

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 13, 2012

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Russell Walker. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Roger Falk, Mark Foldesi, Glenda Phillipe, Jack Swanson and Russell Walker.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of an extension to the State of Minnesota MotoBridge Grant and approval of a Juneberry Land Lease with Minnesota Department of Transportation were added to the Consent Agenda. Approval of a squad car purchase for the Sheriff’s Department was added to Department Reports. A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Comments or Announcements.

APPROVE BILLS

A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Phillipe and carried unanimously to approve the payment of the following bills:

W a r r a n t s A p p r o v e d F o r P a y m e n t 3 / 0 1 / 2 0 1 2

Vendor Name	Amount
CITY OF ROSEAU	2,344.00
DAVIDSON READY MIX & CONSTRUCTION INC	16,319.21
NW MN SERV COOP-BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	65,775.00
ROSEAU CO TRAILBLAZERS	30,452.10
ROSEAU CO TREASURER	40,238.40
SCHOOL DIST 2683	26,825.60
11 Payments less than \$2,000	\$9,493.74
	Final Total: \$191,448.05

W a r r a n t s A p p r o v e d F o r P a y m e n t 3 / 0 8 / 2 0 1 2

Vendor Name	Amount
CENTURYLINK	3,005.11
JOHNSON/LAURE A	3,526.88
ROSEAU CITY	9,063.12
SATHER LAW OFFICE	3,079.30
SELECT ACCOUNT-VEBA	9,187.29
WARROAD AMBULANCE & RESCUE SQUAD	25,000.00
14 Payments less than \$2,000	\$10,032.37
	Final Total: \$62,894.07

W a r r a n t s A p p r o v e d O n 3 / 1 3 / 2 0 1 2 F o r P a y m e n t
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Vendor Name	Amount
AVIANDS LLC	6,685.79

FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD	4,075.73
HOUSTON ENGINEERING	4,427.80
JOHNSON OIL CO INC	7,335.90
M & R SIGN CO INC	5,517.18
MAR-KIT LANDFILL	27,729.60
MARCO INC	9,656.84
MN DEPT OF CORRECTIONS	18,466.25
MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM-D 462	3,930.80
NORTH AMERICAN SALT COMPANY	8,566.92
NORTHLAND TIRE	7,948.79
ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN	6,161.00
ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT	2,795.88
SJOBORG'S INC	2,718.20
UND FORENSIC PATHOLOGY	2,000.00
ZIEGLER INC	7,972.86

68 Payments less than \$2,000 \$23,794.60
Final Total: \$149,784.14

DELEGATIONS/BOARD APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roseau County Fair Board Secretary Buddy Erickson met with the Board to provide an overview of the 2011 County Fair and also outlined plans for the 2012 County Fair noting planned maintenance and improvement projects for the fairgrounds. Mr. Erickson thanked the Board for their continued support.

Roseau County Trailblazer representatives Rich Gross and Greg Anderson met with the Board seeking approval to submit a Capital Improvement Project Application to assist the club in financing bridge replacement costs. A motion to authorize Chair Walker to sign the Minnesota Snowmobile Trail Assistance Program Capital Improvement Project Application was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously.

The Trailblazers also requested approval of the 3rd Benchmark on the Roseau Trailblazers/BISF#1 Trail. A motion to approve the Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program Maintenance and Grooming 3rd Benchmark was made by Commissioner Phillippe, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously.

The Board heard a citizen comment by Mr. Jim Jenson with regard to re-routing of traffic on County State Aid Highway 3 during the upcoming MnDOT Highway 11 project.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Phillippe and carried unanimously. The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda approved the February 28, 2012 Proceedings; approved a benefit payout to Social Service Supervisor Pat Roth; removed the Juneberry Lease item to County Board items for further discussion and approved the extension to the State of Minnesota MotoBridge Grant.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

County Attorney's Office

County Attorney Karen Foss presented the following policies to the Board for their approval: Policy on Access to Government Data and Fee Schedule for Data Requests; Violence, Threat of Violence and Harassment Policy; and, a Citizen Complaint/Grievance

Policy. A full description of these policies is available in the Coordinator's Office. A motion to adopt the above mentioned policies was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously.

Social Services

Social Services Director Dave Anderson notified the Board of a retirement of an Eligibility Worker within his department and is requesting Board approval to advertise for a replacement for this position. A motion to approve advertising for a Social Services Eligibility Worker was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Phillipe and carried unanimously.

