

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 22, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Board Chair Jack Swanson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Roger Falk, John Horner, Jack Swanson, Russell Walker and Daryl Wicklund. Others present were Jeff Pelowski, Joleen Kezar, Kristy Kjos, Martie Monsrud, Steve Gust, Brian Ketring, Daryle Dahl, Ryan Murray, Sue Grafstrom, Simon Kern, Jen Kern, Larry Kern, Tracy Halstensgard, Torin McCormack, Jason Braaten, Erik Magnusson, John Frislief, Elle Frislief, Emily Straw, Pete Beito, Sally Beito, Ardell Magnusson, Rodney Sikorski, and Randy Prachar.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Coordinator Pelowski requested adding a wage negotiation summary/discussion to County Board Items, which may require the Board to close the meeting pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03; Assessor Lund requested adding an update on a potential lawsuit to County Board Items, which would require the Board to close the meeting pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(b); and, Auditor Monsrud requested adding acceptance of payment for sale of certain tax-forfeited properties, and a request to repurchase tax-forfeited property to the Department Reports. A motion to approve the amended Agenda was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund, and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Monsrud noted that the Joint Ditch meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019, has been relocated from Rock Harbor Lodge to The Hawk in Roosevelt. Attorney Kjos requested to move the Water Surface Use Ordinance item to the Spring of 2020 due to current workload. Commissioner Swanson noted that the AMC District Meeting III is this Thursday in Fosston, MN.

APPROVE BILLS

A motion was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Horner, and carried by a 4 to 0 vote, (Commissioner Swanson abstained from voting due to a possible conflict concerning one of the bills to be paid), to approve the payment of the following warrants:

Warrants Approved For Payment 10/10/2019 (Warrant #141493-141501)

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| CENTURYLINK | 3,371.14 |
| MN DEPT OF FINANCE -TREAS | 3,195.00 |
| ROSEAU CITY | 10,698.97 |
| 6 Payments less than 2,000.00 | 5,110.11 |
| Final Total: | 22,375.22 |

Warrants Approved For Payment 10/17/2019 (Warrant #141502-141520)

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| JOHNSON OIL CO INC | 5,998.08 |
| KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS 1, | 103,858.15 |
| MARK SAND & GRAVEL CO | 11,394.25 |

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| RIVERFRONT STATION | 2,419.53 |
| 15 Payments less than 2,000.00 | 5,376.78 |
| Final Total: | 1,129,046.79 |

Warrants Approved On 10/22/2019 For Payment 10/25/2019 (Warrant #141521-141600)

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| ANDERSON-CRANE RUBBER COMPANY | 3,334.70 |
| ASSN OF MN COUNTIES | 2,625.00 |
| FARGO FREIGHTLINER | 33,512.39 |
| FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD | 4,481.38 |
| GREENBUSH CITY | 3,996.00 |
| JOBS HQ | 2,700.00 |
| JOHNSON OIL CO INC | 5,225.16 |
| KKWQ BORDER BROADCASTING | 4,464.00 |
| KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS | 8,680.00 |
| LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING SERVICES | 2,016.41 |
| LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER-HOME HEALTH | 2,845.53 |
| M & R SIGN CO INC | 14,005.40 |
| MATTSON PHARMACY INC | 6,283.21 |
| MINNKOTA POWER | 2,676.54 |
| MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM-D | 4,716.00 |
| NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT | 38,747.38 |
| NORTHERN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE | 16,939.93 |
| REGENTS OF U OF MINNESOTA | 18,944.87 |
| ROGER'S TWO WAY RADIO INC | 10,695.27 |
| ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN | 10,847.88 |
| ROSEAU DIESEL SERVICE INC | 4,643.04 |
| STOSKOPF REDI MIX ROSEAU INC | 7,500.00 |
| WILD 102 | 2,700.00 |
| 57 Payments less than 2,000.00 | 19,592.42 |
| Final Total: | 232,172.51 |

In addition, the Board approved one forthwith payment to Mark Beito in the amount of \$200.00 for beaver trapping on Ditch 23.

DELEGATIONS/BOARD APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Randy Prachar, MnDNR – Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Project – No Net Loss Policy Variance Request

The MnDNR is requesting a variance to the County’s “No Net Loss Policy”, as there are approximately 330 acres of privately owned land the State would like to purchase for the project. He stated that a variance would be warranted due to the fact that the project will provide significant flood damage reduction benefits to the County, and that this is a joint project between the State and the Roseau River Watershed District. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and carried unanimously to approve the following Resolution:

2019-10-02

Resolution requesting approval of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to acquire parcels of land for inclusion in the Roseau Lake Wildlife Management Area:

WHEREAS, the Roseau Lake Rehabilitation project is a multipurpose project that will provide substantial wildlife habitat and flood damage reduction benefits, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Roseau River Watershed District are partners on this project, and

WHEREAS, selected private land parcels that exist within the project footprint are needed in order to efficiently develop and operate the project, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has identified 2 such parcels with willing sellers, and

