

September 8, 2009
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman Gary Sorenson. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Gary Sorenson, Tom White, Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey, Jason Purrington, Dennis Hausman, Ron Whitehead, Tom Johnson, Wendy Meyer, Jim Skarphol, Mark Marcy, Mike Hanson and Ron Gregg. Motion by Kuecker, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2009 meeting as amended.

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Sheriff Jason Purrington introduced Dennis Hausman, Federal Engineering, and Ron Whitehead, Consultant with the State, who were the individuals that presented the Federal Engineering Survey regarding the radio system as well as further information regarding the ARMER System. The purpose of the survey was to determine how the county can comply with the FCC narrowband mandate. Three alternative options were presented.

Emergency Management Director Mark Marcy presented a letter on behalf of the Emergency Services Association, which includes the First Responders of Cottonwood County, in support of the ARMER System.

Motion by Kuecker, second by White, unanimous vote to accept the findings of the Federal Engineering Survey in its entirety and as presented to the board today.

Purrington gave an update regarding recent use of the county credit card in the amount of \$100 to Sprint for a subpoena of records.

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Environmental Officer Mike Hanson met with the board to report that the Parks Department has received a \$3,000 grant from RC & D for siding and roofing improvements to the Mountain Park shelter house. Hanson presented two quotes for materials for the project as follows: Country Pride True Value - \$3,248.83 and Lamperts - \$2,877.49. Motion by Kuecker, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to accept low quote in the amount of \$2,877.49 from Lamperts.

Brief discussion was held regarding the sale of clothing at Talcot Park. Commissioner Oeltjenbruns will try to find out further information in regards to this matter.

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County Engineer Ron Gregg met with the board to discuss a few items. Gregg asked that the board approve final payment for work completed on a township bridge south of Mt. Lake. Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to allow for final payment of this project.

Much time was spent reviewing 2010 proposed budgets for Solid Waste, Recycling and Highway Departments.

Commissioner Sorenson reported on a citizen complaint he received regarding a recent visit to the landfill and the experience this individual had.

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Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve September warrants (with the exception of two bills to Pro Image Partners for a total of \$586.00 that are currently on hold) as follows:

County Revenue Fund	\$ 50,667.45
Long Term Capital Outlay	\$ 469.18
County Building Fund	\$ 17.08
Ditch Fund	\$ 827.76
Taxes and Penalties Fund	\$ 1,965.57
Road & Bridge	\$ 56,787.29
Waste Abatement/SCORE	\$ 5,343.68
Landfill Enterprise	\$ 29,034.41
	<u>\$145,112.42</u>

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Motion by Kuecker, second by White, unanimous roll call vote to adopt resolution as follows:

Resolution 09-09-08
Emergency Shelter Grant Program
Certification of Approval by Local Units of Government

The County of Cottonwood certifies that the project proposed by Western Community Action, being located within our jurisdiction, has the approval to receive funding from the State of Minnesota Emergency Shelter Grants Program.

S/Gary Sorenson, Board Chairman

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Motion by Holmen, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to set 2010 preliminary levy at 6,530,869 and special levy of \$205,540 to recapture 2008 & 2009 unallotments.

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Motion by Kuecker, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to allow for extension to previous Area II addendum to the Joint Powers Agreement. This extension will be for a 9-month period (October 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010).

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County Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson reported that nominations for the SW/West Central Coop Board of Directors are currently being accepted.

Johnson gave an update regarding electrical rates for the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center.

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Brief discussion was held regarding a letter received from Millie and Susan Horkey. Chairman Sorenson will send a letter explaining the situation.

Commissioner Holmen asked if anyone had any ideas for a citizen representative for Southwestern Mental Health Center.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Gary Sorenson, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant