

August 2, 2005  
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 2, 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; Elaine Lolkus, Gale Bondhus, Bonnie Frederickson, Ron Gregg, Bob Haken, Jason Purrington, Mark Marcy, Mike Hanson, Mike LaMaack, Brenda Anderson, Leland Thiesen, Phil Harder and John Sheppard. Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve the additions of the agenda. Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2005 meeting.

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Corrections Agent Elaine Lolkus met with the board to present the proposed 2006 budget for the Probation Office. The only change noted is that Lolkus asked for a slight increase in the line item for interpreter services.

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County Assessor Gale Bondhus met with the board to seek approval to hire Sue Amundson as the Assessor Office Manager. Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to allow Bondhus to hire Sue Amundson as the Assessor Office Manager effective August 15, 2005 and to start her on Step 3 of the 2005 pay scale.

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Bonnie Frederickson, Cottonwood-Jackson CHS, met with the board to give a presentation in regards to the efforts of the Cottonwood County Smoke-Free Coalition that has been established as part of the Tobacco-Free Communities Grant. There are currently 21 smoke-free restaurants and 1 smoke-free lodging facility within the two counties.

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Motion by Holmen, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous roll call vote to adopt resolution as follows:

**Resolution 05-08-02**

**WHEREAS**, an official of Cottonwood County, Minnesota received a State of Minnesota Lawful Gambling Control Board Premises Permit Renewal Application submitted by the Mt. Lake Golf Development, Inc. on July 26, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Cottonwood County has no objection to the application, which would allow said organization to place gambling devices at the Mt. Lake Golf Club, Midway Township, Minnesota;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Cottonwood County waives its 60-day waiting period for notification of disallowance of such activity.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Cottonwood County recommends prompt approval of said application to the Department of Gaming, Gambling Control Division.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2005.

S/Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

S/Chuck Severson, Board Chairman

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Auditor/Treasurer Johnson informed the board that the county would be receiving a 2005 dividend from MCIT in the amount of \$68,746.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve 2006 appropriations as follows: Area II - \$3,762.26 and Rural Minnesota Energy Board - \$2,000.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve amendment to the 2005 transit grant. The original 2005 contract included an amount of \$8,500 that the county would be receiving for MVST dollars and this amount has since been reduced to \$7,087.75.

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County Engineer Ron Gregg met with the board to discuss a few items. Gregg reported that he would be bringing a recommendation to the board next week in regards to the purchase or lease of a tractor backhoe.

Update was given in regards to CSAH 3, CSAH 7, overlay projects, and Storden Township Bridge project.

Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to allow for internal posting of Solid Waste worker position as well as advertising after 7-day posting period has expired.

Gregg reported that two household hazardous waste collections were held last week with good participation.

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Sheriff Bob Haken and Chief Deputy Jason Purrington met with the board to present the 2006 proposed budget for the Sheriff's Department and Jail.

Haken reported that he received the results from a mold sampling that was recently taken at the Sheriff's Department and sent in for analysis. The report concluded that no elevated mold conditions exist.

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Emergency Management Director Mark Marcy met with the board to present quotes for chemical suits and a Clandestine Lab Simultest Kit. Quotes for chemical suits were as follows: Heiman - \$163.95/suit and Lab Safety Supply - \$180.00/suit. Quotes for a Clandestine Lab Simultest Kit were as follows: Drager - \$932 and Lab Safety Supply - \$844.20. Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to accept the higher quote from Lab Safety Supply for the purchase of 12 chemical suits at \$180/suit due to the fact that the suits are of better quality and to accept the low quote in the amount of \$844.20 from Lab

Safety Supply for the purchase of a Clandestine Lab Simultest Kit. These purchases will be made with Emergency Management grant funds.

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Environmental Officer Mike Hanson met with the board to seek approval for two conditional use permits. Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve conditional use permit for placement of two trailers in shore land area on a parcel located in the west half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24 in Mountain Lake Township based on conditions mentioned and on a recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion by Holmen, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to approve conditional use permit for the construction of an addition to a residence in shore land area on a parcel located in the north half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25 in Mountain Lake Township based on conditions mentioned and on a recommendation of the Planning Commission. The third condition listed will be changed to reflect a 60-day time period after completion of the addition.

Discussion was held in regards to the internal draft of the County Comprehensive Plan. Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to accept the internal draft of the County Comprehensive Plan and to direct the Planning Commission to go forward with the process of public review.

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Commissioner Sorenson informed the board that he recently completed an Exit Interview with Donna Torkelson who recently resigned from the Assessor's Office.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

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Chuck Severson, Board Chairman

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Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant