

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 29, 2010

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, June 29, 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 Mark Foldesi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the North Star ATV Club request for reimbursement for insurance on the Beltrami Island State Forest trail was added to the Consent Agenda. Discussion of the 2011 budget procedure and timeline was deferred to the July 6, 2010 Board Meeting. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board acknowledged correspondence from the MN Department of Natural Resources regarding trail hazards on the Bemis Hill Grant-In Aid ATV Trail and correspondence from the Environmental Resources Management regarding an invitation to comment on Historic Properties Affected by a Proposed Tower Site in Wannaska.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved Proceedings from the 6/15/10 Regular Board Meeting; authorized Coordinator Klein to sign the Early Retiree Reinsurance Application; approved the North Star ATV Club request to submit to the MNDNR for reimbursement in the amount of \$1370.65 for insurance on the Beltrami Island State Forest Trail and approved bills for payments as follows:

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 6/17/2010

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
3061.48	CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST CO	1137.26	CENTRAL STATES WIRE PRODUCTS I
331.76	CENTURYLINK	575.06	MICHAEL GERDES
4308.52	LAURE JOHNSON	709.17	MN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE
3197.12	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	350.00	NOEL ELECTRIC
408.00	GREG OLSON	375.00	ROSEAU CO TREASURER
7348.50	SELECT ACCOUNT-VEBA		
	18 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	1,286.97	
	****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$23,088.84 ****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 6/24/2010

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
525.07	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	2011.88	CENEX CREDIT CARDS
656.25	MERITCARE	986.63	MN ENERGY RESOURCES
410.02	ROSEAU ELECTRIC COOP INC		
	5 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	590.19	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$5,180.04	****

WARRANTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 6/24/2010

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
3945.57	SCHOOL DIST 2358	76234.24	SCHOOL DIST 2683
3496.01	SCHOOL DIST 447	116593.01	SCHOOL DIST 676
1030224.13	SCHOOL DIST 682	924080.24	SCHOOL DIST 690
	0 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	.00	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$2,154,573.20	****

WARRANTS APPROVED ON 6/29/2010 FOR PAYMENT 7/02/2010

AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	VENDOR NAME
516.38	ARROWWOOD RESORT	8169.45	AVIANDS LLC
784.00	Cragun's CONFERENCE CENTER	1128.94	D & E SPORT SHOP-ROSEAU
1775.00	RANDY ERICKSON	2508.38	FLEET SERVICES DIVISION
9330.11	GARTNER REFRIGERATION CO	387.59	GRAINGER INC
365.00	PAMELA GRAND	300.00	AARON KVIEN
1293.60	LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER	1325.00	O'NEIL LUND
989.72	MATTSON PHARMACY INC	928.50	MIDWEST MONITORING & SURVEILLA
1931.00	MN SHERIFF'S ASSN	939.39	MULTI OFFICE PRODUCTS INC
7539.41	NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	1193.45	NOVOTNY'S OVERHEAD DOOR SALES
379.00	JEFF PARKER	855.00	R & Q CONTRACTING INC
373.00	RATWIK, ROSZAK & MALONEY, PA	900.00	RELIANCE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS
10781.43	ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT	366.50	STAN'S COMMUNICATIONS INC
12568.28	SYNERGY GRAPHICS	840.60	THE HUNTING SHACK INC
500.00	TW VENDING INC	1690.00	US SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC.
2559.17	VOYAGEURS COMTRONICS CORPORATI	13022.70	WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING
	33 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$300	3,688.11	
****	FINAL TOTAL.....	\$89,928.71	****

9:15 AUDITOR'S OFFICE APPOINTMENT

The Board discussed 2011 budget preparations. Deputy Auditor John Huss informed the Board that the Department Heads have received budget worksheets and requested the Board review the draft budget planning schedule. Deputy Auditor John Huss will request interim Auditor John Hoscheid review the letter and then will make the changes and forward it to Department Heads. The Board agreed to the July 23rd return date and deferred further discussion on this matter until the July 6, 2010 Board Meeting.

The Board deferred the discussion on setting a Primary Election Canvassing Board date and time and appointing commissioners to the serve on the Primary Election Canvassing Board to the July 6, 2010 Board Meeting.

