

June 9, 2009
 Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
 Regular Meeting
 Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman Gary Sorenson. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Gary Sorenson, Tom White, Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey, Gale Bondhus, Tom Hanson, Steve Durkee, Mark Vaniman and Ron Gregg. Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by Kuecker, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2009 meeting.

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County Assessor Gale Bondhus met with the board to give them some information concerning the recent local boards of review and to update them regarding the upcoming Board of Equalization meeting on June 16th.

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Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve June warrants as follows:

County Revenue Fund	\$ 79,077.27
Long Term Capital Outlay	\$ 10,800.94
County Building Fund	\$ 22,215.68
Ditch Fund	\$ 2,636.30
Road & Bridge	\$ 98,510.94
Waste Abatement/SCORE	\$ 3,082.66
Landfill Enterprise	<u>\$ 6,261.66</u>
	<u>\$222,585.45</u>

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Brief discussion was held regarding calls that are being made on the Environmental Office cell phones. Chairman Sorenson will invite Mike Hanson and Greg Johnson to attend the next board meeting.

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Tom Hanson met with the board representing the Red Rock Sportsmen's Club to ask permission to build a fishing pier on Bean Lake. Hanson said that the fishing pier would be built similar to the existing pier on Double Lake. MCIT will be contacted for further clarification regarding the Double Lake fishing pier as well as the proposed Bean Lake pier. Chairman Sorenson will do some checking with Mike Hanson in regards to any setbacks and Tom Hanson will check with DNR.

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Motion by Kuecker, second by White, unanimous vote to approve request from Karen Kopperud in the County Attorney's Office for reduced hours and to allow her to go from full-time to part-time status effective July 1st.

Motion by Kuecker, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to pay 2009 appropriations as follows: Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) - \$3,019; Area II - \$3,853.53 and Minnesota River Board - \$893.

Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to pay Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA) 2009 appropriation in the amount of \$7,440.

Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to pay Rural Minnesota Energy Board 2009 appropriation in the amount of \$3,000.

Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by White, unanimous vote to pay Southwest Initiative Foundation 2009 appropriation in the amount of \$3,650.

Motion by White, second by Kuecker to pay Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council 2009 appropriation in the amount of \$1,000. Voting as follows – Aye: Holmen, Kuecker, White. Nay: Oeltjenbruns. Motion carried.

Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to pay Southern Minnesota Tourism 2009 appropriation in the amount of \$300.

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Steve Durkee and Mark Vaniman met with the board representing U.S. Fish & Wildlife to request approval of a fee purchase agreement for property owned by Theodore and Betty Schweyen in Section 12 of Amo Township. This tract of land is already covered by a RIM Easement and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife is buying only its residual value. Motion by Kuecker, second by White, unanimous roll call vote to adopt resolution as follows:

CERTIFICATION OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

In accordance with a Procedural Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, dated May 23, 1962, certification by the County Board of Commissioners for acquisition of lands by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is requested.

Representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service met with the Board of Commissioners of Cottonwood County, State of Minnesota, on June 9, 2009, and informed the Commissioners that a purchase agreement has been secured from Theodore Schweyen and Betty Schweyen, husband and wife, on the following-described lands:

T. 106 N., R. 37 W., 5th P.M., Section 12: NE1/4NW1/4 and the north 1.5 rods of the NE1/4.

The County Board of Commissioners considered the above request for acquisition by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Board's decision is as follows:

CERTIFIED FOR ACQUISITION:

S/Gary Sorenson, Board Chairman

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County Engineer Ron Gregg met with the board to discuss a few items. Gregg presented the contract for the CSAH 8 bridge replacement project for Chairman Sorenson to sign.

Gregg presented plans for the Windom recycling shed modifications and reported that the approximate total cost of the project will be \$3,100.00. Quotes

for materials for the project were presented as follows: Lamperts - \$1,820.55 and Menard's - \$1,617.00. Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to accept and approve Windom recycling shed modifications with supplies to be purchased at Lamperts as they are local and there will be no cost involved with transportation of materials.

Gregg reviewed a listing of possible 2009 overlay projects with the board and reported that MPCA recently conducted an inspection at the landfill and everything looked fine.

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Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to approve draft letter to be sent to the Good Samaritan Society of Mt. Lake in response to Tim Swoboda's letter dated May 27th.

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Brief discussion was held regarding draft resolution that was received for County Board consideration from Scott Johnson, Director of Southwestern Mental Health Center, allowing SWMHC to use Dissolution Funds as collateral to lower the Unity House Construction Loan interest rate. No action was taken at this time, as further clarification is needed.

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Commissioner White reported that the Southwest Crisis Center would like to have a county board representative serve on the Southwest Crisis Center board if anyone is interested.

White reported that Mary Jensen has submitted her resignation as the RSVP Coordinator effective June 9th. White conducted an Exit Interview with Mary Jensen on June 8th.

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Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by White, unanimous vote to renew on-sale and 3.2 liquor licenses for the Mt. Lake Golf Course.

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Update was given regarding the status of DAC items that are currently located in the transit garage.

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Two letters were reviewed that were received from county residents in regards to their concerns about the appearance of Phil Johnson's property on N. 71. It was reported that MPCA has been notified and is planning to view the property.

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It was reported that a claim has been received in regards to an accident that resulted from the burning of corn stalks by the Highway Department.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Gary Sorenson, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant