

March 2, 2010
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman Tom White. 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; Andy Olson, Jenny Quade, Gale Bondhus and Wayne Brede. Absent was Commissioner Gary Sorenson.

Motion by Kuecker, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting.

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Andy Olson met with the board to discuss the county budget and in particular the County Highway Department and the condition of the county roads.

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Probation Officer Jenny Quade met with the board to give an update regarding a remodeling project for the Probation Office. She reported that she will be purchasing new office furniture and rearranging the office for safety purposes. The office furniture will be paid for with supervision fees. Motion by Holmen, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to allow Quade to get quotes for carpeting and paint.

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Discussion was held regarding the current condition of the recycling drop off center in Windom as well as budget concerns with the Highway Department. Ron Gregg will be invited to attend a future board meeting to discuss this further.

Commissioner Kuecker handed out a 5-year six county survey of area Road & Bridge information that he recently compiled and which he will share with Ron Gregg as well.

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Wayne Brede met with the board to present a summary of the information that was discussed with those Department Heads that chose to meet with him individually on February 10th & 11th. Brede is hoping to present a final report to the board on March 23rd and then to schedule final briefings with all employees the next day.

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Motion by Holmen, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to allow Kim Hall to receive a \$20 cell phone reimbursement each month beginning with the February 2010 billing provided that annual documentation is submitted to the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Commissioner Holmen reported that viewers are not able to complete their work on JD #10 until the snow is gone.

It was reported that a few calls have been received regarding the letter that was sent out last month in regards to the open ditch law.

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Brief discussion was held regarding Wayne Brede's recommendation that the county should consider the possibility of hiring some kind of executive officer for the county at some point. The board agreed that they should have some further discussion regarding this recommendation at some point.

A suggestion to add "old business" as an item of discussion on future agendas was also discussed.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Tom White, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvong, Bd. Adm. Assistant