

June 1, 2010
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 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, Gary Sorenson; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey; Robin Weis, Cheryl Hanson, Kate Roberts, Wendell Wogen, Lois Ross, Deb Maxon and Craig Myers.

Motion by Sorenson, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by Holmen, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2010 meeting.

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Robin Weis, Executive Director of RSVP, and Kate Roberts, Cottonwood County RSVP Coordinator, met with the board to give an update on the RSVP Program of Southwest Minnesota and to provide information regarding the number of volunteers in Cottonwood County and total number of hours volunteered. They also gave an update in regards to a new program entitled CarFit that will be implemented in Cottonwood County in the near future.

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Family Service Agency Director Craig Myers met with the board to report that three candidates were recently interviewed for the Social Service Supervisor position vacated by the retirement of Sandra Hartman. Myers reported that he would like to offer the position to Sue Miller. Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to offer the position of Social Service Supervisor to Sue Miller on Step 2 of the 2010 pay matrix effective June 1st. This position will have a 6-month probationary period.

Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to allow Myers to post internally and advertise for one social worker position with a potential of a second position at a future date.

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Cheryl Hanson met with the board representing the Riverfest Committee to ask permission to use the courthouse grounds. Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to allow the Riverfest Committee to use the courthouse grounds for the Riverfest Celebration the weekend of June 11th – 13th.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous roll call vote to adopt resolution as follows:

**Resolution Approving Premises Gambling Permit
10-06-01**

WHEREAS, the Mountain Lake Fireman’s Relief Association is in the process of applying for a premises gambling permit; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 349.213, Subd. 2 and Minnesota Gambling Rule 7861.0240, Subp. 3, requires that an applicant for such a permit must attach to the application a copy of a resolution from the County Board approving the premises permit; and

WHEREAS, the Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners has considered the matter and supports the premises permit application;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the granting of a gambling premises permit to the Mountain Lake Fireman’s Relief Association for a site at the Mountain Lake Golf Club which is located in Midway Township of Cottonwood County, Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners authorizes Jan Johnson as the Cottonwood County Auditor Treasurer to sign the appropriate form LG214 Premises Permit Application signifying the county’s approval.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting this 1st day of June, 2010.

S/Jan, Johnson, Cottonwood County Auditor/Treasurer

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Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to appoint Tom Appel to fill the remainder of the term for the MN Extension Agency Board of Directors representing District 5.

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Commissioner Oeltjenbruns gave an update regarding RC & D. He reported that limited funds are remaining and grants will be awarded in less than a month if anyone knows of any projects that would like to be considered.

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Brief discussion was held regarding a trip to Worthington that the county bus provides once/month when passengers allow.

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Commissioner Sorenson reported that he has been in contact with Nick Muller in regards to planting filter strips.

Commissioner Holmen gave an update regarding a request from Tim Ketzenberg to bury 12 inch tile instead of having an open ditch. County Attorney Doug Storey will do some further research in regards to this matter.

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Motion by Kuecker, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to close the meeting at 10:03 a.m. to discuss strategy for labor negotiations and that the meeting be recorded. The following individuals were present: Tom White, Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns, Gary Sorenson, Kelly Thongvong, Jan Johnson and Doug Storey.

Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to open the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Motion by Sorenson, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to send letter to each bargaining unit expressing the desire to open labor negotiations and to begin sometime in July 2010.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Tom White, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant