

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 27, 2013

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, August 27, 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

A discussion on the conflict of interest issue was added to Department Reports for County Attorney; amendment of a PILT resolution; and a discussion on AMC’s September Policy Committee Meeting itinerary was added to County Board Items. A motion to approve the amended Agenda was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Phillipe distributed an article from *Community Transportation* which highlighted the services of Far North Transit. CC/ESD Pelowski reminded the Board of the Minnesota Power Open Houses to be held in Roseau, Warroad and Baudette. Commissioner Falk stated that he is aware of complaints filed against Falk Farms and that upon completion of the investigation he will be submitting a letter to local papers.

APPROVE BILLS

Auditor Monsrud informed the Board that the Highway Department requested the invoice for JD63 charges be withheld from the original claim and then paid at a later date.

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 8 / 1 5 / 2 0 1 3**

Vendor Name	Amount
COMMITTEE ON AGING	13,575.55
MN DEPT OF FINANCE -TREAS	2,530.50
SATHER LAW OFFICE	4,349.86
6 Payments less than 2,000.00	1,405.81
Final Total:	21,861.72

**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 8 / 2 2 / 2 0 1 3**

Vendor Name	Amount
RIVERFRONT STATION	4,364.44
ROSEAU CO TRAILBLAZERS	14,176.71
SCHOOL DIST 682	18,917.35
SCHOOL DIST 690	55,160.99
TOWN OF BEAVER	3,418.80
WYNNE CONSULTING INC	2,550.00

17 Payments less than 2,000.00	7,732.60
Final Total:	106,320.89

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Vendor Name	Amount
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	3,253.26
NORTHERN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE	3,014.28
REESE RENTAL-DBA	16,920.00
ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT	19,029.82
ROSEAU CO SOIL & WATER CONS	8,807.14
37 Payments less than 2,000.00	14,086.40
Final Total:	65,110.90

DELEGATIONS/BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Lee Meier, Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing & Rehabilitation Authority

Executive Director Lee Meier met with the Board to provide a 2013 program review and financial information. Meier noted that the HRA has made many housing opportunities available for the region with assistance in rental payments, home loan down-payments and housing rehabilitation loans.

Auditor Colleen Hoffman, Hoffman Dale and Swenson, PLLC

Manager Colleen Hoffman met with the Board to present Roseau County's 2012 Government Audit, (on file in the Auditor's Office).

Public Comment

Joe and Anita Laurin met with the Board to discuss options for moving forward with culvert placement on Roseau River Watershed Ditch #3 (WD 3). Roseau River Watershed Administrator Tracey Halstensgard and Roseau County Highway Engineer Brian Ketring were also in attendance. Mr. Laurin requested the Board consider adopting a resolution which would approve sharing the cost (between Roseau County and the RRWD) of paying Houston Engineering for a hydrologic study on WD 3. Mr. Laurin explained that this study is needed in order to gather the appropriate scientific information necessary to make a decision on the proper culvert placement to assist in water flow from WD3 to SD69. The Board requested the Roseau River Watershed Board clearly define their proposed project, providing scientific evidence with regard to proper culvert placement. The Board also noted that Minnesota Statutes clearly defines the process for ditch improvements and that this process must be followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously. The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the August 13, 2013 Board Proceedings with the correction indicating that Chair Falk abstained from voting on the conflict of interest discussion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

County Attorney Karen Foss

County Attorney Karen Foss met with the Board to notify them that she will not be pursuing an external investigation with the Clearwater County Attorney's Office because of Commissioner Miller's communication with that office prior to them receiving the completed investigation. Attorney Foss stated that she will decide whether to outsource the matter to

another County concerning the ongoing Falk Farm's Conflict of Interest case. Ms. Foss noted that upon receipt of any Investigation Report a Summary of Findings will be provided to the Board.

Commissioner Miller stated that opinions from Pennington and Clearwater County(s) should be secured prior to the completion of the investigation and he requested the Board Proceedings contain the following statement: "The County Attorney is conflicted in this and should have no part in it."

COUNTY BOARD ITEMS

Commissioner Miller requested the Board amend resolution #2009-09-08 to include Unorganized Oakes Township (161N., 35W) to the list of Unorganized Township entitled to PILT payments. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried unanimously to adopt the following amended resolution:

2013-08-04

WHEREAS, pursuant to M.S. 477A.14 Subdivision 1 (b), payments for natural resources lands not located in an Organized Township shall be deposited in the County general revenue fund, and

WHEREAS, the County may allocate the amount determined to be necessary for maintenance of roads in Unorganized Townships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby allocates the 2014 Natural Resources Land Payment in Lieu of Property Taxes to the following Unorganized Townships: Twp. 161N., Rg. 35W (Oakes); Twp. 161N., Rg. 36W. (Clear River); Twp. 161N., Rg. 37W. (America); Twp. 162N., Rg. 44W. (Juneberry); Twp. 163N., Rg. 38W. (Norland); Twp. 163N., Rg. 39W. (Spruce Valley); Twp. 163N., Rg. 40W. (Jadis); Twp. 163N., Rg. 43W.; Twp. 163N., Rg. 44W. (Blooming Valley); Twp. 164N., Rg. 39W. (Spruce Valley); and Twp. 164N., Rg. 44W. (Blooming Valley).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no allocation will be made to the Unorganized Townships that do not have Township roads.

The Board discussed attendance at the AMC Policy Committee Meeting sessions being held September 6, 2013 in Alexandria, MN.

Commissioner Committee Reports

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee(s): Social Services Board, 8/20/13; Highway Committee, 8/20/13; Red River Basin Commission, 8/22/13.

Commissioner Foldesi reported on the following committee(s): Quin County Community Board, 8/26/13.

Commissioner Miller reported on the following committee(s): Roseau River International Watershed, 8/15/13; MRCC Conference Call, 8/16/13; Social Services Board, 8/20/13; Highway Committee, 8/20/13; Warroad School Board, 8/21/13; Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 8/25/13.

Commissioner Phillipe reported on the following committee(s): Lake Township, 8/14/13; Warroad City Council, 8/26/13.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee(s): Northwest Regional Radio Board, 8/14/13; Jadis Town Board, 8/14/13; Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Directors, 8/15 – 8/16/13; Roseau County Committee on Aging, 8/19/13; Social Services Board, 8/20/13; Highway Committee, 8/20/13; AMC Lean Kaizen Training, 8/22/13; Roseau County Affordable Housing Committee, 8/22/13; Roseau County Health Fair Planning Committee, 8/26/13.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 12:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Jeff Pelowski, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

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