

March 25, 2008
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman John Oeltjenbruns. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners John Oeltjenbruns, Gary Sorenson, Tom White, Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey, Jason Purrington, Lori Blickem, Greg Walsh, Ron Gregg, Todd Dibble, Bob Pankratz, Gale Bondhus, Mike Hanson, Rory Lindvall, Wendell Fredin, Sherry Sevcik, Kathy Kretsch and Craig Myers. Motion by Holmen, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by Sorenson, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting.

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Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson presented two quotes for the purchase of a vacuum cleaner for the County Office Building as follows: Town-n-Country - \$699.99 and Zep - \$513.94. Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to accept low quote in the amount of \$513.94 for the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner from Zep.

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A public hearing was held regarding the Dangerous Dog Ordinance with no members of the public being present and no comments being heard. Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve Dangerous Dog Ordinance No. 37 effective March 25, 2008.

Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to set 2008 annual registration fee at \$100 for any dog that has been declared dangerous according to the new ordinance.

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Motion by Kuecker, second by Holmen, unanimous roll call vote to adopt resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BOARD MEMBERS OF
RED ROCK RURAL WATER SYSTEM
08-03-25**

County Commissioners of the County of Cottonwood, State of Minnesota, pursuant to a discussion and pursuant to a recommendation received from the Red Rock Rural Water System board, hereby resolve to recommend to the Cottonwood County District Court that the make-up of the Red Rock Rural Water System board be reduced to include those nine board members with associated terms more specifically set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference, all pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 116A.

S/ Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Motion by Sorenson, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to allow for a blanket approval for all commissioners to attend variance and conditional use hearings retro to January 1, 2008 and to turn in a county per diem.

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Lori Blickem met with the board representing Alltel. She discussed different options for some of the current county cell phone plans and talked about updates that are available if necessary.

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Greg Walsh, Watonwan County Information Services Director, met with the board to present his evaluation of Cottonwood County's current system and to give his recommendations of what the board may want to consider doing for Cottonwood County.

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County Engineer Ron Gregg met with the board to discuss a few items. Gregg presented dust control quotes from two vendors as follows: Dustcoating - \$72.00/100 feet or \$0.81/gallon and Crystal Valley Coop - \$70.00/100 feet or \$0.79/gallon. Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to continue the dust control program through Cottonwood County but to increase the application fee to \$75.00/100 feet to offset the increase in material costs and to use Crystal Valley Coop as vendor as they provided the low quote. The county will provide two applications for this fee.

Brief discussion was held regarding a concern with landfill items being found in township road ditches. The issue will be monitored over the coming months.

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Veterans Officer Todd Dibble met with the board in regards to the Veterans budget. He asked that the board consider amending his 2008 budget, as there were some funds from last year that he felt should have carried over to 2008. Motion by Sorenson, second by Kuecker, unanimous vote to amend 2008 Veterans budget to reflect a \$650 increase to the miscellaneous line item.

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Discussion was held regarding the North 71 County Office Building. Tentative floor plans were presented for the board's review. There are still a few things that need to be done before finalizing the plans.

Motion by Kuecker, second by White, unanimous vote to authorize advertisement to seek quotes for mowing of the lawn at the North 71 County Office Building.

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Brief discussion was held regarding a letter that was received from an employee's spouse expressing the dissatisfaction of service received from Select Account (flexible spending administrator) when submitting a recent claim for reimbursement. This individual will be contacted to see if the matter has been resolved.

Commissioner Kuecker reported that he recently received a complaint about snowmobiling at Mountain Park in Mt. Lake. Kuecker will do some further research on the matter as to whether or not snowmobiling in county parks is legal.

Kuecker asked for an update on an old business item regarding a letter that was received in regards to a possible claim against the county jail. It was reported that no further information has been received in regards to this matter.

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Commissioner Holmen reported that he received a letter from the Department of Revenue in regards to the matter regarding the Westbrook Health Care Center and has shared a copy with each of the commissioners.

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Motion by Kuecker, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve payment of bill to Dave Borsgard in the amount of \$3,552 for work done in the Recorder's Office.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

John Oeltjenbruns, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant