

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 25, 2010

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, May 25, 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 Roger Falk, Alan Johnston, Jack Swanson, Russell Walker, and Commissioner Foldesi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board discussed the following upcoming meetings: Water Management Summit on July 12, 2010, in St. Cloud; the 2010 Symposium on Small Towns and Rural-Urban Gathering June 9-10; 2010 in Morris, MN; the AMC District III meeting on May 27, 2010 in Warren; and the Special Meeting on May 26, 2010.

Commissioner Swanson informed the Board that he is interested in attending the Symposium on Small Towns. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and carried unanimously to authorize Commissioner Swanson to attend the 2010 Symposium on Small Towns and Rural-Urban Gathering June 9-10; 2010 in Morris, Minnesota.

The Board discussed having a representative to the Red Board. The annual Joint Conference of the Red River Watershed Management Board and the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group is scheduled for June 23, 2010. It was agreed that the Roseau River Watershed can serve as the representative for Roseau County. Commissioner Johnston noted that water management is a big issue for Roseau County and the Board may want to reconsider that position. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and carried unanimously to authorize any Commissioner to attend these meetings if they wish to do so.

Commissioner Swanson informed the Board that former AMC Executive Director Jim Mulder invited him to serve on a Rural Revitalization Task Force. Swanson explained that the outcome will be a white paper for publication. Commissioner Swanson asked the Board to forward any ideas on Rural Revitalization to him.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved proceedings from the May 11, 2010 Board Meeting; approved a Nuisance Beaver Policy; approved a professional services contract for the compilation of required radio configurations data; and approved payment of bills as follows:

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 5/13/2010

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
1779.20	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	354.34	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
348.57	CENTURYLINK	1017.71	CP MANUFACTURING INC
333.29	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	761.13	JOHNSON OIL CO INC
986.67	RACHEL KRAHN	493.50	MERITCARE
1052.00	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS	885.38	ROSEAU CITY
500.00	WYNNE CONSULTING INC		
		21 PAYMENTS LESS THAN 300	1,487.25
****		FINAL TOTAL.....	\$9,999.04 ****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 5/20/2010

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
525.07	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	3349.43	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO
4110.80	DAN ENGEN CONSTRUCTION	2050.00	RICHARD FAVER MA
4308.52	LAURE JOHNSON	1133.07	RACHEL KRAHN
709.17	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	2523.00	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS
1303.83	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	3197.12	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION
20000.00	NW MN MENTORING PROGRAM	10607.91	ROSEAU CITY
4960.00	SCOTT JOHNSON COMPANIES	7266.25	SELECT ACCOUNT-VEBA
2175.00	WYNNE CONSULTING INC		
		1 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	247.50
****		FINAL TOTAL.....	\$68,466.67 ****

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 5/28/2010 FOR PAYMENT 5/28/2010

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
8400.65	AVIANDS LLC	725.00	MARK BEITO
5827.90	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	440.00	CITY OF WARROAD
751.28	CRAGUN'S CONFERENCE CENTER	2961.44	DELL MARKETING LP
3781.16	DLT SOLUTIONS INC	306.26	ECOLAB
943.39	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD	2436.00	FLEET SERVICES DIVISION
3500.00	GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT GROUP IN	301.43	DAVE GRAFSTROM
755.85	GRAINGER INC	5138.48	HEPPNER CONSULTING INC
4830.79	JOHNSON OIL CO INC	1060.43	MARK JONES
736.09	LAKE COUNTRY CHEV BUICK PONTIA	960.00	ROXANNE LARSON
1794.55	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER	523.00	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER-HOME C
28132.20	MAR-KIT LANDFILL	1218.00	MATTSON PHARMACY INC
1144.50	MIDWEST MONITORING & SURVEILLA	630.00	MN ASSN OF COUNTY OFFICERS
700.00	MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISES TECH	955.00	MN STATE AUDITOR
803.02	GRACIA NELSON	5808.04	NORTHERN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE
523.82	NORTHLAND TIRE	306.74	JEFF PARKER
920.40	PRECISION AUTO BODY & SALES	404.27	QUILL CORPORATION
610.00	RINKE-NOONAN LAW FIRM	4602.79	ROSEAU CITY
437.77	ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN	13439.30	ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT
744.80	ROSEAU CO SOCIAL SERVICE CTR	12719.60	ROSEAU CO SOIL & WATER CONS
429.55	ROSEAU COUNTY FORD	550.00	JAMIE SOVDE
2469.50	STATE OF MINNESOTA BCA	500.00	TW VENDING INC
4252.00	WARROAD CITY	2312.00	WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER
		48 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	5,461.67
****		FINAL TOTAL.....	\$136,248.67 ****

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS REPORT

Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board to discuss the Roseau River Watershed District request to approve the Hay Creek Phase II permit. Mr. Ketring noted that he had just received a memorandum from Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) who had completed an independent review of the Hay Creek Setback Levees and Norland Impoundment project to determine if the project had the potential for any adverse impacts to the adjacent landowners. SEH concluded that based on their review of the information provided that the project would not adversely impact landowners. The memorandum noted three potential risks associated with the project. 1.) The system success relies on manual operations, and thus project success is contingent upon the ability of the owners to respond in a timely manner as outlined in the operation plan. 2.) Snowmelt and rainfall events used in the modeling for the project are hypothetical and thus will not reproduce what will actually occur in the watershed during a flood event and 3.) The Hay Creek confluence with Roseau River will be altered with the construction of the City of Roseau Flood Control Project. The Board asked Mr. Ketring if he had any hesitations to recommending that the Board approve the permit. Mr. Ketring stated that he did not have any objection but suggested the Board make permit approval contingent upon the inclusion of a Roseau County representative on the project maintenance and operations plan committee. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2010-05-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a permit for Phase II of the Hay Creek Setback Levees and Norland Impoundment project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby approve this permit contingent upon a Roseau County representative being named to the Hay Creek Setback Levees and Norland Impoundment Project Maintenance and Operations Plan Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee meetings: Red River Basin Commission, 4/20/10; Solid Waste Committee Meeting 5/18/10; Roseau River Watershed District, 5/5/10; and Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 5/24/10.

Commissioner Foldesi had no official committee reports.

Commissioner Johnston reported on the following committee meetings: Northwest Regional Development Commission, 4/27/10; Public Health Committee, 5/24/10.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meetings: Regional Radio Board, 5/12/10; AMC Future's Task Force, 5/13/10; AMC Future's Task Force, 5/14/10; Roseau County Committee on Aging, 5/17/10; Solid Waste Committee, 5/18/10; Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, 5/19/10; Public Health Committee, 5/24/10.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee meetings: Bovine TB Task Force Meeting, 5/18/10.

ROSEAU COUNTY TRAILBLAZERS

Roseau County Trailblazer representatives Buck Bue, Terry Sizemore, and Greg Anderson met with the Board to present the 4th benchmark for approval and the 2010-11 Grant in Aid Application for the Pelan and BISF Trails. The Board discussed sponsor and club roles and responsibilities and the development of a contract between Roseau County and the Trailblazers. Coordinator Klein will contact Area Trails & Waterways Supervisor Wade Miller and request a sample contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2010-05-05

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve the Roseau County Trailblazers 2009-10 GIA Pelan and BISF Section 1, 4th benchmark.

The Board discussed the 2010-11 Grant-in-Aid Trail Maintenance and Grooming application. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2010-05-06

BE IT RESOLVED that Roseau County supports the Roseau County Trailblazers, Inc. Grant-in-Aid Proposal and agrees to act as legal sponsor for funding received from the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the maintenance and grooming of the Pelan Trail System and the Beltrami Island State Forest Section 1 Trail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, Roseau County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota and will comply will all applicable federal and state laws and regulations and conditions as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Roseau County hereby agrees to serve as the fiscal agent for the Roseau County Trailblazers, Inc and authorizes the Board Chair to sign all related documents on behalf of Roseau County.

DISCUSSION

Social Services Director Dave Anderson and Income Maintenance Supervisor Marlys Horvath met with the Board to review the Financial Worker hiring process. The hiring committee of Dave Anderson, Marlys Horvath, and Trish Klein made a unanimous recommendation to hire the number one ranked candidate Elizabeth Miller to fill this vacancy. It was noted that Ms. Miller has over a dozen years experience working in Social Services and 10 years experience doing the exact work that this position does in Roseau County. It was recommended that Ms. Miller be hired at a Grade 6 Step C to reflect the level of experience she will bring. By hiring someone who is fully trained and can begin working immediately, the county will save over \$11,595 in mandated training. Newly hired financial workers must complete three weeks of classroom training in St. Paul upon hire and another 146 hours of mandatory web based training. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously to hire Elizabeth Miller as a Financial Worker at a Grade 6 Step C.

The Board discussed the Malung stream gage. The DNR continues to be adamant that they are discontinuing funding of this telemetry USGS gage as one of eight real time USGS gage cuts. The DNR is sighting cost as its reason. There are 126 real time USGS gages in Minnesota. The DNR currently co-funds 36 of these gages. The DNR has 71 additional real time gages in Minnesota, 37 of these are for flood warning. The cost to maintain a USGS gage is \$15,600. The 50/50 DNR cost share is \$7,800. The average cost for the DNR to independently maintain a real time gage is \$6,300. Consequently, the DNR FY2010 budget reductions include a cut of eight USGS jointly funded gauges. The DNR states that they are committed to maintaining a statewide backbone and have selected gages to cut that will save money without jeopardizing the integrity of the entire system. The Board noted that the Malung gage is very important to Roseau County and is a key flood watch indicator. The Board will continue to work with the Roseau River Watershed District and the City of Roseau to request the DNR continue to fund this gage.

The Board discussed the District III County Report and Budget Planning presentations. Commissioner Johnston will work with Coordinator Klein on the development of the presentations. Commissioners are asked to forward information to include in the presentation to Ms. Klein.

The Board discussed the possibility of combining the offices of County Auditor and County Treasurer. 50 of the 87 counties have combined or reorganized the tasks of these offices. The Board had previously discussed this possibility and had thought that the retirement of one of the officers would provide an opportunity to do so without adversely affecting an officer. Unfortunately, Ms Granitz did not announce her intent not to file until the day filing opened and statute requires that the Board pass a resolution to combine the offices 30 days in advance of the opening of filing. The Board discussed combining offices as part of a larger plan to reorganize service delivery for greater effectiveness and efficiency. It was noted that the Board would not be able to do so at this time but that they wanted the public to know that combining offices is something the Board is considering. The Board discussed a study of the form and structure of county government as a means to gather information to determine whether combining the Auditor/Treasurer would be the right thing for Roseau County to do and to determine if there are other organizational structure changes that the Board may want to consider. Auditor candidates John Huss and Martha Monsrud were present for the discussion. County Treasurer Diane Gregerson was also in attendance. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried unanimously to authorize a study of the form and structure of county government in Minnesota.

The Board discussed the Law Enforcement Labor Service negotiation session scheduled for June 10, 2010 at 2:00 pm. Labor Attorney Terry Foy is compiling the Board's response to LELS's contract requests.

The Board discussed the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy lawsuit. It was noted that attorney Paul Reuvers will be meeting with the Board in a special meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 1:30 pm to provide a status report on the case.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 12:40 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 8, 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