

## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

February 23, 2010

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, February 23, 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 Mark Foldesi. Russell Walker was excused.

### **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Northwest Minnesota Housing & Redevelopment has received a home owner rehabilitation grant in the amount of \$487,500 that will enable them to leverage funding for an additional 75 housing rehabilitation projects in the 7 county region that includes Roseau County. In addition, MN Housing Finance Agency has awarded \$1,300,846 in first time homebuyers bonding.

Commissioner Swanson notified the Board of the opportunity to order full color county maps from the State of MN for \$1 each. The Coordinator's office will order a small amount to review the content and quality of the maps.

Commissioner Swanson notified the Board of a small electrical fire on the Far North Transit bus that will take the bus out of service for a short time.

Commissioner Johnston notified the Board of his afternoon meeting with Julie Pahlen, Public Health Coordinator, in an effort to become better informed of all available health related programs in the county

An Association of Minnesota Counties Press Conference is being held today at 11:00 a.m. to announce its "Renewing the Commitment to Minnesota" 10 point re-design project.

Commissioner Foldesi notified the Board of his conversation with Jim Stengrim regarding his concerns with the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District Board.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mini Truck Ordinance review, State Land Sale Bill and New Commissioner training were added to the discussion portion of the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved proceedings from the February 9, 2010 Board Meeting.

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved a payroll change for Chris Stauffer.

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved revisions to the part-time peace officer PERA Police and Fire Plan Eligibility Policy.

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved FM 200 Special Hazard/Gas Suppression System Inspection Contracts with SimplexGrinnell for the Detention Center in the amount of \$1,080.00 and for the Courthouse in the amount of \$540.00.

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the following bills for payment:

**WARRANTS APPROVED ON 2/11/2010 FOR PAYMENT 2/11/2010**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
354.34	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	2326.98	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO
3487.56	CENTURYLINK	742.20	LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES
706.96	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	800.00	MN RED RIVER VALLEY DEV ASSOC
3187.12	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	13927.37	ROSEAU CITY
9235.72	ROSEAU CO TREASURER	4930.99	SCHOOL DIST 2683
1108.93	SCHOOL DIST 690	6731.75	SELECT ACCOUNT-VEBA
<b>2 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300</b>		<b>217.91</b>	
****	<b>FINAL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$47,757.83</b>	****

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<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
15313.43	TOWN OF BARNETT	14224.72	TOWN OF BARTO
5109.46	TOWN OF BEAVER	9417.61	TOWN OF CEDARBEND
14205.81	TOWN OF DEER	7967.46	TOWN OF DEWEY
12798.39	TOWN OF DIETER	18814.18	TOWN OF ENSTROM
10432.07	TOWN OF FALUN	9484.07	TOWN OF GOLDEN VALLEY
10603.66	TOWN OF GRIMSTAD	12535.02	TOWN OF HEREIM
10786.36	TOWN OF HUSS	27899.41	TOWN OF JADIS
51798.46	TOWN OF LAKE	20345.85	TOWN OF LAONA
10314.44	TOWN OF LIND	16820.10	TOWN OF MALUNG
14411.26	TOWN OF MICKINOCK	11173.33	TOWN OF MOOSE
28531.69	TOWN OF MORANVILLE	10552.27	TOWN OF NERESON
5380.84	TOWN OF PALMVILLE	4228.56	TOWN OF POHLITZ
11348.45	TOWN OF POLONIA	5941.86	TOWN OF POPLAR GROVE
5355.52	TOWN OF REINE	18933.95	TOWN OF ROSS
14787.55	TOWN OF SKAGEN	9777.88	TOWN OF SOLER
20021.80	TOWN OF SPRUCE	13545.95	TOWN OF STAFFORD
14942.46	TOWN OF STOKES		
<b>0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300</b>		<b>.00</b>	
****	<b>FINAL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$467,803.87</b>	****

**WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 2/18/2010**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
525.07	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	4308.52	LAURE JOHNSON
377.93	KELLEY JAMES	2407.50	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS
2181.39	MN ENERGY RESOURCES		
<b>11 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300</b>		<b>794.06</b>	
****	<b>FINAL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$10,594.47</b>	****

**WARRANTS APPROVED ON 2/23/2010 FOR PAYMENT 2/26/2010**

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>
306.15	ACE HARDWARE-ROSEAU	780.11	CDW GOVERNMENT INC
1319.93	COMSTOCK CUSTOM MOWING & SNOW	625.00	DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
2049.27	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD	944.63	DAVE GRAFSTROM
2560.00	HOFFMAN DALE & SWENSON PLLC	4977.38	JOHNSON OIL CO INC
6660.00	LAKE OF THE WOODS CO PUBLIC WO	394.50	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER-HOME C
2371.88	MATTRACKS INC	741.88	MATTSON PHARMACY INC
828.00	MIDWEST MONITORING & SURVEILLA	460.00	MN COUNTIES INSURANCE TRUST
320.00	MN MINE SAFETY ASSN	1325.00	MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISES TECH
2100.00	MN RURAL COUNTIES CAUCUS	4400.00	NATIONAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS
7344.26	NORTHERN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE	3876.75	NORTHLAND COMM & TECH COLLEGE-
313.93	JEFF PARKER	692.55	PRAXAIR
1207.84	RIVERFRONT STATION	10850.07	ROSEAU CITY
5919.99	ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT	566.09	ROSEAU COUNTY FORD
3200.00	SAFETY COMPLIANCE SERVICES	5892.00	SIMPLEX GRINNELL LP
340.00	SVEN & OLE'S ULTIMATE CARWASH	1541.67	ARIA TRUDEAU
500.00	TW VENDING INC		
	<b>46 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300</b>	<b>11,330.16</b>	
	<b>**** FINAL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$86,739.04</b>	<b>****</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Foldesi reported on the following committee meetings: Big Swamp Committee meeting, 1/28/10: Discussed adding another impoundment on the east end of Roseau County; Northwest Community Action, 2/18/10: discussed grant awarded to NWCA to provide Head Start services for approximately 20 additional children; Highway Committee meeting, 2/22/10: Discussed acquiring blades and mowers and discussed ditch projects.

Commissioner Johnston reported on the following committee meetings: Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging, 2/15/10: Discussed early memory care, Return to Communities Initiative, Communities for a Lifetime, Parish Nurse program, Caregiver in the Workplace program and the Alzheimer's conference being held in Roseau County; Legislative Steering Committee, 2/19/10.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meetings: Association of Minnesota Counties Futures Task Force, 2/11/10: Heard presentation from Mary Callier and Tim Houle on a core service matrix and cost reductions and discussed Representative Paul Marquart's Re-design Press Conference; Association of Minnesota Counties Futures Task Force, 2/11/10; Roseau County Committee on Aging, 2/15/10: Discussed senior medical travel and Driver's Appreciation Night in Warroad; Household Hazardous Waste Committee, 2/17/10: Discussed roofing proposals and elected 2010 officers.

Chair Johnston recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

The Stonegarden Administration discussion was deferred to the March 16, 2010 Board Meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed the Minnesota Recovery Zone Bond Reallocation. The Department of Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) has finalized plans for allocating pooled Recovery Zone Economic Development and Facility Bond funds. The department

will accept applications between March 1 and June 10, with the entire pool to be disbursed no later than August 1, 2010. MMB requests that counties not planning to use their bond allocations and that have not adopted a resolution to send their allocation to the state pool are encouraged to do so using the "Notice of Waiver" form on the MMB website.

Counties that have utilized their bonds are asked to complete the form titled "Notice of Issue" and submit it to MMB by May 1, 2010. This is part of an effort to ensure that all counties that have received bond allocations are utilizing them within the county or pooling them at the state level for future reallocation.

Commissioner Swanson will discuss this opportunity with the Economic Development Authority at their meeting on January 24, 2010. Coordinator Klein will contact grant writer John Wynne to see if has suggestions for local business that may be interested in utilizing the bonding.

IT Administrator Chris Stauffer met with the Board to review quotes received on the electrical and concrete work needed for the Board Room communication upgrades. The Board agreed to go forward and complete the project but requested Stauffer acquire additional comparable quotes. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2010-02-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes IT Director Chris Stauffer to complete the electrical upgrade component of the Board Room Communication Project at an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Stauffer presented the Board with a short and long term project plan for information technology advancements. The projects include an Active Directory, a new GIS server, Squad Car MDT's, Computer Aided Dispatch, completion of new exchange server migration, Manatron upgrades, and implementation of Application Xtender to digitize county records.

The Board discussed the AMC 10 Point Redesign Plan, "Renewing the Commitment to Minnesota. For more than two years, AMC has been working on a plan to restore the relationship between local units of government including cities, counties, and school districts and the state legislature. This project is in recognition of the fact that counties are facing tremendous challenges, that the current service delivery model is not sustainable, and that county governance is not flexible or innovative enough to facilitate redesign.

Redesign is intended to be more than just legislative proposals; it is designed to initiate conversations about how government, cities, counties, state and all others can provide quality services and efficiency with better results.

PACT, of Partnership, Accountability, Creativity, and Transparency is the most recent element of redesign. 10 proposals were identified that would encourage discussion and debate. PACT issues are controversial and not uniformly supported by AMC or by counties. They include such items as: reduction of the state patrol by 50% with counties assuming the patrolling activities within their borders; counties taking on responsibility for state highways; the elimination of county program aid in exchange for a .5% county sales

tax; a statewide community corrections program; court reform; development of chemical dependency response districts; uniform statewide planning and zoning; suspension of all county maintenance of efforts (MOE's); a moratorium on all new state mandates and a sunset review on all existing mandates; a five year moratorium on implementation of new state rules or commissioner orders; and an expedited process for counties to adopt Home Rule Charter. The estimated savings to the state of implementation of PACT is over 1 billion dollars a biennium.

The Board discussed PACT. It was noted that while it was intended to spark conversation, that unfortunately much focus has been given to the specific points. It was noted that a number of counties are concerned that if PACT is taken seriously by the legislature, that it will cost their county a significant amount of money.

The Board expressed concern that AMC did not follow traditional policy development process. Commissioner Swanson, who had attended the Futures meeting where PACT originated, explained the context of the development of PACT and the reasoning for the short time line to roll it out. It was noted that while the Board was uncomfortable with the process, that they agreed with the intent of PACT and AMC's goals of "putting a stake in the ground" letting legislators know that counties are serious about redesign, governance, transparent, flexibility, and outcomes and want to partner in solving the mass problems that face the state of Minnesota and local units of government.

The Board discussed the proposed Mini Truck Ordinance. County Attorney Lisa Hanson requested clarification on the proposed ordinance in reference to drivers' license status, permit fees and whether additional roads need to be included. The Board concurred that driver's of mini trucks should have valid driver's licenses. The Coordinator's office will contact the Auditor's office and the Sheriff's office to discuss permit fees and inspections. The Board agreed to leave the list of approved roads as is unless additional roads are requested by constituents. A public hearing is scheduled for March 9, 2010.

Coordinator Klein advised the Board that Representative Dave Olin has requested a list of any additional state land that the county would like to recommend for sale to be included in the state land sale bill.

The Board discussed possible dates for a New Commissioner Training session. The Coordinators office will coordinate the training with Riaz Aziz from Pope County. A tentative date has been set for March 12, 2010 for this meeting.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 12:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 9, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teresa Klein, Board Clerk  
Roseau County, Minnesota

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