

July 31, 2013  
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners  
Emergency Meeting  
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in emergency session on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 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, Jim Schmidt, Kevin Stevens, Tom White, Norm Holmen; Executive Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Nick Anderson; Randy Baker.

The purpose of the emergency meeting was to discuss a claim recently submitted by Randy Baker to MCIT regarding his septic system. The property in question was sold to Randy in 2008. At that time, it was sold to him with the understanding that the property had a compliant septic system approved by Cottonwood County SSTS inspector, but no papers can be found. In May of 2013, during the process of trying to sell the property, a compliance inspection was completed and the system failed to have adequate separation from groundwater. Randy is scheduled to close on the selling of this particular property on August 1<sup>st</sup> and would like to get some direction from the board as to how to proceed.

After much discussion, there was a motion by Holmen, second by Schmidt, unanimous vote to inform MCIT that the county board supports payment of the SSTS (septic) system claim as submitted for Randy Baker and that the county will pay the difference not covered by MCIT up to \$12,500.

Further discussion was held regarding the possible formation of a committee to set guidelines for moving forward with any future potential claims for septic issues.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

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John Oeltjenbruns, Board Chairman

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Kelly Thongvivong, Executive Assistant