

July 8, 2008
 Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
 Regular Meeting
 Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman John Oeltjenbruns. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners John Oeltjenbruns, Gary Sorenson, Tom White, Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey; Randy Markl, Jason Purrington, Ron Gregg, Greg Walsh and Dan Olsen. Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by Sorenson, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2008 meeting as amended.

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Randy Markl, DNR Area Wildlife Supervisor, met with the board to seek approval for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to purchase 160 acres of land from Gary and Fred Vanderwerf, located in the NE ¼ of Section 27 in Lakeside Township. This property will be an addition to the Banks State Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Motion by Kuecker, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve the DNR's purchase of 160 acres as described by Randy Markl.

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Commissioner White gave an update about a recent meeting he attended regarding the Sentence to Service program. This will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

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Commissioner Holmen gave an update regarding JD #11 in Dale Township. County Attorney Doug Storey will send a letter to Kendall Piotter and Dale Eidem in regards to the repair of the outlet pipe north of County Highway 51.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by White, unanimous vote to approve July warrants as follows:

County Revenue Fund	\$142,530.23
Long Term Capital Outlay	\$ 7,176.87
County Building Fund	\$ 3,391.49
Ditch Fund	\$ 1,275.05
Ditch Sinking Fund 1	\$ 125.00
Ditch Sinking Fund 2	\$ 25,512.75
Ditch Sinking 3	\$ 3,903.50
Road & Bridge	\$ 83,788.93
Waste Abatement/SCORE	\$ 3,237.63
Landfill Enterprise	<u>\$ 33,031.11</u>
TOTAL	\$303,972.56

Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous roll call vote to adopt resolution as follows:

**Resolution 08-07-08
Tax-Forfeited Land Classification
Notice of Public Sale of Tax-Forfeited Lands**

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Cottonwood, State of Minnesota, desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, and

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the parcels of land described in List of Tax-Forfeited Land #9 that is contained herein shall be sold to the highest bidder at public sale. The sale will be governed by the provisions of M.S. 282.01 and by the resolution of the Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners authorizing such sale. The resolution reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that all parcels of the tax-forfeited land listed on list of Tax-Forfeited Land #9 be classified as non-conservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on List of Tax-Forfeited Land #9, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to M.S. 282.01; that the sale will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 by the Cottonwood County Auditor at the County Courthouse for not less than the basic sale price; and that all sales shall be full payment or on the terms set forth on List of Tax-Forfeited Land #9.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conditions and terms of the public sale shall be described in the list contained herein and approved by the Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners.

Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Cottonwood County can be obtained at the office of the Cottonwood County Auditor/Treasurer, Cottonwood County Courthouse, 900 3rd Avenue, Windom, MN 56101. Telephone (507) 831-1905.

Given under my hand and official seal at Windom, MN this 8th day of July 2008.

S/Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

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Motion by Sorenson, second by White, unanimous vote to set minimum bid of tax-forfeiture properties at \$10.00 each.

Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to allow Auditor/Treasurer Johnson to advertise for demolition and clean-up of property in Westbrook. The cost of the demolition and clean up will be paid for through the County Clean-Up Fund.

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Sheriff Jason Purrington met with the board to discuss a few items. He asked that the board allow him to begin following the federal rate for mileage reimbursement of civil process services. Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to set mileage reimbursement for civil process services according to the current federal rate.

Due to the recent lightening strike at the Sheriff's Department, a state quote for the purchase of two new computers, monitors and speakers was received and reviewed from DELL in the amount of \$1801.80. Motion by

Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to accept state quote in the amount of \$1801.80 from DELL.

Brief discussion was held regarding recent SW Regional Radio Board meetings and the discussion about going to a narrow-band compliant system by the year 2013. The group is hoping to locate county-owned property within the region so that towers for such a system can be built.

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County Engineer Ron Gregg met with the board to discuss several items. He presented bid results from the July 7th bid opening for the Southbrook bridge replacement project. However, because of an error that was made on the extension figure of one of the bids, Gregg is awaiting approval from the Civil Rights Department at MnDOT before proceeding with the award of the project. This will be approved at the next board meeting.

Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to allow up to 7 individuals to attend GIS Conference in Ames, IA on July 28th and 29th and to reimburse for allowable expenses. Schneider Corporation will pay the registration fee for 4 individuals to attend this training.

Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to allow permission to use county credit card for allowable hotel expenses if needed for conference in Ames, IA.

Gregg reported that a change to the GIS contract needed to be done due to the upgrade and change of tax format from ACS to CPUI. The increased cost will be \$6,000. Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve addendum to Schneider Corporation contract.

Brief discussion was held regarding recent fire at grocery store in Westbrook. Gregg has been in contact with the mayor of Westbrook in regards to the cleanup of debris.

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Greg Walsh, Information Services Director, and Dan Olsen, Windom Telecommunications, met with the board to discuss the work that will need to be done at the North 71 County Office Building in the upcoming months. Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to allow for the lease of a dark fiber line for data connectivity through Windomnet to the North 71 County Office Building.

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Chairman Oeltjenbruns updated the board on a few miscellaneous items that he has received in the mail.

The board agreed to send out a memo to department heads reminding them of the levy limits the county will be faced with for the next three years and to take this into consideration when working on 2009 budgets.

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

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

John Oeltjenbruns, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant