

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 15, 2010

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.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 Mark Foldesi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Discussion of a beaver issue in District 3 and the MnDNR withholding of the Grant-in-Aid 4th Benchmark payment to the Roseau County Trailblazers were added to discussion. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Foldesi reminded the Board of the meeting of the State Ditch No. 72 Joint Ditch Authority and the State Ditch No. 95 Joint Ditch Authority on June 22, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Center. This meeting pertains to a plan to change the size of a culvert in lateral 6 of State Ditch 72 which drains into State Ditch 95.

The Board acknowledged correspondence from Jim Jenson regarding County Road No. 113 and CSAH No. 13. This matter will be discussed under the County Engineer appointment.

The Board discussed the AMC Leadership Summit scheduled for August 11-13, 2010 in Walker, Minnesota. Commissioner Walker will be unable to attend. Coordinator Klein will register the other commissioners.

Commissioner Swanson noted that he had met with DOC Regional Director Mark Bloomquist and Judge Dixon regarding an adult restitution program. Swanson noted that both are in favor of starting the program in Roseau County that will provide a means for offenders to work off restitution owed to victims.

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 6/08/10 Regular Board Meeting and approved bills for payments as follows:

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 5/27/2010

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
2004.76	AFLAC	2321.94	CENEX CREDIT CARDS
592.56	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	64268.00	NW MN SERV COOP-BLUE CROSS BLU
525.31	ROSEAU ELECTRIC COOP INC	750.00	RURAL LIFE OUTREACH
455.50	VERIZON WIRELESS		

4 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 509.73

**** **FINAL TOTAL..... \$71,427.80 ******

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 6/03/2010

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
1330.64	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3061.48	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO
742.20	LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES	709.17	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE
1909.00	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS	1915.41	MN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE
640.00	MN NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS	3197.12	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION
10000.00	NW MN MENTORING PROGRAM	423.87	CINDY PETERSON
6962.00	SELECT ACCOUNT-VEBA		

4 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 303.82

**** **FINAL TOTAL..... \$31,194.71 ******

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 6/10/2010

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
2086.40	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	285398.46	BITUMINOUS PAVING INC
354.34	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	3328.58	CENTURYLINK
450.00	ALAN FISH	584.50	DAVID KUKOWSKI
2710.50	MN DEPT OF FINANCE-TREAS	356.25	PATRICK MOREN
11202.36	ROSEAU CITY	2662.70	SATHER LAW OFFICE

8 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300 929.70

**** **FINAL TOTAL..... \$310,063.79 ******

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 6/15/2010 FOR PAYMENT 6/18/2010

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
528.13	ACE HARDWARE-ROSEAU	4554.86	ACS
1773.40	AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINES	300.00	AUSTIN TOWING
706.73	BALLARD MOTOR CO	3355.20	BERGSTROM ELECTRIC INC
646.14	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	342.46	COAST TRUE VALUE
307.79	D & L AUTO GLASS AND MORE	678.59	DELL MARKETING LP
876.39	TONY DORN INC	12560.75	ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE IN
387.50	TIM ERICKSON	2145.18	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-LK BRNSN
6815.83	FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD	1729.77	FLEET SUPPLY
8346.00	GEO-COMM CORPORATION	416.18	DAVE GRAFSTROM
893.00	GREENBUSH IMPLEMENT CO	360.00	HELGESON FUNERAL CHAPEL INC
1184.59	HILLYARD HUTCHINSON	5463.00	HOFFMAN DALE & SWENSON PLLC
306.00	HOLIDAY COMMERCIAL	1376.50	HORNER PLUMBING & EXCAVATION
5336.20	JOHNSON OIL CO INC	3847.50	JOHNSTON FARGO CULVERT INC
318.00	TERESA KLEIN	337.73	LAKE COUNTRY CHEV BUICK PONTIA
1307.00	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER	370.50	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER-HOME C
8949.23	M & R SIGN CO INC	380.00	MAAO
27680.40	MAR-KIT LANDFILL	330.32	ANN MILLER
1496.25	MINN-DAK ASPHALT INC	720.00	MN BOARD OF PEACE OFFICERS
2072.00	MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL	818.32	MN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
700.00	MN OFFICE OF ENTERPRISES TECH	944.78	MULTI OFFICE PRODUCTS INC
400.00	NORTH COUNTRY WEBSITES	12396.09	NORTHERN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE
9068.00	NORTHLAND COMM & TECH COLLEGE-	1265.33	NORTHLAND TIRE
339593.18	NORTRAX EQUIPMENT CO	1035.46	PATRICK NOVACEK
1002.78	NOVOTNY'S OVERHEAD DOOR SALES	325.00	CASEY PEARSON
964.37	POWER PLAN	844.16	PRAXAIR
1347.50	PRO-WEST & ASSOCIATES INC	620.74	QUALITY PRINTING