COURT ADMINISTRATOR TERESA MCDONNELL

Court Administrator Teresa McDonnell introduced the new Parents Forever Coordinator Sue Greenhoe. Sue was hired to replace Rachel Krahn after her resignation in May. Ms. McDonnell noted that Ms. Greenhoe's participation in a Master's Program in Family Life Education makes her a perfect fit for this program. The Parents Forever Program is a court mandated program for all divorcing couples in the County with minor children. Currently the program is operating on a negative budget but Court Administrator Teresa McDonnell explained that with an increase in registration fees, changes to the structure of the program and the possibility of grant funding this negative budget will resolve itself in a short amount of time.

Chair Johnston recessed the regular Board Meeting at 9:50 a.m. The regular Board Meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS REPORT

Engineer Brian Ketring met with the Board to request approval on a call for bids on two FEMA ditch repair projects. A motion was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Johnston and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution:

2010-06-05

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby approve a call for bids on FEMA PW No. 265 – Project 5, Judicial Ditch No. 61, Lateral 2, Part 1 in Lake and Norland Townships.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby approve a call for bids on FEMA PW No. 265 – Project 6, Judicial Ditch No. 61, Lateral 2, Part 2 in Spruce Valley Unorganized Township.

Bids will be opened on July 26, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Roseau County Highway Department.

NWRD TRANSPORTATION PLANNER TROY SCHROEDER

Northwest Regional Development Transportation Planner Troy Schroeder met with the Board to give the Board an update on District 2 Road Construction Projects and asked the Board for a wish list of future projects to consider.

The Board discussed the Minnesota Northern Railroad abandonment of the line segment between Warroad and Roseau. The Board asked Mr. Schroeder what the pros and cons would be of the Trailblazers Snowmobile Club purchasing the land versus the County purchasing the land. Mr. Schroeder noted that the chief advantage of the county purchasing the abandoned rail bed would be control of the use and ownership of the rail bed. Mr. Schroeder also informed the Board that it is possible that the MNN would be abandoning the rail bed between Roseau and Badger and possibly even further. If purchased by the Trailblazers, they could sell the property to anyone. Commissioner Johnston expressed concern about this. Johnston stated that it is the county's responsibility to look out for the long term interests of the county. Johnston noted that while it is not known what the intention of the Trailblazers is beyond the development of a snowmobile trail (possibly a multi use trail), they are likely recreation orientated. Johnston noted that if in the future a

new industry were to move to Roseau County that required railroad access, if the rail bed is owned not under county control the county board would not have the authority to insure that the rail bed can be converted back to a rail line.

The Board reviewed the Regional Rail Authority Memo prepared by Assistant County Attorney Mike Grover. The Board agreed that they should proceed forward in establishing a RRA regardless of what transpires with the Warroad to Roseau rail bed. Coordinator Klein was asked to schedule a meeting between the County and with the Trailblazers. Commissioners Falk and Johnston will represent the county.

ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT – TODD MILLER

Due to the previous appointment going over its scheduled time, this appointment was deferred to the July 13, 2010 Board Meeting.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS – MARK BLOOMQUIST

Mark Bloomquist, Minnesota Department of Corrections District 2 Supervisor, met with the Board to give an update on reimbursement rates for probation services; possible implementation of the Duluth Model Domestic Abuse Program; the establishment of an adult restitution program and a Sentencing to Service funding update.

Mr. Bloomquist informed the Board that the Department of Corrections county probation cost for the next contract period increased by less than 1%. Bloomquist advised the Board that due to implementation of the continuum model of supervision, the recidivism rate in Roseau County has dropped from 11.3% to 3.8%. Under this model, the most serious offenders get the highest level of supervision; an average of four visits per month by their probation officer. Motivational interviewing is a technique that has also been introduced made possible through a \$500,000 diversion grant.

Mr. Bloomquist informed the Board that a grant has been received to implement the Duluth Model Domestic Violence program in Roseau County. This model addresses the entire family system.

Mr. Bloomquist informed the Board that additionally a \$608,000 grant was received by the district for continued rural sex offender treatment.

Mr. Bloomquist discussed the implementation of an adult restitution program utilizing supervision fees that would allow offenders to work off restitution increasing the percent of victims who can be made whole. Roseau County currently has a juvenile restitution program. The adult program will be modeled after this program.

Mr. Bloomquist informed the Board that the legislature changed the Sentencing to Service funding formula from a 50:50 cost share ratio to a 75:25 cost share, increasing the counties portion by 25%. Bloomquist noted that the Sentencing to Service provides approximately 2600 hours of community service annually in Roseau County. Mr. Bloomquist requested the Board approve Amendment I of the contract between the State of Minnesota and Roseau County for the Sentencing to Service program that includes the funding formula change. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2010-06-07

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does approve Amendment No. 1 to I-193 between the State of Minnesota and Roseau County for the continuation of the Sentencing to Service contract in the amount of \$18,997.26.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee meetings: Northwest Community Action Committee meeting, 6/17/10; Safety Committee meeting, 6/22/10; Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 6/28/10.

Commissioner Foldesi reported on the following committee meetings: State Ditch No. 72 Joint Ditch Authority and State Ditch No. 95 Joint Ditch Authority informational meeting, 6/22/10.

Commissioner Johnston reported on the following committee meetings: Northwest Regional Development Commission, 6/22/10; Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging, 6/21/10.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meetings: Social Services Board meeting, 6/15/10; County Board Meeting, 6/15/10; Board of Appeal and Equalization, 6/15/10; Land Asset Pilot Project meeting, 6/16/10; Board of Appeal and Equalization 6/22/10; Safety Committee meeting, 6/22/10; County Fair Planning Committee meeting, 6/23/10; TV Translator meeting 6/23/10; HHS Redesign Liaison Committee meeting, 6/24/10; Public Health Committee meeting, 6/28/10; Roseau County Committee on Aging, 6/28/10.

Commissioner Walker had no committee meetings to report.

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the information presented at the Ditch 69 public hearing held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 and discussed what the next steps should be. The Board concurred that the first step is to make a decision as to whether or not, based on the evidence presented; the two miles in question are or are not part of the SD 69 system. If the Board concurs that the two miles is part of the system, Ditch Attorney Kurt Deter will draft a finding of fact and a ditch order.

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

2010-06-06

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby confirm that the 2 mile section commencing at the NE Corner of Section 3, Township 162 North, Range 42 West, thence west to the NW Corner of the NW Quarter of Section 4, in Roseau County, State of Minnesota was and is part of State Ditch No. 69.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize Attorney Kurt Deter to draft findings of fact and order confirming that the 2 mile segment is part of State Ditch No. 69.

The Board discussed how benefits would be determined for the land adjoining this segment not currently assessed ditch tax. According to Attorney Kurt Deter, the Board can order a redetermination of State Ditch No. 69 benefits or under MN Statutes 401, order benefits on non-assessed land or do an outlet benefit fee. It was noted that the Board first has to approve and file the order and wait to see if it is appealed during the 30 day appeal window. Once beyond that time frame and the outcome of any appeal, the Board can determine how to address benefits.

Commissioner Swanson updated the Board on the progress of the Land Asset Pilot Project. Swanson noted that although the process is very slow, forward progress has been made. The committee requested the Board research possible properties for the next trade. The next scheduled meeting of the Land Asset Pilot Committee is Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Board Room.

Commissioner Foldesi asked about plans for a tax-forfeited land sale. Foldesi noted that he has a parcel of land that he would like to see added to the list. Commissioner Foldesi will contact Deputy Auditor Martie Monsrud to find out how to proceed.

The Board discussed attendance at the DEED Summer Road Show. Commissioner Swanson can attend the August 4th session in Hibbing. Commissioner Walker would like to attend the August 18 session in Thief River Falls if his schedule permits. Swanson requested approval to attend the Hibbing session if Walker is not able to attend the Thief River Falls session. A motion to approval Commissioner Swanson's attendance at the DEED Summer Road Show in Hibbing, Minnesota was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the AMC REDESIGN summer workgroup opportunities and appointed Commissioners to their items of interest. AMC recently identified eight high priority issues that will be the focus of its summer REDESIGN activities. They are: Refinement of Waters Governance; Streamlining Planning and Zoning Regulations; Service Delivery Authority Implementation; REDESIGN of Child Support Services; County Revenue Diversification; Ownership Issues on Minnesota's Road Network; REDESIGN of Statewide Law Enforcement and Twin Cities Metropolitan Governance.

The Board discussed Minnesota Counties Insurance Trusts decision to discontinue membership to Community Agencies.

Commissioner Johnston recently attended a Northwest Regional Development Commission Area Agency on Aging. He suggested that Commissioner Foldesi attend these meetings in the future as this committee directly relates to the scope of work covered by the QUIN County Advisory Board which Commissioner Foldesi attends. The Board concurred.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 1:45 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 6, 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