

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 26, 2013

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, March 26, 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, Glenda Phillipe and Jack Swanson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of a Rural Business Enterprise Grant Application was added to the Consent Agenda; a discussion on beaver bounty was added to County Board items. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Phillipe and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Monsrud informed the Board of an upcoming Land Asset meeting on April 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

CC/ESD Pelowski informed the Board that due to a decline in revenue caused by low snow levels in the 2011/2012 winter season, the MnDNR will be reducing GIA Trail Reimbursement for the Roseau County Trailblazers by 10%. This reduction will be taken from the fourth benchmark payment.

Commissioner Phillipe recognized Commissioner Miller for testifying on March 12, 2013 in support of ditch tax legislation and thanked Commissioner Swanson for the work he does with the Association of Minnesota Counties.

Commissioner Falk also recognized Commissioner Miller for testifying on March 12, 2013 and acknowledged Commissioner Swanson's candidacy for 2nd Vice President of the Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Directors.

APPROVE BILLS

A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Swanson 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 / 1 4 / 2 0 1 3	
Vendor Name	Amount
MN DEPT OF FINANCE –TREAS	2,398.50
5 Payments less than 2,000.00	942.57
Final Total:	3,341.07

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 / 2 1 / 2 0 1 3	
Vendor Name	Amount
8 Payments less than 2,000.00	4,821.62
Final Total:	4,821.62

W a r r a n t s A p p r o v e d O n
3 / 2 6 / 2 0 1 3 F o r P a y m e n t
3 / 2 9 / 2 0 1 3

Vendor Name	Amount
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	2,605.57
AVIANDS LLC	6,890.12
NORTHERN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE	4,205.54
RATWIK, ROSZAK & MALONEY, PA	2,293.50
ROSEAU CITY	2,611.19
ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT	4,754.63
37 Payments less than 2,000.00	14,776.51
Final Total:	38,137.06

DELEGATIONS/BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Debra Sletten, Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust Risk Consultant

Ms. Sletten met with the Board to present the 2012 MCIT Report. (A copy of this report is available in the Coordinator's office.)

Rod Kjersten, Northwest Regional Library Board Representative

Mr. Kjersten met with the Board to provide an annual update on the three Roseau County libraries and summarized activities within the regional library system. Mr. Kjersten noted interviews have been conducted for the open NWRLB Director position and that the committee anticipates filling this position in the near future.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Phillipe, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried unanimously. The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the March 12, 2013 Board Proceedings; approved a Subordination Agreement on a Small Cities Development Program-Repayment Agreement; approved a three (3) year Fire Protection Agreement between the City of Roseau and Unorganized Townships (159-37,160-37, 163-38, 163-39, 163-40, 164-38, 164-39, 164-40) in the amount of \$2,344.00 per year; approved the transfer of title on Roseau County's permanent easement along the Railroad Corridor to the Roseau County Trailblazers; acknowledged the March, 2013 Comp Activity Report, and approved resolution #2013-03-01 in support of submitting an application for a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant in the amount of \$99,900.00.

COUNTY BOARD ITEMS

Commissioner Swanson has agreed to run for Second Vice President of the Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Directors. Board support is required for Commissioner Swanson to pursue this position. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2013-03-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board supports the efforts of Commissioner Jack Swanson as he pursues the Association of Minnesota Counties Office of Second Vice President.

The Board discussed representation during the 2013 labor negotiations. A motion to appoint Commissioners Falk and Foldesi as the Board Representatives to the County's Labor Negotiation Committee was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Foldesi requested the Board consider increasing the amount of reimbursement allowed for trapping beaver in the County. Foldesi informed the Board that surrounding Counties have a larger reimbursement per beaver and would like to pay trappers within the County fairly, in an effort to adequately control the beaver population. A motion to increase the bounty from \$25.00 to \$40.00, per beaver trapped, was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Miller and carried unanimously.

A motion to further amend the agenda to consider a legislative support letter and a Board resolution was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Phillipe requested the Board approve drafting a letter in support of the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails funding formula. The Board, by consensus, approved this request. CC/ESD Pelowski will draft the letter for Board Chair Falk's signature.

The Board discussed a resolution in support of legislative action which would provide adequate funding for the Minnesota Statewide Transportation System. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Phillipe and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

2013-03-02

Whereas, Minnesota counties have had to rely increasingly on the property tax to maintain roads and bridges; and

Whereas, the annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance, delaying expansion projects with resulting safety concerns, mounting congestion, and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters; and

Whereas, the rural road networks in the state must be adequate to bring goods to market; and

Whereas, transportation-related jobs put over \$2.8 billion in the pockets of Minnesotans and generated almost \$195 million in income tax revenue in 2011; and

Whereas, according to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), every \$1 billion invested in highway construction would support approximately 27,800 jobs; and

Whereas, the overall transportation and transit needs for Minnesota exceed \$2.5 billion dollars per year for the next twenty years; and

Whereas, transportation funding comes primarily from user fees and are constitutionally dedicated to transportation purposes; and

Whereas, the wheelage fee and local option sales tax for transportation should be options for all County Boards to implement to meet their specific County needs; and

Whereas, a comprehensive transportation solution should include funding for roads, bridges and transit, and address the varying needs in different parts of the state;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's statewide transportation system.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee(s): Social Services Board, 3/19/13; AMC Legislative Conference, 3/19 – 3/21/13; Hazard Readiness Webinar, 3/25/13.

Commissioner Foldesi reported on the following committee(s): Social Services Board, 3/19/13.

Commissioner Miller reported on the following committee(s): Legislative Committee Hearing, 3/12/13; Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus, 3/19/13; AMC Legislative Conference, 3/19 – 3/21/13; Ditch Tax meeting with Senator Marty, 3/21/13.

Commissioner Phillippe reported on the following committee(s): Roseau County Committee on Aging, 3/12/13; Lake Township Board, 3/12/13; AMC Legislative Conference, 3/19 – 3/21/13; Warroad City Council, 3/25/13; Warroad School Board, 3/25/13.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee(s): Northwest Regional Radio Board, 3/13/13; Statewide Radio Finance Committee, 3/14/13; CJCC Coalition meeting, 3/14/13; Legislative Committee (St. Paul) 3/15/13; Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Director's (St. Paul), 3/15/13; Roseau County Committee on Aging, 3/18/13; Public Health Committee, 3/18/13; Roseau County Extension Committee, 3/18/13; Social Services Board, 3/19/13; Highway Committee, 3/19/13; Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board, 3/20/13; Greater Minnesota Advisory Panel (St. Paul) 3/20/13; AMC Legislative Conference, 3/19 - 3/21/13; Volunteer Workforce Meeting, 3/25/13.

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