And forthwith payment in the amount of \$180.

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER JEFF PELOWSKI – SSTS UPDATE

Environmental Officer Jeff Pelowski met with the Board to give an update on environmental legislative changes focusing specifically on subsurface sewage treatment systems legislation, SF 3275.

Mr. Pelowski noted prior to this legislative session, counties were operating under a requirement to incorporate new SSTS rules and adopt a new SSTS ordinance by February 2010. However, the PCA had not completed writing the rules so counties were in a position of being asked to adopt new ordinances without knowing exactly what they were approving. AMC introduced a bill this session that proposed to allow counties two years from the time that the PCA finished its rulemaking for adoption of new SSTS Ordinances. The Bill ultimately passed after numerous changes. Section 73 contains the ordinance extension that AMC requested. It indicates that the PCA must have their rule changes adopted by April 4, 2011 and that counties have until February 4, 2012 to adopt new ordinances. The bill also requires PCA to consult BWSR and AMC and report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house environment and natural resources policy and finance committees on: the technical changes in the rules for subsurface sewage treatment systems that were adopted on February 4, 2008.; the progress in local adoption of ordinances to comply with the rules; and the progress in protecting the state's water resources from pollution due to subsurface sewage treatment systems.

Mr. Pelowski was asked to give a KaMaR update. Mr. Pelowski informed the Board that he and Commissioner Foldesi attended the KaMaR monthly meeting on June 14, 2010 and were advised that Kittson County intends to terminate participation in the recycling program effective March of 2011. Marshall County has also indicated they are also considering withdrawing. KaMaR is a four county joint powers entity that includes Kittson, Marshall, Red Lake Falls and Roseau Counties. Mr. Pelowski expressed concern about the financial position of KaMaR with the exit of one of the four participants. Mr. Pelowski stated that KaMaR has been the poster child for successful joint powers ventures and that it is unfortunate that Kittson County has decided to discontinue participation. Mr. Pelowski noted that Kittson County, like most counties in Minnesota, is examining its budget very closely and believes they can save money by finding a recycling program. KaMaR will continue to operate normally and study continuation of operations without Kittson County. It is possible that another county may be interested in joining.

Chair Johnston recessed the regular Board Meeting at 10:35 a.m. The regular Board Meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS REPORT

County Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board via telephone. The Board discussed road conditions noting Jim Jenson's letter as well as a call from Far North Transit Director Steve Butler regarding County Road No. 137. Ketring acknowledged that due to the rain, many county roads are in poor condition. Ketring noted that the road concerns in Jim Jenson's correspondence are being addressed. Ketring advised the Board that he had not received any calls regarding CR No. 137 but stated that the Highway Department would take a look at it right away.

The Board discussed printing new county highway department maps. The last maps were printed in 2008. The county is almost out of maps and some roads have been exchanged since that time. Mr. Ketring received quotes from Mustang Publishing, the firm that printed the 2008 county map. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2010-06-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize entering into contract with Mustang Publishing to print 7500 county highway maps at a cost of \$4,609.

The Board asked Mr. Ketring for direction regarding a beaver dam on private land in Stokes Township that is causing flooding issues. Mr. Ketring advised that because the nuisance beaver issue is on private property and not on a county ditch system that the county does not have jurisdiction over this matter. Mr. Ketring stated that Two Rivers Watershed District and MnDNR would be the appropriate entities to contact.

CHIEF DEPUTY/AUDITOR APPOINTMENT – 911 SIGNAGE

Chief Deputy Terry Bandemer and Auditor Anne Granitz met with the Board regarding 911 signage. Chief Deputy Bandemer noted that unlike many counties in Minnesota, Roseau County does not have 911 signage. Lack of signage is a barrier for emergency management services in rural areas. Many residences are unmarked and often multiple residences share a main driveway. Lack of signage can result in increased response time and potentially cost lives. Chief Deputy Terry Bandemer and Auditor Anne Granitz made a joint recommendation to the Board to invest in 911 signs. The cost is \$48 per sign (\$20 for the sign, \$8 for the post and \$20 for installation). The installation work could be done by the Highway Department.

Auditor Granitz informed the Board that there are 6,366 residences in Roseau County. It was noted that city residences are included in the total but due to city ordinances are already signed. It was further noted that the number does not include seasonal properties, hunting camps, or farm sites without houses. It was recommended to sign these properties as EMS responds to fire and medical calls at these locations.

The Board discussed funding for the signage. Auditor Granitz suggested that the Board consider using tax forfeited land sale money. There is \$212,287 in this fund. Auditor Granitz informed the Board that there is \$538,247 designated for future construction that the Board could also consider using for this purpose. The Board asked if 911 funding could be used for signs. The Board was advised that statute does not allow use of 911 funding for this purpose.

Commissioner Swanson stated that tax payers within city limits are required by city ordinance to put up address signs at their own expense and questioned the fairness of the county paying for address signs for other constituents. Chief Deputy Bandemer noted that house signage is typically less expensive than a road sign and that more efficient emergency response benefits the entire county. Commissioner Walker stated that he did not think it was a good time to be spending this amount of money given the current economy and state budget deficit. No action was taken.

The Board discussed the need to correct addresses and complete a uniform addressing system in Roseau County prior to implementing a sign project. It was noted that 911 funds can be used for this purpose.

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the evaluation of the social services office support specialist position. The job description was sent to Employers Association for re-evaluation and returned with a recommendation to increase the grade from a Grade 3 to a Grade 4. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2010-06-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize the change in grade of the Office Support Specialist position from a Grade 3 to a Grade 4 effective June 13, 2010, the first date of the current payroll cycle.

The Board deferred discussion item 3, Regional Rail Authority update to the June 29, 2010 agenda.

Commissioner Johnston informed the Board that he had been notified by the MnDNR Trails Division that a decision was made to hold the Trailblazers 4th benchmark funding reimbursement due to problems with trail maintenance. Commissioner Johnston was told that as a result of a brush cutting project the trail was damaged and debris left on the trail. Although the county authorized reimbursement, the DNR is holding reimbursement until the matter is addressed.

The Board discussed formation of a Grant-in-Aid Trail Committee. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi, and carried unanimously to establish a Grant-in-Aid Trail Committee and appoint Commissioners Roger Falk and Alan Johnston to serve as delegates on the committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee meetings: AMC District III Meeting 5/27/10; and Roseau River Watershed Board, 6/2/10; Extension Committee, 6/14/10.

Commissioner Foldesi reported on the following committee meetings: Highway Committee Meeting, 6/1/10; Roseau River Watershed Board 6/2/10; Soil and Water Conservation District meeting, 6/8/10; KaMaR Board meeting 6/14/10.

Commissioner Johnston reported on the following committee meetings: Northwest Regional Development TAC, 6/3/10; SSTS AC committee meeting, 6/10/10.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meetings: Project Work Team BISF/Roseau River Watershed Board, 5/25/10; Roseau Economic Development Authority, 5/26/10; AMC District III Meeting 5/27/10, Warren; Roseau River Watershed Board, 6/2/10; Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board, 6/3/10;

Roseau Convention and Visitors Bureau, 6/7/10; Extension Committee, 6/14/10; KaMar Board meeting, 6/14/10.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee meetings: Highway Committee Meeting, 6/1/10.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 5:25 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 29, 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