WHEREAS, these parcels are described as follows:

1. SW1/4 SW1/4 in Sec 21 T163N R40W (40 acres), and
2. NE1/4 SE1/4 in Sec 23; NW1/4 NE1/4; N1/2 SE1/4; and that part of the S1/2 SE1/4 that lies north of the river, all in Sec 26 T163N R40W; and SW1/4 NW1/4 and that part of the NW1/4 SW1/4 that lies north of the river, all in Sec 27 (approximately 250 acres); and
3. All of the above is with Roseau County, Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources requests that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners approve acquisition of the above parcels for inclusion in the Roseau Lake Wildlife Management Area,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners approves of the acquisition of the above listed parcels on this 22nd day of October 2019.

County Road (CR) 7

Jennifer Kern, and other Township residents, met with the Board to discuss CR 7 in Unorganized Township 162N, Range 44W (Juneberry) that has been washed out due to flooding, and a detour has been set up as the road is currently impassable. They commented on the road condition and the inconvenience/disruption the detour is having on those living in that area. Engineer Ketring commented that CR 7 is a State Aid Road and would need funding from the State to permanently repair the road. In addition, he stated that the County is attempting to get the road in useable condition as soon as possible. Commissioner Swanson suggested adding a long-term plan discussion for this road to the next Highway Committee Meeting Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously. The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the October 8, 2019, Board Proceedings; authorized Treasurer Gregerson to remit 32 unclaimed warrants to the State of Minnesota Department of Commerce Unclaimed Property Section, in the total amount of \$350.51; and approved a request to apply for a grant to fund the Next Generation 911 GIS Data Collection Project.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Auditor

Sale of Tax-Forfeited Properties

Auditor Monsrud requested the Board approve the payments from the City of Warroad and Moranville Township for the sale of tax-forfeited properties to those entities. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund, and carried unanimously to accept the payments for those properties.

Tax-Forfeited Property – Re-Purchase Request

Auditor Monsrud met with the Board regarding a request to re-purchase tax-forfeited property. It was noted that the County has received payment to pay off the unpaid taxes associated with this property. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and carried unanimously to approve the re-purchase of the property and to authorize Auditor Monsrud to submit the required paperwork to the State of Minnesota.

COUNTY BOARD ITEMS

Wage/Benefit Agreements

Coordinator Pelowski provided a summary of the current status of the wage/benefit negotiations with Teamsters 320 (Law Enforcement), Highway Department Group, and the Non-Union employees. The Board approved a three-year agreement with Teamsters 320 on October 8, 2019, and the Wage Committee has made a tentative three-year agreement with both the Highway Department Group and the Non-Union employees. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Horner, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund, and carried unanimously to approve Labor Agreements with the Highway Group, Non-Union employees, and appointed Department Heads. (Note: The Labor Agreements are on file in the County Coordinator's Office)

Commissioner Committee Reports (October 8 – October 22, 2019)

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee(s): Wage Committee Meetings; Roseau River Watershed Board – Norland Impoundment Meeting; DNR LUP Meeting; Social Services Board Meeting; Northwest Community Action Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Horner reported on the following committee(s): Warroad City Council Meeting; Social Services Board Meeting; Lake Township Board Meeting.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee(s): Wage Committee Meetings; Roseau Community Education Advisory Council Meeting; LifeCare Medical Center – Valley Medflight Contract Meeting; Northwest Emergency Communications Board Meeting; Statewide Emergency Communications Board Finance Committee Meeting; Team EPIC Meeting; Roseau River Watershed Board – Norland Impoundment Meeting; Social Services Board Meeting; Public Health Committee Meeting; Roseau Convention and Visitors Bureau – 125th Anniversary Committee Meeting; Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Board of Directors Meeting; AMC Policy Coordinating Committee Meeting; Roseau School Board Meeting.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee(s): Roseau River Watershed Board– Norland Impoundment Meeting; DNR LUP Meeting; Social Services Board Meeting.

Commissioner Wicklund reported on the following committee(s): Emergency Flood Meeting; Social Services Board Meeting; Land of the Dancing Sky Committee Meeting; Quin County Meeting.

Unfinished Business

Engineer Ketring provided an update on road projects. County Road (CR) 9 project has had two 7" rain events and over 40" of rain since June. The paving is complete and they are working on shouldering this week. The remainder of the project will be completed next spring. It is hoped that the State of MN will declare a State of Emergency as the County has numerous

roads and other infrastructure in need of repair due the severe flooding that has occurred this Fall.

Potential Lawsuit Update

Commissioner Falk made a motion to close the meeting pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(b), seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously. Assessor Lund provided an update to the Board concerning a potential lawsuit. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wicklund, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and carried unanimously to re-open the Regular Board Action. There was no Board action taken.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Jeff Pelowski, County Coordinator
Roseau County, Minnesota

Jack Swanson, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Roseau County, Minnesota