

May 13, 2008
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, 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, Norm Holmen; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey and Gale Bondhus. Motion by White, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2008 meeting as amended.

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Commissioners Holmen and White gave a brief update regarding the North 71 County Office Building. Holmen reported that he has not yet had a chance to get together with the representative from Southwestern Mental Health and White reported that two walls have now been removed at the office building.

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Commissioner Holmen gave a brief update regarding a conditional use hearing he recently attended for a proposed gravel pit in Westbrook Township. Holmen reported that the application was not complete and another hearing will be rescheduled in the near future.

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Auditor/Treasurer Johnson reported that he did some checking in regards to the tuck-pointing of the Courthouse as one of the quotes received at the May 6th meeting included sealing of the stone. New quotes were presented as follows: Masonry Restoration - \$115,000; Karr Tuck-Pointing - \$82,487; and Erickson Construction - \$71,900. Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to accept low quote from Erickson Construction in the amount of \$71,900, which includes the addition of sealing of the stone. Johnson was asked to follow-up with checking references.

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County Assessor Gale Bondhus met with the board to report that Jill Defries will be done with her 6-month probationary period the end of May but because Bondhus has been so busy with Boards of Review and has not been able to observe her work she does not feel comfortable taking Jill off probation at this time. Motion by Kuecker, second by White, unanimous vote to extend Jill Defries' probationary period for 6 months.

Questions were asked of Bondhus on a few different issues regarding JOBZ status in the Mt. Lake area. Motion by Holmen, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to draft a letter from the County Board to the City of Mt. Lake regarding a presentation made by Rob Anderson on April 8th.

Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve payment of two bills in the amount of \$1,000 each to U.S. Imaging for on-line scanning service that was recently completed.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by White, unanimous vote to approve May warrants as follows:

County Revenue Fund	\$114,669.24
Long Term Capital Outlay	\$ 32,702.81
County Building Fund	\$ 8,833.40
Ditch Fund	\$ 402.17
Ditch Sinking 3 (JD 2)	\$ 215.63
Taxes and Penalties Fund	\$ 6,500.93
Road & Bridge	\$ 54,506.92
Waste Abatement/SCORE	\$ 6,450.22
Landfill Enterprise	\$ 4,347.58
TOTAL	\$228,628.90

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Auditor/Treasurer Johnson handed out some information in regards to tax issues for employees with dependents age 19 through 24. This will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

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Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to post proposed changes to Policy Number 321, 003, 120 and 175 for a 30-day comment period.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

John Oeltjenbruns, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant