

August 25, 2009
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 1:00 p.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, Greg Walsh, Gerald Engstrom, Tom Kresko, Verlo Adrian, Dick Wiens, Arlyn Baerg, Allen Baerg, Bill Baerg, Rory Lindvall, Phil Johnson, Millie Horkey, Susan Horkey, Evelyn Ray, Jean Fast, Mark Marcy and Jason Purrington. Motion by Kuecker, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2009 meeting.

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County Attorney Doug Storey presented a proposed 2010 budget for the County Attorney's Office.

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Motion by White, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA) addendum for a 21-month extension to the current Joint Powers Agreement and to allow Commissioner Holmen to sign the addendum at the next RCRCA meeting. The appropriation that the county contributes would remain the same until June 30, 2011.

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Greg Walsh, Information Services Director, met with the board to give an update and to present a 5-year capital improvement projected cost plan for IT needs for the county.

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Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to recess as the County Board and to convene as the Ditch Authority for the purpose of holding a public hearing for the proposed improvement on JD #10. Tom Kresko from DNR was present to ask several questions of Gerald Engstrom. Engstrom will be including additional information requested in the final report. Motion by Holmen, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve the engineer's preliminary report and appoint Jim Weidemann, Duane Bendixon and Bill Modestad as viewers for the JD #10 improvement.

Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to set the hearing date for County Ditch 28 for September 1st at 11:45 a.m.

Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to adjourn as the Ditch Authority and to reconvene as the County Board.

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Chairman Sorenson reported that Wayne Brede would be meeting with the board on September 1st to give an update in regards to the pay study.

Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to grant approval to advertise for the CSAH 9 construction project.

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Phil Johnson met with the board to express his apology for his behavior at the Board of Equalization meeting on June 16th. He also expressed his concerns with the June 23rd meeting and the way it was handled.

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Jean Fast met with the board representing the Southern Minnesota Tourism Association. She asked that the board consider appropriating \$300 for 2010, which the board agreed to do.

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Chairman Sorenson reported that an HRA report has been received by the City of Windom if anyone is interested in looking at it.

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Commissioner Oeltjenbruns gave an update regarding the Carbon Credits Meeting he recently attended in St. Cloud.

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Emergency Management Director Mark Marcy met with the board to ask that they approve the EMPG grant agreement in the amount of \$34,459. Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to accept the EMPG grant in the amount of \$34,459 and to allow Chairman Sorenson to sign the agreement.

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Sheriff Jason Purrington met with the board to ask that they approve the ATV Enforcement Grant. The amount of the grant is \$8,852 over a 2-year period ending June 30, 2011. Motion by Kuecker, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to allow for acceptance of DNR enforcement grant and to allow Chairman Sorenson to sign the contract.

Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by White, unanimous vote to accept resignation from Patrick McCarty (part-time jailer/dispatcher) effective September 3rd and to allow for appropriate payout of benefits.

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Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson asked that the board consider signing an addendum to the existing contract with Computer Professionals Unlimited, Inc. (CPUI), which would extend the contract for an additional two years until December 31, 2015 and freeze the contract rates for an additional two years though 2011. Motion by Kuecker, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous roll call vote to adopt resolution as follows:

**Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Resolution 09-08-25**

WHEREAS, the County Board previously entered into an agreement ("Agreement") dated June 24, 2008, with Computer Professionals Unlimited, Inc. ("CPUI") to provide computer programming and technical assistance to the County; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of that Agreement and the "Attachment B" thereto, the monthly rate charged on a flat-fee schedule for said services increases 4% annually during the term of the Agreement, which runs through March 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, CPUI recognizes that due to a recessionary economy, local units of government such as this County are experiencing severe financial and budgetary stress; and

WHEREAS, CPUI desires to extend the term of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the agreement will be easier to administer if it is shifted to a calendar-year basis; and

WHEREAS, the following modifications to the Agreement are in the best interests of the County and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County shall enter into an Addendum to the Agreement whereby a) the term of the Agreement shall be extended through December 31, 2015; b) the monthly flat-rate fee schedule attached to that Agreement is modified to provide that the fees under the schedule attached to the Agreement as Attachment B in effect commencing April 1, 2009, shall remain in effect for calendar years 2010 and 2011, with 4% annual upward adjustments recommencing January 1, 2012, and occurring each year of the Agreement thereafter.

S/Gary Sorenson, Board Chairman * * * S/Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer *

Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to allow for payment in the amount of \$390 to Southwest Pro Wall for additional work completed at the 9th Street Office Building.

Motion by Kuecker, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to allow for payment in the amount of \$9,600 to Wayne Brede as a first installment for work done on the county pay study.

Motion by Kuecker, second by White, unanimous vote to set the 2010 annual appropriation to the Historical Society the same as it was for 2009, which was \$41,500.

Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to allow Chairman Sorenson to sign the lease agreement between Cottonwood County and Southwestern Mental Health Center.

Motion by Holmen, second by White, unanimous vote to allow Commissioner Kuecker to submit a per diem for the "Agro Ecology Summit" training he attended on August 21st at Willow Lake Farm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Gary Sorenson, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant