

May 10, 2005
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Chuck Severson, Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns, Gary Sorenson; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey; Justine Wettschreck, Bob Haken, Jason Purrington, Maggie Magnus, Kurt Woodruff, Becky Henderson, Steve Iverson, Dominic Jones, Klay Walinga, Sandy Hartman, Mike Hanson, Ron Gregg and Andy Olsen. Motion by Holmen, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve the additions of the agenda. Motion by Sorenson, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2005 meeting as corrected.

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Sheriff Bob Haken and dispatcher/jailer Maggie Magnus met with the board in regards to a possible upgrade to the existing Motorola Centracom II console to Motorola Gold Elite console at the Sheriff's Department. Kurt Woodruff from Alpha Wireless was also present to answer any questions. Two quotes were received and were as follows: Com-Tec Mobile Radio - \$88,668.18 and Alpha Wireless - \$85,202.19. Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to accept low quote from Alpha Wireless and to approve lease option at a cost of \$1,472.45/month for 60 months. Haken was also authorized to get quotes on carpet, office furniture and electrical quotes for the new console.

Haken informed the board that Northern PCS Services had recently contacted him in regards to the possibility of installing a new tower on land owned by the county. Haken will contact them to ask if they can attend an upcoming board meeting to discuss this further.

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Becky Henderson, 4-H Program Coordinator, met with the board to give a brief update on the 4-H program and some of the events that she has recently been involved in as well as upcoming events that are planned. Henderson also informed the board that Katie Clarke has been hired as Regional Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development at the Worthington Regional Center and will be serving the counties of Brown, Cottonwood, Murray and Watonwan. She will begin her duties on June 8th. She will then be on parental leave for eight weeks around July 21 and will return to work in time to provide leadership to the start of the new 4-H year.

Steve Iverson, Ag Technical Advisor, met with the board to give an update in regards to the Manure Management plans that he has been working on completing as well as a few expansion plans that he has been involved with.

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Environmental Officer Mike Hanson met with the board to seek approval of a conditional use permit for Paul & Nancy Buhler to build a residence in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36 in Great Bend Township. Motion by Holmen, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve conditional use permit for Paul & Nancy Buhler based on conditions mentioned and on a recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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Dominic Jones, Red Rock Rural Water, met with the board to request that Cottonwood County be the lead county in their 2005 project. Motion by Kuecker, second by Holmen, unanimous roll call vote to adopt resolution as follows:

Resolution 05-05-10

WHEREAS, the Red Rock Rural Water System, a rural water system organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, currently serving residents of Cottonwood County, is in the process of and anticipating the expansion of its water supply system for the service of additional users in Cottonwood County, Jackson County, Watonwan County, Murray County, and Martin County; and

WHEREAS, the largest percentage of users and a newly constructed treatment plant to be included in the proposed expansion are in Cottonwood County; and

WHEREAS, in for the expansion project to be financed, it will be necessary for a responsible county to issue bonds necessary to fund the expansion and to enter into joint power agreements with other counties benefited and within the expansion system to govern the repayment of said bonds; and

WHEREAS, because the largest percentage of the number of users and the proposed treatment plant in the expansion are in Cottonwood County, it would be prudent and in the best interests of Cottonwood County to be the issuing county for said bonds necessary to fund said expansion project.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Cottonwood County Commissioners, and the Cottonwood County Auditor, shall be authorized to execute the necessary agreements, including joint powers agreement, relative to the Red Rock Rural Water expansion project, authorizing Cottonwood County to issue bonds necessary to fund said expansion project, not to exceed the amount of \$5,000,000.00, and to have said agreements, including joint powers agreement governing the repayment of said bonds; said joint powers agreement being executed with the understanding that the Counties of Jackson, Watonwan, Murray, and Martin, and any other county that may be served in the expansion project, will also join in the joint powers agreement to the extent of their users benefited.

This Resolution was duly adopted at a duly convened meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, Cottonwood County.

Discussion was then held regarding protection of wellheads surrounding public water supply. Motion by Kuecker, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to adopt a moratorium on gravel mining within 10-year time of travel zones as designated by the Minnesota Department of Public Health for public wellhead

protection. This moratorium shall be effective this day and run for 1-year or until a county ordinance pertaining to Designated Wellhead Management Areas can be established for the county.

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Sandy Hartman, Children’s Social Service Supervisor, met with the board to recommend that Jackie Leopold be transferred from Home Based Social Worker to Children’s Mental Health Social Worker effective May 11, 2005 as she is the only internal applicant that applied for this position. Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to authorize Jackie Leopold’s lateral transfer to the Children’s Mental Health Social Worker position and to remain at the same step on the pay scale. This motion also gives authorization to post internally and to advertise simultaneously for the position of Home Based Social Worker.

Hartman also asked for approval to participate in a Child & Family Service Outside Audit to be conducted in Le Sueur County on June 13th – 17th. Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to allow Sandy Hartman to participate in this audit and to pay all expenses associated with her stay in Le Center.

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County Engineer Ron Gregg met with the board to discuss a few miscellaneous items. Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to authorize advertisement of bridge replacement project SAP 17-610-32 on CSAH 10 in Germantown Township.

Gregg also presented the information that will be placed in the newspaper in regards to Household Hazardous Waste pickup dates and the Recycling drop off schedule.

Gregg reported that he is currently researching the cost of a trailer versus a shed for the recycling station in Mt. Lake.

It was noted that the parties involved in the CSAH 29 drainage issue agreed to the first proposal as discussed at the May 3rd board meeting. County Attorney Storey is working on drafting an agreement for all parties involved to sign.

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Andy Olson from Springfield Township met with the board to voice his concerns in regards to the Des Moines River Watershed.

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

County Revenue Fund	\$ 65,522.96
Long Term Capital Outlay	\$ 2,269.44
Ditch Fund	\$ 671.06
Road & Bridge	\$ 40,370.83
Waste Abatement/SCORE	\$ 4,080.64
Landfill	\$ 14,400.46
TOTAL	\$127,315.39

Brief discussion was held in regards to the reduction in tipping fees for the one-time annual cleanup events that are being held throughout the county. Auditor/Treasurer Johnson will modify these bills to reflect the reduction in tipping fees as they come in if they haven't been done already.

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Motion by Holmen, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to authorize Commissioner Sorenson to sign Joint Powers renewal for Area II.

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Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve Mt. Lake Golf Course application for tobacco license.

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Brief discussion was held in regard to tax-deductible guidelines for meals when combined with an overnight stay. Guidelines will be developed and presented to the board at the next board meeting for adoption.

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Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to move Cheryl Lohre, (full-time dispatcher/jailer) from probation to regular full-time status and Adam Koch (part-time dispatcher/jailer) and Jayd Soderholm (part-time dispatcher/jailer) from probation to regular part-time status.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Chuck Severson, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant