

March 1, 2011
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Family Service Agency in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman Ron Kuecker. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns, Jim Schmidt, Tom White; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Nick Anderson; Geoffrey Johnson, Gary Olson, David Elston, Andrew Olson, Dean Laraway, Jim Vellema, Jason Purrington, Kim Hall, Ron Gregg, Duane Hooge and Martin Quintero.

Motion by Holmen, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by White, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting as amended.

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Geoffrey Johnson, Gary Olson, David Elston and Andrew Olson met with the board to discuss the condition of County Highway 15, which runs through Southbrook, Springfield and Great Bend Townships. County Engineer Ron Gregg was also present to listen and comment on the discussion as well as to present a draft copy of the 5-year plan for highway construction projects. Andy Olson commented that he thinks the county board should consider bonding for the maintenance of the county roads.

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Dean Laraway met with the board representing Laraway Roofing to give a presentation regarding the condition of the LEC roof and to discuss the two options (repair or new roof system) that he thinks the board has. He will be asked to submit a quote with different options to the board for their review at the next board meeting.

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Emergency Management Director Kim Hall met with the board to discuss a few different items. Motion by Schmidt, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to allow Chairman Kuecker to sign the signature page for the Emergency Operation Plan, which is needed to secure EMPG grant funding.

Hall asked that the board allow her to purchase an AED trainer for training purposes. She received three different quotes and each quote was for \$399 with the exception of Heart Smart Technology which offered a \$40 discount off the purchase of an AED trainer as they are the same company that the county recently purchased two live AED's from. Motion by White, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to allow Hall to purchase an AED trainer in the amount of \$359.

Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to transfer \$3500 of unspent money from the 2010 safety budget to the 2011 safety budget.

Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by White, unanimous vote to allow Hall permission to use the county credit card for the Governor's Conference on March 8-10, 2011.

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County Engineer Ron Gregg asked permission for approval to hire a full-time temporary Solid Waste worker. He reported that he received six applications and after reviewing them, he would like to recommend Bill Hamilton for the position. Motion by White, second by Schmidt, unanimous vote to hire Bill Hamilton as a full-time temporary Solid Waste worker on start step of the 2011 pay matrix pending successful completion of all the hiring requirements.

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Commissioner White gave an update in regards to the Cottonwood County municipalities' representative for SRDC that he believed the county board had to appointment. After doing some further research, it was determined that SRDC is responsible for this appointment.

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Commissioner Oeltjenbruns received a letter in the mail from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The board questioned whether the letter was sent to the wrong individual as it did not pertain to Cottonwood County but to Carlton County.

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Chairman Kuecker informed the board that he had a copy of the Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District Financial Statements dated December 31, 2009 that he would keep in the Commissioner's Room if anyone is interested in looking at a copy.

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It was reported that the Waste Management contracts are not due for renewal until July or August. The board will discuss this further as the deadline draws near.

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Motion by Holmen, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve gambling permit for the Mt. Lake Golf Course pending formal application is received.

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Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by White, unanimous vote to approve liquor license (3.2 and on-sale) for Big Daddy's Fire House LLC as all license requirements have been met.

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Duane Hooge and Martin Quintero met with the board representing Barga to give a presentation regarding the condition of the LEC roof and to discuss their recommendation of how to proceed with the repair of the roof. Barga will be asked to submit a quote for the repair of the roof to the board for their review at the next board meeting.

Motion by Holmen, second by Schmidt, unanimous vote to adopt all new job descriptions/job title changes as developed by Wayne Brede during the pay study process with the exception of the FLSA designations which will retain their existing status at this time.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Ron Kuecker, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant