

December 14, 2015
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Work Session
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present for all or portions of the meeting in person or by phone were: Commissioners Norm Holmen, Kevin Stevens, Jim Schmidt, Tom Appel, Donna Gravley; County Coordinator Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Nick Anderson; Kathy Marsh, JinYeene Neumann, Glenn Johnson, Gale Bondhus, Jason Purrington, Paul Johnson, Jim Jorgensen, Kathy Kretsch, and Rahn Larson.

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Motion by Gravley, second by Stevens, unanimous vote to approve the agenda as amended.

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Discussion was held regarding the 2016 budget and the discrepancies that were found that gave the 2016 preliminary budget a deficit balance. After much discussion, five line items were adjusted to cover the deficit amount and balance the budget.

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Discussion was held regarding the placement of non-union employees on the matrix for their years of service. Motion by Schmidt, second by Stevens, unanimous vote to move non-union employees on the matrix for their years of service as presented effective January 1, 2016.

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Commissioner Appel informed the board that he has been receiving complaints regarding the road conditions of County Road 8. JinYeene Neumann, County Engineer, stated that she will have the Highway Maintenance Superintendent check the condition of the road and report the findings and their solution to Commissioners Appel and Holmen.

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Commissioner Appel informed the board of an invoice that was received from the Cottonwood County Agricultural Society for one-third building space and one-third of the electric bill from September 2014 to September 2015. The consensus of the board is to pay this invoice.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Norman Holmen, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, County Coordinator