

May 27, 2008  
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 1:00 p.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, Norm Holmen; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey; Jan Johnson-Ojinnaka, Ron Gregg, Hans Remmers, Loren Heger, John Tibodeau, Ed Schaffer, Adam Schumacher, Trent Schumacher, Cletus Freking, Mike Hanson and Marlene Smith. Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by White, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting.

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PEACE Agency Director Jan Johnson-Ojinnaka met with the board to introduce herself and to give a brief update about the work being done in Cottonwood County to help domestic and sexual assault victims.

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Chairman Oeltjenbruns reported that he received correspondence from Rob Anderson in response to the letter written to the Mt. Lake City Council in regards to the April 8<sup>th</sup> resolution adopted regarding JOBZ benefits for Milk Specialties Company (MSC).

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County Engineer Ron Gregg met with the board to discuss several items. Discussion was held regarding the Southbrook Township bridge replacement project and whether or not the county should proceed with the bridge project or build a road in lieu of bridge. After much discussion and hearing concerns from several individuals, there was a motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to remove the motion that was originally tabled on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The motion previously tabled from the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was as follows: Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen to allow Gregg to advertise for the Southbrook Township bridge replacement project. Voting as follows: Aye – Kuecker, Sorenson, and Holmen. Nay – White. Motion carried.

Three quotes for concrete work at the Cottonwood County landfill were presented as follows: Tri-State General Contracting - \$17,698.00; Negen Construction - \$9,985.00; Daberkow Construction - \$10,986.25. Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to accept low quote in the amount of \$9,985.00 from Negen Construction.

Gregg reported that S.W. Recycling, Inc. has offered free appliance and electronics pickup for the next 2 years. Motion by Kuecker, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to allow Gregg to enter into contract with S.W. Recycling for free appliance and electronics pickup for the next 2 years and to notify CRT in writing

of the county's intent to terminate the existing e-waste recycling agreement with them upon 60 days prior written notice.

Gregg presented bids for the CSAH 10 bridge replacement (SAP 17-610-33) as follows: Mathiowetz Construction - \$123,528.00; Midwest Contracting LLC - \$124,180.50; Minnowa Construction - \$154,530.00; R & G Construction - \$125,679.50; Sunblad Construction - \$133,279.40. Motion by White, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to award low bid in the amount of \$123,528 to Mathiowetz Construction per Gregg's recommendation.

Gregg asked for permission to replace a broken pump and piping in manhole 5 at the Cottonwood County landfill. The cost of a new pump and piping is \$15,371.72. Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to allow for the emergency repair in the amount of \$15,371.71 at the landfill.

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Environmental Officer Mike Hanson met with the board to present a recommendation by the Planning Commission to approve the application from Beeck Gravel & Excavating, Inc. for a conditional use permit. Motion by Sorenson, second by White, unanimous vote to approve conditional use permit based on conditions mentioned and on a recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve RC & D application for renovation of Mountain County Park.

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Commissioner White gave a brief update in regards to a MN River Board meeting he recently attended.

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Commissioner Holmen gave an update in regards to County Ditch 22 and some problems that have recently occurred.

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Commissioner Sorenson reported that he recently attended a Regional Radio Board meeting. The intent of the regional group is to get a Joint Powers Board formed so they are eligible to apply for grants and funding. Sheriff Purrington will be presenting the proposed Joint Powers Agreement at a future meeting. Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to allow Commissioner Sorenson to get reimbursed for per diems and mileage to attend the SW Regional Radio Board meetings.

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Discussion was held regarding North 71 County Office Building. It was reported that all of the offices located in the building have now been finalized and the next step is to advertise for the remodeling of the offices. Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to allow for advertisement of the project. Walk-thru dates were set for June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> with bids due by 4:30pm on June 9<sup>th</sup> and bid opening at 9:15am on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to allow for payments to be made to Borsgard Construction as follows: \$354.90 (removal of wall & debris on 4/28/08); \$533.95 (removal of wall & debris on 5/2/08); and \$470.28 (removal of wall & debris on 5/9/08).

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Discussion was held regarding tax issue related to employees with dependents age 19-24 who are now eligible for health insurance coverage even if they are not students. Motion by Sorenson, second by White, unanimous vote to approve tax certification form with deletion of qualifying relative and at the single COBRA premium rate.

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Brief discussion was held regarding the coding of IT services by Greg Walsh. The board agreed that time and mileage needs to be coded according to department use.

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It was reported that the final cost of the tree and brush control services from B & W Control Specialists for 2008 was \$30,011.64. The original quote was \$43,000.00.

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Commissioner Kuecker gave an update regarding signage for the North 71 County Office Building as well as some ideas for lighting of the flag at the Courthouse.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

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Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

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John Oeltjenbruns, Board Chairman

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Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant