

May 9, 2006
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman Ron Kuecker. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns, Gary Sorenson, Chuck Severson; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey; Jason Purrington, Mark Marcy and Ron Gregg. Motion by Severson, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2006 meeting as corrected.

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Sheriff Jason Purrington met with the board to present two quotes for boiler/air conditioner repair at the Law Enforcement Center. The repair is necessary because the existing system is currently not working and is in need of computer upgrades in order for it to work. Quotes were as follows: Johnson Controls - \$19,529.70 and Schwalbach Hardware, Inc. - \$45,200. Motion by Sorenson, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to accept proposal from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$19,529.70 to fix boiler/air conditioner at LEC.

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Emergency Management Director Mark Marcy met with the board to discuss the Emergency Management Director and the Deputy Emergency Management Director job descriptions as well as Marcy's present position of Sheriff Deputy/Emergency Management Director. Because of the upcoming retirement of the Veteran's Service Officer, the board felt it might be a good opportunity to hire a Veteran's Service Officer/Deputy Emergency Management Director.

Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to adopt Cottonwood County Emergency Management Director job description as presented.

Motion by Sorenson, second by Severson, unanimous vote to adopt Deputy Emergency Management Director job description as presented and to be appointed by the county board.

Motion by Sorenson, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to instruct the Sheriff to assign Deputy Mark Marcy the duties of the Emergency Management Director position effective June 1, 2006.

Motion by Holmen, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to post and advertise for the position of Veteran's Service Officer/Deputy Emergency Management Director. The deadline for accepting applications will be June 9th.

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Three quotes were presented for the purchase of a new computer for the Commissioner's Office and were as follows: Dell - \$1,234, Davis Typewriter –

\$935.07, New Star - \$1,269.48. After discussion in regards to the recent computer problems, repairs and upgrade by New Star to the existing computer, there was a motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to contact New Star Sales & Service to see if they can build a new computer with the hard drive that was recently upgraded into the existing computer and to take the purchase of Office 2003 off the current quote. With the requested changes to the quote, the new quote should not exceed \$900.

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County Engineer Ron Gregg met with the board to discuss a few items. Gregg presented results for the Carson Township Bridge Replacement Project SAP 17-599-83 and were as follows: R & G Construction - \$140,255; Midwest Contracting - \$130,730; Mathiowetz Construction - \$151,851.50. Motion by Sorenson, second by Severson, unanimous vote to award low bid to Midwest Contracting in the amount of \$130,730.

Three quotes (S.W. Recycling, Eagle Appliance Recycling, R & S Appliance Recycling - on file in the Commissioner's Office) were presented for appliance recycling at the landfill. Motion by Holmen, second by Severson, unanimous vote to accept quote from R & S Appliance Recycling of Springfield for appliance recycling at the landfill.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by Severson, unanimous vote to approve May warrants as follows:

County Revenue Fund	\$ 80,968.47
Long Term Capital Outlay	\$ 6,857.06
County Building Fund	\$ 6,528.81
Ditch Fund	\$ 9,472.50
Ditch Sinking 3 (JD 2)	\$ 215.63
Taxes & Penalties Fund	\$ 4,629.76
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 59,414.71
Waste Abatement/SCORE	\$ 3,464.82
Landfill Enterprise	\$ 7,816.40
TOTAL	<u>\$179,368.16</u>

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Brief update was given in regards to upcoming interest-based bargaining refresher training. A date of June 28th from 8am – noon has been set and will be communicated to the AFSCME union representative as well as Alan Olson from the Bureau of Mediation Services. This training will be held at the LEC.

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Commissioner Oeltjenbruns gave a brief update in regards to Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) as well as the RC & D grants that have recently been awarded.

Chairman Kuecker gave an update regarding a meeting he recently had with Mike Hanson and Bill Dunn, MPCA, about the concerns relating to the ISTS pilot grant program. Kuecker reported on some of the options that might be available. The board agreed that Mike Hanson should apply for a 30-day extension for the amended plan.

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Ron Kuecker, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant