

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 29, 2013

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, January 29, 2013.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Roger Falk. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Roger Falk, Mark Foldesi, Todd Miller, and Jack Swanson. Commissioner Phillippe was excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Discussion on a diesel fuel contract; update on a County Labor Attorney conference call and discussion on comp time was added to County Board items. A forthwith payment was added to the payment of bills. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Swanson shared a memo from AMC President Jeff Spartz regarding potential legislation that would require all County Commissioners in the State to conform with existing public official disclosure and reporting requirements under the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

The Board acknowledged correspondence from the Minnesota Heartland Tourism Association with regard to 2013 membership.

APPROVE BILLS

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

Warrants Approved For Payment 1/17/2013

Vendor Name	Amount
DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO	2,464.27
10 Payments less than 2,000.00	2,344.74
Final Total:	4,809.01

Warrants Approved For Payment 1/24/2013

Vendor Name	Amount
DAVIDSON READY MIX & CONSTRUCTION INC	9,981.77
MN DEPT OF FINANCE -TREAS	3,354.00
MN ENERGY RESOURCES	5,164.73
WARROAD CITY	26,745.10
7 Payments less than 2,000.00	4,715.65
Final Total:	49,961.25

Warrants Approved On 1/29/2013 For Payment 2/01/2013

Vendor Name	Amount
AVIANDS LLC	6,887.63
HOFFMAN DALE & SWENSON PLLC	3,375.00
HOUSTON ENGINEERING	2,135.50
LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER	6,411.01
MANAGED DESIGN, LLC	2,690.00
MN DEPT OF CORRECTIONS STS	28,917.00

MN DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT	4,168.57
MN RURAL COUNTIES CAUCUS	2,135.00
NORTHERN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE	2,337.89
ST LOUIS COUNTY AUDITOR	2,000.00
WEST CENTRAL INDEXING LLC	2,000.00
37 Payments less than 2,000.00	14,510.74
Final Total:	77,568.34

A forthwith payment to Shopko, for supplies in the amount of \$19.53, was also approved.

DELEGATIONS/BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Executive Director Lee Meier of the Northwest Minnesota Housing and Rehabilitation Authority (HRA) met with the Board to review HRA activities and to request Board support in pursuing a five year extension of the current HRA levy which will sunset in 2013. A motion to draft a letter of support was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried unanimously.

Auditor Monsrud met with the Board to present a request for approval of the re-purchase of a tax forfeited parcel. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2013-01-05

WHEREAS, an application for the repurchase of tax-forfeited lands, submitted by Karen J. DeFrang Dethmers, described as:

Lot Six (6) of Block Two (2) in Greenland, a subdivision in the SW¹/₄ of the NE¹/₄ of Section Thirty-three (33), Township One Hundred Sixty-three (163) North, Range Thirty-six (36) West, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Roseau County, Minnesota.

has been presented to the Roseau County Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, Karen J. DeFrang Dethmers does make the statement in the application for repurchase that hardship and injustice has resulted because of the forfeiture of said land due to loss in hours of employment and illness.

WHEREAS, the repurchase of said land by the applicant will promote and best serve the public interest because she will keep the land in its natural state and someday hope to improve the land for her residence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the application for repurchase of said tax-forfeited lands as submitted by Karen J. DeFrang Dethmers and acknowledges that the statements made therein are true and correct.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval of this application is subject to the payment in full of all delinquent taxes, penalty, interest, costs, and other charges required for the issuance of a State Deed for a total of \$603.90, payable to the Roseau County Treasurer by cash or cashier's check, on or before January 29, 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Miller seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously. The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the January 15, 2013 Proceedings; approved the Joint Powers Agreement between the Roseau County Soil and Water Conservation District and Roseau County for the administration of the Wetland Conservation Act which will remain in effect until December 31, 2013; acknowledged the MN DNR Division of Parks and Trails letter regarding the 2013 Funding Reductions for the Minnesota Trails Assistance Program; approved a Social Services Personal Leave Request; and, approved the hire of Allison Waage as a Social Worker, Grade 7, Step A.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway

Engineer Ketring met with the Board to request approval to purchase a motor grader and a tandem truck.

A motion to purchase a John Deere 772GP from Nortrax LLC for a net cost of \$149,770.35 with tax and equipment along with additional equipment (packer) in the amount of \$24,239.25 was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried unanimously

A motion to purchase an International Tandem Sterling Snowplow Truck for a net cost of \$89,773.29 with Towmaster truck equipment in the amount of \$87,545.59, was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously.

COUNTY BOARD ITEMS

Assessor Oath of Office

Board Chair Falk administered the Assessor Oath of Office to Assessor Al Heim.

RCHS One Woman Nomination

The Board discussed possible "One Woman 2013" nominations and will confirm this nomination at the February 12, 2013 Board meeting.

Probation Officer Funding

The Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers (MAPCO) is actively seeking an increase in the legislative appropriation that reimburses 55 Minnesota Counties for their probation officers salaries. MN Statute 244.19, sub. 6 requires the legislature to approve sufficient funds to reimburse these counties for 50% of their approved expenses. The latest reimbursement was 31%. MAPCO is requesting Board support of a resolution appropriating sufficient funds for the next biennium to reimburse at the 50% level. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2013-01-06

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 244.19 subdivision 6 outlines a process for State reimbursement to participating counties of 50% of the previous year's expenditure for their probation officer salaries, and

WHEREAS, 27 County Probation Officer counties and 28 Department of Corrections Contract counties participate in this process, and

WHEREAS, appropriations from the State have steadily decreased from 50% in 1996 to an all-time low of 31% in FY12, and

WHEREAS, the 55 counties participating in this process have been forced to absorb the \$2,963,000 deficit in the FY12 reimbursement funding for their probation officers, and

WHEREAS, the 2013 legislative session will be establishing the FY14 and FY15 appropriation for probation officer salary reimbursement for these 55 counties, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers has been working with the Department of Corrections and legislative staff to ensure that an accurate FY14 and FY15 appropriation amount is determined, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners strongly requests the 2013 Minnesota Legislature to appropriate sufficient funds to reimburse the 55 participating counties for the full 50% of the cost of their probation officer salaries.

Diesel Fuel Contract

CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski met with the Board to discuss a 2013 Diesel Fuel Contract with Johnson Oil. A motion to approve a contract with Johnson Oil, to provide diesel fuel for the Transfer Station, effective February 1, 2013 through January 31, 2014, at a rate of \$3.534 per gallon, plus applicable taxes, fees and surcharges, was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried unanimously.

Labor Attorney Update

The Board requested an update from CC/ESD Pelowski concerning a recent conference call with the County Labor Attorney. The Attorney reaffirmed that, based on the circumstances and the provisions outlined in the Uniform Hiring Policy, the existing temporary position must be advertised for if it is to be reclassified as a regular position.

Compensation Time

Commissioner Falk requested reports of accrued compensation time for each County department. Falk requested this report on a monthly basis at the second County Board meeting of each month and asked that this report be included in the proceedings. The Board discussed possible changes to the current County Compensation Policy and will continue this discussion during labor negotiations.

January 2013 Comp Time Activity Report

Department	Beginning Balance	Accrued	Taken	Payout	Ending Balance
Auditor	17.50		10.75		6.75
Assessor	228.38				228.38
Attorney	3.84				3.84
Sheriff	734.50	87.39	39.50	50.00	732.39
Jail	359.46	107.25	22.00		444.71
Highway Maintenance	1,768.06	595.88	624.25	175.00	1,564.69
Highway Construction	459.75	30.38	52.00		438.13
Highway Administration	101.98	0.75			102.73

Highway Equip. Maint. & Shop	46.33	9.00	17.50		37.83
Income Maintenance	1.13	6.75			7.88
Social Services	33.32	1.88	21.63		13.57
Environmental / Transfer Station	323.86	3.00	18.00		308.86
Total	4,078.11	842.28	805.63	225.00	3,889.76

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee(s): Sheriff Committee, 1/22/13; Social Services Board, 1/22/13; Performance Reviews, 1/22/13; Joint Powers Natural Resources Board, 1/28/13.

Commissioner Foldesi had no meetings to report.

Commissioner Miller reported on the following committee(s): Warroad School Board, 1/15/13; Sheriff Committee, 1/22/13; Social Services Board, 1/22/13; New Commissioner Training, 1/22 – 1/24/13; AMC Policy Committee Meeting, 1/25/13; Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 1/28/13.

Commissioner Phillipe submitted the following committee reports: Roseau County Committee on Aging, 1/21/13; Sheriff Committee, 1/22/13; Social Services Board, 1/22/13; Performance Reviews, 1/22/13; Warroad Community Park, 1/22/13; Legacy Advisory Committee, 1/24/13.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee(s): Northwest Minnesota Housing and Redevelopment Authority, 1/16/13; AMC Board of Directors, 1/18/13; Roseau County Committee on Aging, 1/21/13; Quin Community Health Board, 1/21/13; Roseau Civic & Commerce Banquet, 1/21/13; Sheriff Committee, 1/22/13; Social Services Board, 1/22/13; Performance Reviews, 1/22/13; Northwest Regional Radio Board, 1/22/13; Roseau School Board, 1/24/13; Department of Human Services Webinar on MnChoice, 1/25/13.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 12:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

 Jeff Pelowski, County Coordinator
 Roseau County, Minnesota

 Roger Falk, Board Chair
 Board of County Commissioners
 Roseau County, Minnesota