 Board Meeting Schedule as follows:

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TIME</u>
January 4, 2011	8:30 a.m.
January 11, 2011	8:30 a.m.
January 25, 2011	8:30 a.m.
February 8, 2011	8:30 a.m.
February 22, 2011	8:30 a.m.
March 8, 2011	8:30 a.m.
March 22, 2011	8:30 a.m.
April 12, 2011	8:30 a.m.
April 26, 2011	8:30 a.m.
May 10, 2011	8:30 a.m.
May 24, 2011	8:30 a.m.
June 14, 2011	8:30 a.m.
June 28, 2011	8:30 a.m.
July 12, 2011	8:30 a.m.
July 26, 2011	8:30 a.m.
August 9, 2011	8:30 a.m.
August 23, 2011	8:30 a.m.
September 13, 2011	8:30 a.m.
September 27, 2011	8:30 a.m.
October 11, 2011	8:30 a.m.
October 25, 2011	8:30 a.m.
November 8, 2011	8:30 a.m.
November 22, 2011	8:30 a.m.
December 13, 2011	8:30 a.m.
December 27, 2011	8:30 a.m.

The Board discussed nominations for the One Woman 2011 event. The Board deferred action to the December 14, 2010 Board meeting.

The Board discussed compiling a 2011 legislative priority list to share with legislators. Commissioner Swanson will contact Senator Elect Dan Fabian and invite him to meet with the Board on December 14, 2010.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 14, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Teresa Klein, Board Clerk
Roseau County, Minnesota

Alan Johnston, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Roseau County, Minnesota