

February 3, 2009
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Tom White, Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey; Jason Purrington and Mark Marcy. Absent was Commissioner Sorenson.

Motion by Kuecker, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by Kuecker, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2009 meeting as amended.

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Sheriff Jason Purrington met with the board to seek approval of State of Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement. Motion by Holmen, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to accept 2009 Boat and Water Safety Grant in the amount of \$1,424.

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

INTRODUCED: Commissioner Oeltjenbruns
SECONDED: Commissioner Kuecker
VOTED: Aye: Commissioners Oeltjenbruns, Kuecker, Holmen, White
Absent: Commissioner Sorenson

RESOLUTION 09-02-03
A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR HONORABLE AND DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVICE AS WEATHER AND SKYWARN MANAGER FOR COTTONWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, Wayne W. Haroldson served as Director for the Cottonwood County Weather Department for 46 years giving generously of his time and efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend their commendation and appreciation for the untiring and valuable service rendered to Cottonwood County by Wayne W. Haroldson as the founding member of the Cottonwood County Weather Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COTTONWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

1. That the County of Cottonwood extends to Wayne W. Haroldson posthumously its humble expressions of esteem for serving the County well.
2. That a copy of this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Cottonwood and a copy sent to Wayne W. Haroldson's family.

S/Tom White, Board Vice-Chairman

S/Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Motion by Kuecker, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to grant Mark Marcy permission to hold Open House on Thursday, February 26th from 11:00am to 1:30pm for Emergency Management/Weather/Safety.

Marcy requested that he be appointed to the Labor-Management Committee due to his new duties as County Safety Officer. After further discussion, the board suggested that he bring a recommendation to the board after receiving correspondence from Bruce Casey from MCIT.

Marcy reported that the Cottonwood County Emergency Services Association is pursuing the possibility of applying for a grant on behalf of the entire county to replace all radios in Cottonwood County to comply with the new requirements necessary by 2013. Under the terms of the grant, a match of 5% is required. After much discussion, no action was taken at this time.

Marcy asked permission to apply for a tornado siren grant. He reported that there is no match required for this grant and that cities are not allowed to apply for this grant on their own. Motion by Holmen, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to allow Marcy permission to make application for a tornado siren grant for 2009.

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Discussion was held regarding ditch assessments and levies.

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Brief discussion was held regarding MCIT presentation entitled "Open Meeting Law and MN Government Data Practices Act" that Jane Hennagir is trying to set up for Cottonwood County. The date for the presentation has not yet been set.

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Commissioner Holmen gave an update in regards to a request from Community Health Services to replace the carpet at the County Office Building before they move in. Commissioner White agreed to come up with an estimate on the cost of new carpeting based on recent bids received for the North 71 County Office Building before seeking quotes.

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Commissioner Oeltjenbruns reported that the individual from his district that is currently appointed to the Extension Committee is no longer able to serve on the committee. He is currently looking for another individual to appoint.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Tom White, Board Vice-Chairman

Kelly Thongvong, Bd. Adm. Assistant