

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 4, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on March 4, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Board Chair Jack Swanson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Jack Swanson, Alan Johnston, Russell Walker, Mark Foldesi and Orris Rasmussen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of performance based grant for Pelan and BISF Section 1 Trails was removed from the Consent Agenda and added to Discussion. Setting the date for a public hearing on the County Ditch #69 petition was deferred until the March 11th meeting. Approval of forthwith payments was added to the consent agenda. Cable TV interference, Sheriff's Posse, and Sheriff's Office communication regarding snow plowing was added to the 10:15 Sheriff's Office appointment. Acknowledgement of a correspondence from Barto Township Supervisor Kenny Chruszch was added to discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Johnston, and carried unanimously.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the hire of Michael Johnston as Information Technology Specialist at a Grade 6 Step A.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the hire of Nathan Cossentine to fill the remainder of the COPS Grant Deputy Sheriff position at a Grade 7 Step A.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved forthwith payments as follows: \$5,283.55; \$395; \$120; and \$242.48.

TREASURER – DIANE GREGERSON

Treasurer Diane Gregerson met with the Board. Ms. Gregerson gave an overview of the Treasurer's Office day to day activities. Ms. Gregerson informed the Board that the work load related to vital statistics has increased dramatically since her office assumed this responsibility noting that the new border crossing regulations have significantly increased the number of passport and passcard applications filed in Roseau County. In 2005 the Treasurer's Office processed 2,789 requests for documents. In 2007 that number rose to 3,787. Ms. Gregerson stated that managing vital statistics is just one function of the Treasurer's Office and when integrated into the office it was anticipated to take 5% of one employee's time. Due to the increased demands of vital statistics, Ms. Gregerson requested the Board consider the addition of a regular part-time employee in her office.

Chair Swanson recessed the meeting at 10:30 am. The meeting reconvened at 10:45 am.

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER – JEFF PELOWSKI

Environmental Officer Jeff Pelowski met with the Board to give an overview of 2007 and an update on 2008 activities. Mr. Pelowski informed the Board that all grant dependant financial reports have been completed and submitted. Mr. Pelowski informed the Board that there were no permit violations in 2007 at the Transfer Station or Demolition Landfill. Mr. Pelowski stated that he has completed and submitted the annual SCORE Report noting that Roseau County generated just over 20,000 tons of waste and recycled over 9,000 tons or 49.3%. Mr. Pelowski provided an update on the anticipated impact of the SSTS regulation changes on Roseau County. Mr. Pelowski stated that the biggest change for Roseau County will be the expansion from overseeing permitting in the Flood Plain and Shoreland designated areas to overseeing the permitting process for the entire county. Roseau County will have a choice of whether they want to administer the program and contract out the design review, inspection, and soil testing, or to hire additional staff and handle all aspects internally. Roseau County will be required to revise its Solid Waste Ordinance incorporating the rule changes. Roseau County will be required to begin implementation of the new rules by February of 2010.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Jule Hanson and Chief Deputy Terry Bandemer met with the Board to discuss Administrative Citations. Mr. Bandemer informed the Board that Administrative Citations will continue to be written until such time as legislation is passed prohibiting it.

Chief Deputy Bandemer met with the Board to discuss the possibility of collecting detention center fees. Currently the only fee charged and collected is a \$10 booking fee. Chief Deputy Bandemer would like to see criminals paying the cost of incarceration instead of taxpayers. Chief Deputy Bandemer has been in contact with a collection company who would take the burden off collecting the fee off the county in the event of non-payment. The Board would like to see a fee schedule and asked Mr. Bandemer to present this at the March 11, 2008, Board Meeting.

The Board discussed mowing and maintenance of the Pioneer Farm Wayside Rest .Chief Deputy Bandemer stated that he had spoken to the Sentence to Serve Coordinator and they are willing to provide this service. There is some concern regarding keeping up with the bathroom facility maintenance, but they will see how it goes and Chief Deputy Bandemer will keep the Board informed.

Commissioner Foldesi was made aware of 911 calls being broadcast over cable TV. Chief Deputy Bandemer will follow up on this matter and contact Sjoberg's Cable Television.

Commissioner Johnston noted that the Highway Department had an issue with a constituent plowing snow from their private driveway onto a County State-Aid Highway. The constituent informed the Highway Department that the Sheriff's Department had told them this was acceptable. Commissioner Johnston stated that he wanted to make sure that Sheriff's Office employees understood the policy. Chief Deputy Bandemer agreed to take care of this matter.

Commissioner Rasmussen received a call from a constituent regarding some changes with the Sheriff's Posse. Chief Deputy Bandemer informed Commissioner Rasmussen that he

was aware of the concerns and that this matter relates to some opposition to by-law changes by a limited number of Sheriff's Posse members. Chief Deputy Bandemer stated that while this is a volunteer organization, they operate under the direction of the Sheriff. The County is responsible for the liability of this group and it is important that the members who volunteer and serve the County understand their role and function. Chief Deputy Bandemer noted that the Sheriff's Posse has a Board of Directors and these concerns are being addressed by this Board.

DISCUSSION

The Board acknowledged the receipt of a letter from Kenneth Chruszch.

The Board discussed the performance based grant for Pelan and BISF Section 1 trails. Commissioner Johnston would like to meet with Trailblazer's President Buck Bue to discuss the trail conditions on the east end of the County before approving the 2nd benchmark payment. The Coordinator's Office will contact the Trailblazers and set up a meeting time on the March 11, 2008 Board Meeting agenda.

Commissioner Walker updated the Board on the current Bovine Tuberculosis situation. Coordinator Klein was instructed to send a letter to Governor Pawlenty requesting him to visit Roseau County to meet with key stakeholders.

VSO JEFF PARKER

Veteran Service Officer Colonel Jeffrey Parker met with the Board to discuss a recent Office of Legislative Auditors (OLA) report on the County Veteran Service Officers (CVSO) in Minnesota. Colonel Parker reported that this Audit does not reflect an accurate picture of the County Veteran's Service programs and that the conclusions are not based on accurate facts.

Upon motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The Board will convene its next regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. on March 11, 2008.

Attest:

Teresa Klein, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

Jack Swanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Roseau County, Minnesota