

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 2, 2010

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 8:30 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 Alan Johnston, Jack Swanson, and Russell Walker. Commissioner Foldesi was excused. District 3 seat is vacant.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved proceedings from the January 12, 2010 Board Meeting.

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the hire of Elizabeth Barton as Appraiser Trainee at a Grade 5 step A.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board acknowledged the Roseau County 4-H's participation in the National Youth Science day held on October 7, 2010. Roseau was one of the topmost participants and received a \$400 award from John Deere.

The Board acknowledged Roseau County 4-H's participation in the 4-H Robotics Club competition. With this being the first year of this program Roseau teams were very successful. Roseau's Robo Rams received bronze medals and Ole and Sven's Ultimate Robotics received gold medals.

The Board acknowledged correspondence from Positively Minnesota regarding the results of the Small Cities Grant monitoring visit. Roseau County was congratulated on its efforts to implement this project in a conscientious manner.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING.

Roseau County Department Heads met with the Board and discussed several new and revised human resource policies including the Uniform Hiring Policy; Personnel File Policy; Voluntary Time-Off Policy; and the Employee Complaint/Misconduct Policy. The development of a promotion policy, an Employee Appreciation Program and performance

management was discussed. The Board also discussed state budget concerns and the 2011 county budget planning.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPOINTMENT

Sheriff Jule Hanson and Chief Deputy Terry Bandemer met with the Board to discuss purchase of I-Mobile software and approval to further study a Computer Assisted Dispatch System. Nine laptops were purchased as part of the Stonegarden grant. Information Technology Administrator Chris Stauffer explained that I-Mobile is Minnesota State Patrol compatible software that allows officers to run driver's licenses and vehicle plates on their lap tops. This capability frees dispatch to handle more urgent matters. It also allows officers to communicate with one another on the lap top and reduces the need to exchange confidential information over radio systems or on cell phones. The cost of the software is \$1000 per license. Additional costs include an annual service fee of 18% of the total cost and monthly data service expenses. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the purchase of six I-Mobile licenses in the amount of \$1000 each.

Sheriff Hanson informed the Board that the County has been exploring different types of Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) software. CAD systems automate many of the 911 call tasks including providing automatic directions to call sites and include AVL – automatic vehicle locator capability. The goal of CAD systems is to enhance efficiency and public safety.

Sheriff Hanson noted that the State Patrol has operated with the I-Mobile and the Integraph CAD systems for a number of years. State Patrol has approached counties requesting they consider transitioning to compatible systems that would enhance statewide interoperability. State Patrol is updating their system and has offered to refurbish their existing computers and make them available to counties for free. The value of these computers is \$6000 each.

Sheriff Hanson explained that he recently attended a presentation given by State Patrol and would like to take advantage of the opportunity they are providing and to move in the direction of transitioning to a CAD system. The Sheriff's Office would like to request 20 computers from state patrol. These computers would go to other first responders including the police departments, EMS and Fire Departments. The county recently had an opportunity to experience this technology first hand and saw its benefit. The cost of the CAD system is \$17,500 for each terminal it is installed on. Roseau County would need it installed on two computers in dispatch. E-911 funds may be used.

It was noted that barriers and unintended consequences need to be explored including compatibility with the existing Crime Star program. Chris Stauffer stated that implementation of the I-Mobile technology is a relatively easy and seamless process. However, the CAD software will require several months of study and implementations.

Chief Deputy Bandemer updated the Board on the Stonegarden Grant.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 12:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 9, 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