

April 1, 2008
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 1, 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; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey, Jon Bloemendaal, Ron Gregg, Jason Purrington and Elaine Lolkus. Absent was Commissioner Norm Holmen. Motion by White, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by Kuecker, second by White, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2008 meeting as amended.

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Murray County Solid Waste Administrator Jon Bloemendaal met with the board to review the Tri-County Recycling budget and to answer questions that the board had in regards to the 2007 report as well as the reserves.

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County Engineer/Solid Waste Officer Ron Gregg met with the board to discuss the possibility of offering an e-waste collection on May 2nd & 3rd in Cottonwood County. Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to offer e-waste collection in Cottonwood County on May 2nd & 3rd with covered materials being accepted free of charge and non-covered materials being accepted at a reduced rate to be determined by the Solid Waste Officer.

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Brief discussion was held regarding complaints recently received about county vehicle usage by an employee. Commissioner White will inform the Department Head so that he can address the concerns with the employee.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to allow Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson to advertise for bids for Courthouse tuck-pointing.

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Sheriff Jason Purrington met with the board to discuss a few items. He asked that the board sign a Proclamation designating April 13-19, 2008 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Motion by Sorenson, second by White, unanimous vote to proclaim the week of April 13-19, 2008 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and to allow Chairman Oeltjenbruns to sign the Proclamation.

Purrington also informed the board that the Sentence to Service (STS) Program might be forced to make some reductions due to budget shortfalls that are being proposed at the state level. Motion by Kuecker, second by White, unanimous vote to send letter from Cottonwood County to elected state officials

asking for their continued support of the STS program and consideration of no reductions to the program.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by White, unanimous vote to approve Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council Joint Powers Agreement pending approval of the County Attorney and Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust (MCIT).

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Update was given regarding Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC & D). It was noted that the application in the amount of \$1,300 submitted on behalf of Cottonwood County Solid Waste for the planting of trees along the landfill property was recently approved.

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Brief discussion was held regarding letter recently received from Minnesota Department of Revenue regarding the Westbrook Health Care Center. Commissioner Kuecker will plan to talk to Gale Bondhus in regards to the letter.

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Chairman Oeltjenbruns informed the board that he gave Ron Gregg permission to use the county credit card for one of his Solid Waste employees to attend an out of town training.

Oeltjenbruns informed the board that Family Services Collaborative would be meeting tomorrow.

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Commissioner Sorenson reported that interviews for the Extension summer intern were cancelled and will be rescheduled for sometime next week.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

John Oeltjenbruns, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant