

October 25, 2005
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Chuck Severson, Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns, Gary Sorenson; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvong; County Attorney Doug Storey; Mark Zera, Angie Blanshan and Ron Gregg. Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson was absent. Motion by Sorenson, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve the additions of the agenda. Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2005 meeting.

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Plum Creek Library Director Mark Zera met with the board to give an update and to discuss questions and concerns in regards to the current bookmobile services. It was reported that he is currently in the process of conducting a study to determine how much the bookmobile is costing each county. Zera made a request to increase funding for each of the four bookmobile stops by \$25.00 for 2006. Motion by Kuecker, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to increase funding for 2006 from \$700/month to \$800/month.

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Angie Blanshan met with the board representing the Southwest Crisis Center/Peace Agency to answer further questions in regards to the recent request for a new door and security system for the Windom office. Two quotes were received for a security system but these quotes did not include the cost of a door. Quotes for a door will be obtained and presented at a future meeting.

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County Engineer Ron Gregg met with the board to discuss a few miscellaneous items. Motion by Sorenson, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve final payment of the Storden Township Bridge replacement project. The final contract amount is \$61,611.66.

Discussion was held in regards to the Transportation Alliance request to join a coalition in support of the MVST Constitutional Amendment, which is to be included on the ballot of November 7, 2006. It was the consensus of the board not to join this coalition as a county.

Gregg discussed some possible changes to the recycling program and asked whether or not the county should take advantage of an opportunity to apply for a grant through MPCA known as the Capital Assistance Program, which requires a county match. The preliminary application would need to be submitted to MPCA by November 7th. Gregg will put together some more information and this will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Chuck Severson, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant