

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 25, 2014

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, February 25, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A discussion on legislative priorities was added to County Board Items; the Social Services hire was removed from the Consent Agenda and added to County Board items; and, an Environmental Department discussion was added to County Board items. A motion to approve the amended Agenda was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Foldesi noticed chipping on the railing in the front of the Courthouse due to snow shoveling. STS will be contacted to make this repair.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

Warrants Approved For Payment 2/13/2014

Vendor Name	Amount
TOWN OF BARNETT	18,781.38
TOWN OF BARTO	17,596.21
TOWN OF BEAVER	6,226.36
TOWN OF CEDARBEND	11,621.74
TOWN OF DEER	17,856.16
TOWN OF DEWEY	10,313.16
TOWN OF DIETER	15,757.17
TOWN OF ENSTROM	21,132.73
TOWN OF FALUN	14,458.29
TOWN OF GOLDEN VALLEY	11,829.28
TOWN OF GRIMSTAD	12,613.34
TOWN OF HEREIM	15,431.70
TOWN OF HUSS	11,732.92
TOWN OF JADIS	34,816.63
TOWN OF LAKE	67,125.01
TOWN OF LAONA	25,684.82
TOWN OF LIND	12,534.73
TOWN OF MALUNG	21,364.71
TOWN OF MICKINOCK	18,876.46
TOWN OF MOOSE	13,284.97
TOWN OF MORANVILLE	35,500.90
TOWN OF NERESON	13,203.40
TOWN OF PALMVILLE	6,154.93
TOWN OF POHLITZ	5,334.11
TOWN OF POLONIA	13,997.18

TOWN OF POPLAR GROVE	9,006.27
TOWN OF REINE	6,366.26
TOWN OF ROSS	22,300.51
TOWN OF SKAGEN	18,158.77
TOWN OF SOLER	12,347.06
TOWN OF SPRUCE	25,390.28
TOWN OF STAFFORD	16,364.11
TOWN OF STOKES	18,201.45
Final Total:	581,363.00

Warrants Approved For Payment 2/13/2014

Vendor Name	Amount
CENTURYLINK	2,606.80
MN DEPT OF FINANCE –TREAS	2,395.50
ROSEAU CO SOIL & WATER CONS	44,514.00
5 Payments less than 2,000.00	4,128.16
Final Total:	53,644.46

Warrants Approved For Payment 2/20/2014

Vendor Name	Amount
ROSEAU CO TRAILBLAZERS	28,490.20
10 Payments less than 2,000.00	3,665.78
Final Total:	32,155.98

Warrants Approved On 2/25/2014 For Payment 2/28/2014

Vendor Name	Amount
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	3,472.64
FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD	7,608.78
JOHNSON OIL CO INC	7,256.10
MN DEPT OF CORRECTIONS	28,262.92
MN RURAL COUNTIES CAUCUS	2,135.00
NORTHERN CONSTRUCTION CO INC	2,593.60
NORTHERN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE	25,234.22
RATWIK, ROSZAK & MALONEY, PA	3,949.90
SIMPLEX GRINNELL LP	2,820.00
WEST CENTRAL INDEXING LLC	2,000.00
38 Payments less than 2,000.00	12,582.01
Final Total:	97,915.17

In addition, a forthwith payment to Charles Health in the amount of \$240.00, for beaver removal on Ditch 63, was also approved.

DELEGATIONS/BOARD APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Doran Horner addressed the Board regarding concerns he has with Mr. Jim Jenson's Letters to the Editor pertaining to removal of gravel from County pits. Mr. Horner requested facts instead of rumors with regard to this investigation. In addition, Mr. Horner submitted a letter to the Board with regard to Highway Engineer Ketring and requested the Board follow policy when any County employee is under public scrutiny.

Sheriff Gust responded to Mr. Horner stating that Kittson County was investigating the gravel removal because the complaint involved a Commissioner. Sheriff Gust also stated that Jim Jenson had permission to remove gravel from County pits.

Mr. Jim Jenson addressed the Board with regard to the quality of gravel on County roads and his frustration with obtaining public information pertaining to the cost of crushing this gravel. Jenson noted he has filed a complaint of nonfeasance against the Board with Sheriff Gust.

Mr. Merlin Nelson addressed the Board to discuss an insurance claim the County submitted to MCIT on his behalf for vehicle damage due to a rock strike.

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 February 11, 2014 Board Proceedings; approved the Northwest Minnesota Regional Emergency Communications Board Joint Powers Agreement Amendment Resolution; approved a personal leave request; approved the Northland Community and Technical College Safety Training Contract for 2014 for the County Highway Department staff; and, passed resolution #2014-02-02 granting a liquor license to Warroad Estates, LLC, pending approval of the Lake Township Board.

COUNTY BOARD ITEMS

Legislative Priorities

The Board discussed submitting the following list of priorities for discussion at the Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus meeting on February 25, 2014: 1) Bonding for the Local Road Improvement Program; 2) Exempt Assessors from Continuing Education Requirements; 3) Workforce Housing Assistance; 4) Clean Water Act Provisions; 5) Continue MA Payments for Inmates; and, 6) Northern Counties Land Use Board Priorities.

Social Worker Hire

Commissioner Foldesi inquired as to the necessity of hiring another Social worker. Director Dave Anderson explained that the State of Minnesota is requiring Special Needs Basic Care clients to enroll in the Medica Health Plan. Medica is contracting with the County to provide Care Coordination Services. The County will be paid for providing these services making this a cost neutral position. Services to Basic Care clients will include assistance in setting up medical appointments, transportation needs, etc. Mr. Anderson also indicated that this position will assist with Children's Mental Health and MnChoices as time permits.

A motion to approve advertising for the Social Worker position was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried by a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Foldesi opposed.

Environmental Office

Commissioner Foldesi requested clarification on how contracts are awarded for appliance crushing at the Transfer Station. Jeff Pelowski explained that quotes are obtained and the job is given to the contractor with the best overall quote.

Commissioner Foldesi questioned the need for the Environmental Reserve Fund balance. Mr. Pelowski explained that the balance in this fund is needed to prepare for the installation of monitoring wells, future facility closure costs and unexpected equipment purchases. Pelowski noted that the Solid Waste budget has remained neutral for almost 20 years.

Commissioner Committee Reports

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee(s): Minnesota Power Open House, 2/11/14; Roseau County Credit Card Committee, 2/11/14; Building Committee, 2/14/14; Social Services Board, 2/18/14; Highway Committee, 2/18/14; Roseau County Township Officers Association meeting, 2/18/14.

Commissioner Foldesi reported on the following committee(s): Social Services Board, 2/18/14; Roseau County Township Officers Association meeting, 2/18/14; Highway Committee, 2/18/14; Northwest Community Action, 2/20/14; meeting with Greenbush Mayor and Greenbush City Council member regarding the Highway Shop in Greenbush, 2/24/14.

Commissioner Miller reported on the following committee(s): Beltrami Island Land Utilization Project Citizen Input Panel, 2/6/14; Con Con Drainage Workshop Group meeting, 2/7/14; meeting with Senator Skoe regarding back assessments on Con Con systems, 2/11/14; State Representative Dan Fabian Town Hall Meeting, 2/13/14; Social Services Board, 2/18/14; Highway Committee, 2/18/14; Roseau County Township Officers Association meeting, 2/18/14; Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 2/24/14.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee(s): Roseau County Credit Card Committee, 2/11/14; Northwest Regional Radio Board, 2/12/14; State Representative Dan Fabian Town Hall meeting, 2/13/14; AMC Executive Committee, 2/14/14; Roseau County Committee on Aging, 2/17/14; Social Services Board, 2/18/14; Highway Committee, 2/18/14; Public Health Committee, 2/18/14; Roseau School Board, 2/18/14; NW Minnesota Household Hazardous Waste JPB, 2/19/14; AMC/MACO Teleconference, 2/19/14; Jadis Town Board, 2/19/14; Roseau County Affordable Housing Fund Committee, 2/20/14; AMC Board of Directors, 2/21/14.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 10:35 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Jeff Pelowski, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

Glenda Phillipe, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Roseau County, Minnesota