

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING**

December 19, 2016

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, December 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Roger Falk. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Roger Falk, Mark Foldesi, Glenda Phillipe, Jack Swanson and Todd Miller.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Commissioner Phillipe, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried unanimously.

COUNTY BOARD ITEMS

2017 County Board Meeting Schedules

The Board reviewed the 2017 Board Meeting Schedules. A motion to approve the 2017 Holiday; Board Meeting; Operations/Committee of the Whole; Community Justice Coordinating Committee; Social Service Board Meeting; and, the Highway Committee schedules (omitting the January meeting), was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Phillipe and carried unanimously.

2017 County Board Chair Rotation Policy

The Board discussed past practices pertaining to rotating the position of Board Chair. Commissioners noted that currently the Chair position is rotated on a district-by-district basis with the next district in rotation, after the Chair, filling the Vice-Chair position. Commissioners discussed the procedure for appointing the Board Chair when a newly elected Commissioner's district is next in rotation for the Chair. The Board noted the "learning curve" associated with any new Commissioner taking office, and discussed revisiting the policy. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Phillipe and carried by a 4 to 1 vote with Commissioner Falk opposed, to set policy stating that if the newly elected Commissioner is from the district next in rotation for the Board Chair position, the position for Chair will go to the Commissioner whose district would be in the rotation for the Vice-Chair position. The Vice-Chair would then be appointed from the next district in the rotation.

Commissioner Committee Reports

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee(s): Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 11/28/16; Wage Committee, 12/1/16; Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus, 12/4/16; Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference, 12/5-12/6/16; Lake Bottom Project Public Hearing, 12/7/16; Northwest Regional Development Commission, 12/12/16; Wage Committee, 12/13/16; Northwest Community Action, 12/15/16.

Commissioner Foldesi reported on the following committee(s): City of Greenbush Highway Shop meeting, 11/30/16; Wage Committee, 12/1/16; Wage Committee, 12/13/16.

Commissioner Miller reported on the following committee(s): Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 11/28/16; City of Greenbush Highway Shop meeting, 11/30/16; Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus, 12/4/16; Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference, 12/5-

12/6/16; Minnesota Engineer's Association meeting, 12/6/16; Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board, 12/6/16; Drainage Work Group, 12/9/16; One Watershed One Plan Meeting 12/14/16; Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus, Land Use Conference Call, 12/16/16.

Commissioner Phillipe reported on the following committee(s): Warroad Team EPIC, 11/29/16; Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus, 12/4/16; Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference, 12/5-12/6/16.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee(s): Association Minnesota Counties (AMC) Executive Committee Teleconference, 11/28/16; Roseau Economic Development Authority, 11/30/16; Team EPIC Community Forum, 12/1/16; Data Driven Justice Initiative with LifeCare Medical Center Behavioral Health, 12/2/16; AMC Executive Committee, 12/4/16; AMC Board of Directors, 12/4/16; AMC Annual Conference, 12/5-12/6/16; Data Driven Justice Initiative, 12/6/16; Big Four, 12/8/16; Local Government Innovations Awards Ceremony, 12/8/16; AMC Executive Committee, 12/9/16; AMC Governance Committee, 12/12/16.

Wage Negotiations

The Board discussed wage proposals from the Teamsters, the Highway Department Group and the Non-Union Employees. After review of the proposals, the Board agreed by consensus to set parameters for the Labor Committee to propose a three-year agreement to all the groups.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Jeff Pelowski, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

Roger Falk, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Roseau County, Minnesota