

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 2, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Mark Foldesi. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Roger Falk, Mark Foldesi, Glenda Phillippe, Jack Swanson and Russell Walker. Others present were Martie Monsrud, Jeff Pelowski, Ann Marie Miller and Sue Grafstrom.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Coordinator Pelowski called for nominations for Chair of the Roseau County Board for 2018. Commissioner Swanson nominated Commissioner Phillippe as Chair. Coordinator Pelowski called for further nominations. A motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Phillippe as Chair was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously. The meeting was turned over to Chair Phillippe. Chair Phillippe called for nominations for Vice-Chair. A motion to nominate Commissioner Swanson as Vice-Chair was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Resolution to support local Motor Vehicle License Bureaus and a discussion on Minnesota Rural Counties Legislative Priorities was added to County Board Items. A motion to approve the amended Agenda was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Foldesi expressed gratitude to the Board, during his tenure as Board Chair, for working well together and getting things done. Coordinator Pelowski informed the Board of a Rinke Noonan Drainage and Water Conference to be held on February 15, 2018.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously. The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the December 27, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Proceedings; set the 2018 Mileage Expense Reimbursement rate at 54.5 cents per mile; set the 2018 meal expense reimbursement rate at a maximum of \$40.00 per day; set the 2018 pocket gopher bounty at \$2.50 per gopher with an additional \$1.00 reimbursement paid for gophers trapped in unorganized Townships, (this matches the additional \$1.00 that organized Townships pay for gopher bounty); set the 2018 beaver bounty at \$50.00 per beaver; and, authorized the County Auditor to pay routine bills, (a comprehensive list is available in the Auditor's Office - Resolution #2018-01-01).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway

Coordinator Pelowski, on behalf of Engineer Ketring, requested the Board approve a final payment to Roseau Roofing & Remodeling, LLC for the Greenbush Shop project. A motion to approve a

final payment to Roseau Roofing & Remodeling, LLC, in the amount of \$36,191.50, as final payment, including the funds retained for the General Contractor portion of the Greenbush Maintenance Facility project, was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously.

COUNTY BOARD ITEMS

2018 Committee Appointments

The Board reviewed the 2018 Committee Appointments. A motion to approve the 2018 Committee Appointment List was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously, as follows:

Association of MN Counties Agriculture & Rural Task Force	
Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk	Commissioner Mark Foldesi
Commissioner Russell Walker	Commissioner Jack Swanson
Association of MN Counties - Big Four	
Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Jack Swanson	
Association of MN Counties - Broadband Sub-Committee	
Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Jack Swanson	Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
Association of MN Counties - County Delegates	
Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk	
Commissioner Mark Foldesi	
Commissioner Russell Walker	
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe	
Commissioner Jack Swanson	
Social Services Director Dave Anderson	
CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski	
Auditor Martha Monsrud	
Association of MN Counties Futures Task Force	
Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Jack Swanson	
Association of MN Counties General Government Policy Committee	
Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe	
Association of MN Counties Health & Human Services Policy Committee	
Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Social Services Director Dave Anderson	
Association of MN Counties Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee	
Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Russell Walker	
Association of MN Counties Extension Committee	
Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Jack Swanson	
Association of MN Counties Finance Committee	
Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Jack Swanson	

Association of MN Counties Public Safety Policy Committee

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Jack Swanson	

Association of MN Counties Research Committee

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Jack Swanson	

Association of MN Counties Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk	

Audit/Finance Committee

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk	
Commissioner Russell Walker	
Auditor Martha Monsrud	
Treasurer Diane Gregerson	
Tobi Eidsmoe	

Buffer Program Advisory Committee - Committee of the Whole

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk	
Commissioner Mark Foldesi	
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe	
Commissioner Jack Swanson	
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe	
SWCD Administrator Scott Johnson	
Engineer Brian Ketring	
SWCD Chair John Gaukerud	
CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski	

Building Committee

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk	Commissioner Mark Foldesi
Commissioner Jack Swanson	Commissioner Russell Walker
CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski	Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
Auditor Martha Monsrud	
Social Services Director Dave Anderson	
Sheriff Steve Gust	
IT Administrator Chris Stauffer	
Engineer Brian Ketring	
Building Mgmt. Supervisor Lenny Johnson	

Cities Counties and Other Government Agencies (COGA)

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
HR/Ben Administrator Patty Ignaszewski	CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski
Fiscal Supervisor Kerri Byfuglien	

Committee of the Whole

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk	
Commissioner Mark Foldesi	
Commissioner Russell Walker	
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe	
Commissioner Jack Swanson	

Community Justice Coordinating Committee

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Jack Swanson	Commissioner Roger Falk

Attorney Karen Foss
Assistant County Attorney Mike Grover
Judge Donna Dixon
Sheriff Steve Gust
Social Services Director Dave Anderson
Jail Administrator Matt Restad

Commissioner Mark Foldesi
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe

County Fair Planning Committee

Committee Members
Commissioner Jack Swanson
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
Administrative Assistant Cindy Tangen
Auditor Martha Monsrud
Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Miller

Alternate(s)

Credit Card Committee

Committee Members
Commissioner Roger Falk
Commissioner Jack Swanson
Engineer Brian Ketring
Auditor Martha Monsrud
Treasurer Diane Gregerson

Alternate(s)

DNR County Road Planning Committee per MN Statute 89.01 subd. 7/Unorganized Road Planning Committee

Committee Members
Commissioner Mark Foldesi
Commissioner Russell Walker

Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe

Emergency Management

Committee Members
Commissioner Mark Foldesi
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
Assessor Liz Lund
Attorney Karen Foss
Auditor Martha Monsrud
Engineer Brian Ketring
HSEM Director Sue Grafstrom
CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski
Recorder Pam Grand
Social Services Director Dave Anderson
Treasurer Diane Gregerson
Sheriff Steve Gust

Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Jack Swanson

Greater Minnesota Parks & Trails Coalition

Committee Members
Commissioner Roger Falk
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe

Alternate(s)

Highway Department - Committee of the Whole

Committee Members
Commissioner Roger Falk
Commissioner Mark Foldesi
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
Commissioner Jack Swanson
Asst County Engineer Daryl Dahl
Engineer Brian Ketring

Alternate(s)

Asst County Engineer Ryan Murray

Insurance Committee

Committee Members

Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Jack Swanson
Wellness Coordinator Cindy Tangen
Civil Process Clerk Tara Halvorson
Deputy Accountant Rhonda Hanson
Auditor Martie Monsrud
HR/Ben Administrator Patty Ignaszewski
CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski
Fiscal Supervisor Kerri Byfuglien
Heavy Equipment Oper. Jason Monsrud

Alternate(s)

Commissioner Glenda Phillipe

Joint Ditch Authority

Committee Members

Ditch Commissioners
Judicial Ditch No. 19 District 5
Judicial Ditch No. 22 District 1 & 4
Judicial Ditch No. 33 District 2 & 5
State Ditch No. 50 District 5
State Ditch No. 62 District 3 & 4
Judicial Ditch No. 63 District 2, 3, 4 & 5
State Ditch No. 72 District 2, 3 & 5
State Ditch No. 90 District 5
State Ditch No. 95 District 1, 2, 3, & 5

Alternate(s)

Adjoining County
Marshall
Lake of the Woods
Kittson
Kittson
Lake of the Woods
Marshall
Kittson
Kittson & Marshall
Kittson

Joint RRWD/TRWD & Kittson County & Roseau County Ditch Committee

Committee Members

Commissioner Mark Foldesi
Commissioner Roger Falk

Alternate(s)

Commissioner Russell Walker

Joint Counties Natural Resource Board

Committee Members

Commissioner Roger Falk
Commissioner Russell Walker

Alternate(s)

Commissioner Mark Foldesi

Lake of the Woods Fisheries Input Group

Committee Members

Commissioner Roger Falk

Alternate(s)

Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging (NWRDC) 21 County BOARD

Committee Members

Commissioner Glenda Phillipe

Alternate(s)

Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency Advisory NWRDC COMMITTEE

Committee Members

Commissioner Glenda Phillipe

Alternate(s)

Land Use Committee - Committee of the Whole

Committee Members

Commissioner Roger Falk
Commissioner Mark Foldesi
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
Commissioner Jack Swanson
CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski
Assessor Liz Lund
Engineer Brian Ketring

Alternate(s)

Auditor Martha Monsrud
Deputy Auditor Kathy Jensen

Law Library Board of Trustees MS 134A.10 Sub 4

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Jack Swanson	Commissioner Mark Foldesi
Judge Donna Dixon	
Law Clerk Laurel Lawson	
Attorney Karen Foss	
Assistant County Attorney Mike Grover	
Court Administrator Pam Shaw	

Legislative Committee - Committee of the Whole

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk	
Commissioner Mark Foldesi	
Commissioner Russell Walker	
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe	
Commissioner Jack Swanson	
CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski	

Minnesota Association of Professional County Economic Developers

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe	All Commissioners

Minnesota County Computer Cooperative

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
IT Administrator Chris Stauffer	Treasurer Diane Gregerson
Auditor Martha Monsrud	Assessor Liz Lund
	IT Tech Chad Wulff

Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) DELEGATE

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Auditor Martha Monsrud	Commissioner Russell Walker

Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) CONTACT

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Auditor Martha Monsrud, Primary Contact	
CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski, Workers Comp Contact	

Minnesota Rural Counties (MRC)

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe	All Commissioners
Commissioner Russell Walker	

Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Jack Swanson	All Commissioners

Northwest Community Action Board

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk	Mark Foldesi

Northwest MN Household Hazardous Waste Joint Powers Board

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe	Commissioner Jack Swanson

Northwest MN Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Jack Swanson	

Northwest MN Juvenile Center

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Social Services Director Dave Anderson	

Sheriff Steve Gust

Northwest MN Regional Development Transportation Committee

Committee Members

Commissioner Roger Falk
Engineer Brian Ketring

Alternate(s)

Any Other Commissioner

Northwest MN Regional Library Board

Committee Members

Gracia Nelson

Alternate(s)

Northwest Regional Development Commission

Committee Members

Commissioner Mark Foldesi
Jim Christianson
Buddy Erickson

County Board Rep
School Board Rep
Township Board Rep

Northwest Regional Development Commission Arts Council

Committee Members

Aliza Olson
Charles Erickson

Alternate(s)

Northwest Regional Development Commission Executive Board of Directors

Committee Members

Commissioner Mark Foldesi

Alternate(s)

Buddy Erickson (Alternate)

Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Board

Committee Members

Commissioner Jack Swanson

Alternate(s)

Commissioner Roger Falk

Noxious Weed Appeal MS 18.83, Subd 3

Committee Members

Commissioner Mark Foldesi
Curtis Skrutvold
Tim O'Donnell
Arne Heggedal
Greg Braaten

Alternate(s)

Any Other Commissioner

Operations/COW Committee

Committee Members

Commissioner Roger Falk
Commissioner Mark Foldesi
Commissioner Russell Walker
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
Commissioner Jack Swanson
Assessor Liz Lund
Attorney Karen Foss
Auditor Martha Monsrud
Building Mgmt Supervisor Lenny Johnson
CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski
HSEM Director Sue Grafstrom
Engineer Brian Ketring
IT Administrator Chris Stauffer
Recorder Pam Grand
Sheriff Steve Gust
Social Services Director Dave Anderson
Treasurer Diane Gregerson
VSO Martin Howes
4H Coordinator Sandi Weiland

Alternate(s)

Personnel Appeal Committee MS 375.65

Committee Members

LifeCare Medical Center HR Rep
 Polaris Industries HR Rep
 Marvin Windows HR Rep

To be appointed per County Personnel Act: Three non-county employees with Human Resource experience.

Public Health Committee**Committee Members**

Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
 Commissioner Jack Swanson
 Attorney Karen Foss
 CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski
 HSEM Director Sue Grafstrom
 LifeCare Medical Center Rep Cathy Huss
 LifeCare Medical Center Rep Julie Pahlen
 Sheriff Steve Gust
 Social Services Director Dave Anderson
 Auditor Martha Monsrud

Alternate(s)

Commissioner Mark Foldesi

Quin County Community Health Advisory Board**Committee Members**

Commissioner Mark Foldesi
 Public Health Rep Julie Pahlen

Alternate(s)

Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
 HSEM Director Sue Grafstrom

Red River Basin Commission Joint Powers Board**Committee Members**

Commissioner Roger Falk

Alternate(s)

Any Other Commissioner

Red River Development Association**Committee Members**

Richard Magnusson

Alternate(s)**Regional Radio Advisory Committee (RAC)****Committee Members**

HSEM Director Sue Grafstrom

Alternate(s)

Jail Administrator Matt Restad
 IT Administrator Chris Stauffer

Retired Senior Volunteer Program**Committee Members**

Commissioner Glenda Phillipe

Alternate(s)**Roseau County Affordable Housing Fund Advisory Board****Committee Members**

Commissioner Jack Swanson

Alternate(s)

Commissioner Glenda Phillipe

Roseau County Board of Adjustment MS 394**Committee Members**

Bernard Gonshorowski
 John Douglas
 Randy Horner
 CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski - Ex Officio

Alternate(s)**Roseau County Committee on Aging****Committee Members**

Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
 Richard Otto (City of Roseau)
 Bill Cain (District 1)
 Sue Lisell (District 2)
 Sandi Otto (District 3)
 Jim Hallan (District 4)
 _____ (District 5)

Alternate(s)

Commissioner Jack Swanson

Roseau County Extension Committee MS 38.36

Committee Members

Auditor Martha Monsrud
 Commissioner Roger Falk
 Commissioner Jack Swanson
 Thor Didrikson
 Robby Christianson
 Brita Comstock
 Matt Ulwelling
 Rachal Erickson
 Pat Hockstedler

Alternate(s)

Commissioner Mark Foldesi

Roseau County Revolving Loan Committee**Committee Members**

Commissioner Roger Falk
 Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
 Auditor Martha Monsrud
 Aaron Rislov - Security State Bank
 Robert Foley, Jr. - Citizens State Bank
 Joe Ulwelling - Border State Bank

Alternate(s)**Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District****Committee Members**

Commissioner Russell Walker

Alternate(s)

Commissioner Mark Foldesi

Roseau River International Watershed Board**Committee Members**

Commissioner Mark Foldesi
 Commissioner Roger Falk

Alternate(s)**Roseau River Trail Committee****Committee Members**

Commissioner Roger Falk

Alternate(s)

Commissioner Jack Swanson

Roseau River Watershed District Board**Committee Members**

Tony Wensloff
 Jason Braaten
 LeRoy Carrier
 Carter Diesen
 Cody Schmalz

Alternate(s)**Roseau River Watershed District (Commissioner Delegates)****Committee Members**

Commissioner Roger Falk
 Commissioner Russell Walker

Alternate(s)

Commissioner Mark Foldesi
 Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
 Commissioner Jack Swanson

Safety Committee MS 182.676**Committee Members**

Highway (3)
 Engineer Brian Ketring
 Senior Highway Technician Allen Brandt
 Asst County Engineer Ryan Murray
Law Enforcement (3)
 Sheriff Steve Gust
 Sergeant Kevin Becker
 Jail Administrator Matt Restad
Courthouse Administration (3)
 Auditor Martha Monsrud

Alternate(s)

HR/Ben Admin Patty Ignaszewski
 Deputy Recorder Brenda McMillin
Transfer Station (1)
 CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski
Maintenance (1)
 Building Mgmt Supervisor Lenny Johnson
County Board (2)
 Commissioner Roger Falk
 Commissioner Jack Swanson
Social Services (3)
 Social Services Director Dave Anderson
 Office Support Specialist Janelle Verbout
 Social Worker Allison Fillmore
HSEM (Ex-officio)
 HSEM Director Sue Grafstrom

Social Services Board - Committee of the Whole

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk	
Commissioner Mark Foldesi	
Commissioner Russell Walker	
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe	
Commissioner Jack Swanson	
Social Services Director Dave Anderson	
Fiscal Supervisor Kerri Byfuglien	
Member at Large - Colleen Lorensen	
Member at Large - Jared Gustafson	

Solid Waste Planning Committee

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk	Any Other Commissioner
Commissioner Jack Swanson	
CC/ESD Jeff Pelowski, ex-officio	
Marsha Yates - Badger	
Ronald Jacobson -Twp. Officers Assoc.	
Brenda Sather - Greenbush	
Elliott Larson - Marvin Windows	
David Drown - Roseau	
Jim Pederson - Polaris	
Dick Soderberg - Warroad	

Statewide Radio Board Finance Committee

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Jack Swanson	

Trails Committee

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Russell Walker	Any Other Commissioner
Commissioner Mark Foldesi	

Transportation Alliance Committee

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk	Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
Engineer Brian Ketring	

TV Translator Committee

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Roger Falk	Commissioner Russell Walker

Commissioner Jack Swanson
Auditor Martha Monsrud
Dick Sjoberg - Sjoberg's Cable
Lee Hervey - Voyagers Communication

Two Rivers Watershed District Board of Managers

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Al Brazier	
Bruce Anderson	

Two Rivers Watershed District (Commissioner Delegates)

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Mark Foldesi	Commissioner Roger Falk

Victim Services Advisory Board

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe	
Commissioner Russell Walker	

Warroad River Watershed District Board of Managers

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Joe Olafson	
Jeff O'Donnell	
Gerald Phillipe	
Keith Landin	
William Thompson	

Warroad River Watershed District (Commissioner Delegates)

611	Committee Members	Alternate(s)
	Commissioner Glenda Phillipe	Commissioner Mark Foldesi
	Commissioner Russell Walker	Commissioner Roger Falk
		Commissioner Jack Swanson

Website Management Committee

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
IT Administrator Chris Stauffer	
Social Services Director Dave Anderson	
Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Miller	
Commissioner Russell Walker	
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe	

Wellness Committee

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
Social Worker Lynette Blazek	
Sheriff Steve Gust	
Deputy Auditor Kathy Jenson	
Heavy Equip Operator Jason Monsrud	
HR/Ben Admin Patty Ignaszewski	
Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Miller	
HSEM Director Sue Grafstrom	
VSO Martin Howes	
Fiscal Supervisor Kerri Byfuglien	
Commissioner Jack Swanson	
Wellness Coordinator Cindy Tangen	
Commissioner Roger Falk	
Social Worker Erica Bergstrom	
IT Technician Chad Wulff	

Wetland Appeal Board

Committee Members	Alternate(s)
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Commissioner Roger Falk
Commissioner Glenda Phillipe
Dan Johnston - Member-at-Large
To Be Appointed by SWCD

Any Other Commissioner

If wetland issue is in Commissioner district,
choice to elect another Commissioner to
represent.

Wildlife Management Area Planning Committee

Committee Members

Commissioner Roger Falk
Commissioner Mark Foldesi

Alternate(s)

Any Other Commissioner

Motor Vehicle License Bureau Resolution

Commissioner Swanson requested the Board adopt a Resolution in support of the State of Minnesota enacting legislation in 2018 to provide proper compensation to local Deputy Registrar Offices. A motion was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Foldesi and carried unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

2018-01-02

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota established a Deputy Registrar Network to provide our citizens with motor vehicle titling and registration services, including driver license transactions; and,

WHEREAS, Deputy Registrars are required to operate as agents on behalf of the State of Minnesota without compensation from the State for the services they offer; and,

WHEREAS, in 1949, the State of Minnesota established in statute a user-based filing fee on motor vehicles and driver license transactions to be retained by the Deputy Registrar to defray all their costs to provide this localized service to our citizens for the State; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota now receives over \$1 billion annually in State fees and taxes collected through the Deputy Registrar Network; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has now shifted substantial clerical and auditing responsibilities on the Deputy Registrar Network due to the State's conversion to their new MNLARS (Minnesota Licensing and Registration System) program; and,

WHEREAS, the new MNLARS regimen is now documented to have multiple shortcomings which have severely strained normal Deputy Registrar operations with longer processing times that greatly limit their typical volume of daily business; and,

WHEREAS, other MNLARS shortcomings have frequently forced deputies to conduct "no-(filing) fee" services for customers which acerbates the Deputy business model; and,

WHEREAS, Deputy Registrar Offices are now forced to invest in additional staff, office equipment, and more space to meet customer demand due to the MNLARS conversion; and,

WHEREAS, the filing fee no longer covers the operational costs to maintain Deputy Registrar Offices such that many local government-based Deputies are seeking local property tax subsidies and private operators are applying for lines of credit to stave off complete closure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Roseau County calls upon the State Legislature and our Governor to enact legislation in 2018 to provide Deputy Registrars with proper compensation by re-allocating from existing state fee structures or other appropriate filing fee

adjustments to ensure their valued service and continued presence remains in our local community to serve our citizens and the State.

Minnesota Rural Counties (MRC) Legislative Priorities

Commissioner Walker distributed a list of MRC's 2018 Legislative priorities for Board review. Board consensus was to support the proposed initiatives.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Jeff Pelowski, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

Glenda Phillipe, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Roseau County, Minnesota