County Auditor

County Auditor Martha Monsrud met with the Board to discuss options related to the proposed re-establishment of Commissioner Districts. Commissioner District boundaries are examined each time a Federal Census is conducted. The County Board has the final authority to either change boundaries or leave them as is. After the completion of the 2010 Census, very slight population changes were indicated in Districts 1 and 5. After further discussion the Board agreed to keep the current Commissioner District boundaries pending a required public hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2012-03-02

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375 establishes the procedure and requires a process for redistricting County Commissioner districts based on population figures from the Federal Census; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute section 204B.135, subd. 2 required that County Commissioner Districts be redistricted within 80 days of when the legislature has been redistricted or at least 15 weeks before the state primary election, whichever comes first; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to these statutes the 2010 Federal Census population figures shall be used to redistrict the Roseau County Commissioner Districts by May 1, 2012, and that Commissioner Districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines; and,

WHEREAS, the Roseau County Board of Commissioners has considered the possibility or potential for maximizing minority representation on the board of commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, Roseau County published a three week notice in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the commissioner's proceedings for the county for 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Roseau County will conduct a public hearing on redistricting on April 10, 2012 at 8:45 am;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby propose that the Commissioner District lines be reestablished and establish the terms of each commission as described below:

Commissioner District No. 1 shall consist of the City of Warroad and the Township of Lake, for a total population of 3,871 as determined by the Year 2010 Census. (4-year term, 2010 Election.)

Commissioner District No. 2 shall consist of the City of Roseau and the Township of Jadis, for a total population of 3,201 as determined by the Year 2010 Census. (4-year term, 2012 Election.)

Commissioner District No. 3 shall consist of the Townships of Dieter, Enstrom, Grimstad, Malung, Palmville, Ross, Spruce, Stafford, Stokes, and Unorganized Townships 164N. Rg. 40W., 163N. Rg. 40W, 164N. Rg. 39W. and 163N. Rg. 39W. (*Spruce Valley*), 164N. Rg. 38W. and 163N. Rg. 38W. (*Norland*), and 164N, Rg. 41W for a total population of 2,866 as determined by the Year 2010 Census. (4-year term, 2010 Election)

Commissioner District No. 4 shall consist of the City of Roosevelt, and the Townships of Beaver, Cedarbend, Falun, Golden Valley, Laona, Mickinock, Moranville, Reine, and Unorganized Townships 161N. Rg. 37W. (*America*), 161N. Rg. 36W. (*Clear River*), 161N. Rg. 35W. (*Oaks*), 160N. Rg. 37W., and 159N. Rg. 37W. (*Elkwood*), for a total population of 2,723 as determined by the Year 2010 Census. (4-year term, 2012 Election)

Commissioner District No. 5 shall consist of the Cities of Badger, Greenbush, and Strathcona, and the Townships of Barnett, Barto, Deer, Dewey, Hereim, Huss, Lind, Moose, Nereson, Pohlitz, Polonia, Poplar Grove, Skagen, Soler, and Unorganized Townships 164N. Rg. 44W. and 163N. Rg. 44W. (*Blooming Valley*), 164N. Rg. 43W., 163N. Rg. 43W. 162N. Rg. 44W. (*Juneberry*), and 164N. Rg. 42W for a total population of 2,723 as determined by the Year 2010 Census. (4-year term, 2010 Election.)

Auditor Monsrud presented the Board with a request from Northwest Community Action seeking approval of a resolution in support of continuing the US Department of Energy's Weatherization Program. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2012-03-01

Whereas, Minnesota is one of the coldest states in the United States (ranking 47th in average annual temperature); and

Whereas, the weatherization of homes is critical to the reduction of energy usage and the introduction of green-house gases into the atmosphere; and

Whereas, the State of Minnesota's DOE Weatherization Program has been very high performing and has met or exceeded all program requirements established by DOE Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) including completion of the program ahead of schedule; and

Whereas, energy related costs (electricity, fuel oil and liquid propane) have increased dramatically over the past few years; and

Whereas, dwellings which have been weatherized under the DOE program in Minnesota have realized a 23% reduction in energy usage; and

Whereas, the DOE Weatherization Program has been the second greatest creator of jobs under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA); and

Whereas, the primary beneficiaries of the Weatherization Program have been low-income households who can least afford higher energy costs and are unable to afford making the necessary weatherization improvements.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners go on record as strongly opposing the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) decision to provide no funding to the State of Minnesota in FY 2012;

Be It Further Resolved that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners request that DOE reconsider this decision and take the necessary steps to re-establish adequate funding to the State of Minnesota;

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be immediately forwarded to the State of Minnesota's Congressional delegation with a request that they intervene on behalf of the State to help assure that weatherization funding is re-established in Minnesota for FY 2012.

Auditor Monsrud requested the Board approve a liquor license application for the Warroad Area Golf Association. A motion was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Phillipe and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2012-03-03

BE IT RESOLVED that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby grant a liquor license to:

Warroad Area Golf Association, Inc. an On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License, and Sunday Liquor License.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said licenses are effective March 13, 2012, through January 31, 2013, and recommends that said licenses be approved by the Lake Township Board and Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Director as applicable.

Sheriff's Department

Roseau County Captain Tobi Eidsmoe met with the Board to request approval to purchase a used squad car for the Sheriff's Department. A motion to approve the purchase of a 2009 Crown Victoria in the amount of \$9,500.00 was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously.

COUNTY BOARD ITEMS

The Board consulted with Engineer Ketring in regard to the Land Lease in Juneberry Township for a MnDOT tower. Ketring stated that he had no objections to the lease. A motion to approve the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation Land Lease No. 97855 in Juneberry Township was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously.

The Board discussed moving forward with a Board/Department Head Retreat to be facilitated by Toni Smith of the Association of Minnesota Counties. A motion to approve

holding a Board/Department Head Retreat in Roseau, was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously.

The Board discussed a proposed resolution in support of Small Logging Operations submitted for approval by the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board. There was no action was taken.

The Board discussed funding options for the Roseau County Teen Journey Program. Current funding for this program will conclude in September, 2012. Marc Bloomquist, Minnesota Department of Corrections, is exploring grant funds that may be available through the DOC. This matter was be tabled until a later date.

Carolyn Drude of Ehlers and Associates met with Interim Coordinator Jeff Pelowski, Auditor Martha Monsrud and Treasurer Diane Gregerson regarding refinancing options available for the County's Jail Bonds. The Board agreed to invite Ms. Drude to the March 27, 2012 Board meeting for further discussion.

Commissioner Phillipe requested the Board consider supporting a Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus request for support of legislative action eliminating the 25% local match and \$500,000 per project cap requirements pertaining to park and trail legacy projects. It is understood that these requirements only exist for non-metro counties. A motion to approve MRCC's request for legislative action was made by Commissioner Phillipe, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee meeting(s): Roseau River Watershed District, 2/29/12; Transportation Alliance, 3/5/12; Sheriff's Committee, 3/6/12; Courthouse Department Head meeting, 3/6/12; Operations Committee, 3/7/12; DNR Land Asset Pilot Project, 3/8/12.

Commissioner Foldesi had no meetings to report.

Commissioner Phillipe reported on the following committee meeting(s): Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging, 2/1/12; Sheriff's Committee, 2/7/12; Courthouse Department Head Meeting, 2/7/12; DNR Land Asset Pilot Project, 2/9/12; Legacy Workshop, 2/9/12; Warroad City Council 2/13/12; Warroad School Board, 2/13/12; Warroad Parks and Rec, 2/13/12; Roseau County Board, 2/14/12; Highway Committee, 2/14/12; Roseau County Committee on Aging, 2/14/12; Social Services Board, 2/21/12; DNR Land Asset Pilot Project, 2/21/12; Legacy/DNR Parks and Trails Advisory Committee, 2/27/12; Warroad Watershed District, 2/29/12; One Woman 2012, 3/4/12; Sheriff's Committee, 3/6/12; Courthouse Department Head Meeting, 3/6/12; Operations Committee, 3/7/12; Warroad City Council, 3/12/12; Warroad School Board, 3/12/12.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meeting(s): Roseau County Township Officers Annual Meeting, 2/28/12; Roseau Economic Development Authority, 2/29/12; Collaborative Governance Council, 2/29/12; Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board, 3/1/12; Roseau Convention and Visitors Bureau, 3/5/12; Roseau City Council, 3/5/12; Sheriff's Committee, 3/6/12; Courthouse Department Head Meeting, 3/7/12; Operations Committee, 3/7/12; Community Justice Coordinating Committee, 3/7/12; Land Asset Pilot Project, 3/8/12.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee meeting(s): Sheriff Committee, 3/6/12; Courthouse Department Head Meeting, 3/6/12; Operations Committee, 3/7/12; DNR Land Asset Pilot Project, 3/8/12, Lake of the Woods Watershed Meeting, 3/9/12.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 12:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 27, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Jeff Pelowski, Interim County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

Russell Walker, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Roseau County, Minnesota