

February 12, 2008
 Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
 Regular Meeting
 Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 12, 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; Dominic Jones, Mike Hanson, Jason Purrington and Dustin Miller. Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2008 meeting.

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Dominic Jones from Red Rock Rural Water met with the board to seek approval of resolution for the Red Rock Rural Water System. Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous roll call vote to adopt resolution (on file in Commissioner's Room) providing for the issuance, sale, and delivery of \$6,627,000 general obligation water revenue bonds, series 2008 of Cottonwood County, Minnesota, to pay a part of the cost of water system improvements; establishing the terms and conditions therefore; and awarding the sale thereof.

Jones gave an update of the Red Rock Rural Water System and reported that there are 520 members involved in the current project with another 570 parties on a waiting list.

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Environmental Officer Mike Hanson met with the board to report that he was recently notified that the county was approved for the Natural Resources Block Grant in the amount of \$73,702. This is for the fiscal year from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to allow Chairman Oeltjenbruns to sign for the acceptance of the grant.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve February warrants as follows:

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| County Revenue Fund | \$ 79,715.87 |
| Long Term Capital Outlay | \$ 12,284.37 |
| County Building Fund | \$ 1,024.55 |
| Ditch Fund | \$ 22,179.12 |
| Road & Bridge | \$ 69,193.75 |
| Waste Abatement/SCORE | \$ 5,067.31 |
| Landfill Enterprise | <u>\$ 32,775.54</u> |
| TOTAL | \$222,240.51 |

Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson handed out the 2007 Investment Report for the board to review.

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Sheriff Jason Purrington and Deputy Dustin Miller introduced the new K-9 dog, Cherokee, to the county board and reported that is adjusting very well and has already passed one session of training in the metro area.

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Motion by Kuecker, second by White, unanimous vote to approve Minnesota River Board dues for 2008 in the amount of \$893.

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Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to allow Commissioner Holmen to receive per diem for attending Energy Summit on February 11th in Windom.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to approve Cottonwood County Budget Change Request Form. This form will need to be filled out whenever a Department Head needs to make a change to their budget.

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Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to approve payment in the amount of \$20.00 to the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry for boilers license application for Jim Vellema.

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Brief discussion was held regarding an e-mail that was received from AMC asking that the board pass a resolution requesting comprehensive road and transit funding. The board decided to hold off on adopting the resolution at this time until the legislative session begins.

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Chairman Oeltjenbruns reported that he has not yet had a chance to talk to Mark Marcy about attending any of the Emergency Management meetings but will plan to do so as he is the Commissioner liaison.

Oeltjenbruns will also do some more checking in regards to the possibility of holding an informational meeting regarding social security in Cottonwood County.

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Brief discussion was held regarding a situation that recently happened with one of the employees at the Highway Department. Commissioner Holmen will discuss this situation further with Ron Gregg to see if any action needs to be taken.

Brief discussion was held regarding letter that was received from the Department of Revenue regarding some information that was requested from the Assessor's Office. Commissioner Kuecker will discuss this situation with Gale Bondhus to see if the matter has been taken care of.

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Commissioner White presented information regarding the 2006 population estimate for Cottonwood County and the concerns he has with the declining population since the 2000 census. He shared some of his ideas with the board.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

John Oeltjenbruns, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant