

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 3, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.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, Martie Monsrud, Kristy Kjos, Brian Ketring, Torin McCormack, Jason Braaten, Nate Dalager, Robert Miller, Ross Goodsell, Traci Wilke, Donna Martel, Tami Evavold, and Caleb Stromquist.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Auditor Monsrud requested the addition of Designation of Official Polling Place for Unorganized Townships to Department Reports. Coordinator Pelowski requested the addition of the Roseau County Trailblazers First Benchmark payment; a Resolution brought forward by the Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD); and, four Pay Grade revision requests to the Consent Agenda. A motion to approve the amended Agenda was made by Commissioner Wicklund, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Swanson noted that the AMC Annual Conference is next week, December 9th – 11th, in St. Cloud.

DELEGATIONS/BOARD APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tami Evavold, AirMedCare – 2020 County Membership

Tami Evavold, Robert Miller, and Donna Martel met with the Board to provide a review of their current program and an overview of the proposed 2020 Membership Agreement. They are proposing no changes for the 2020 County Membership Agreement from the 2019 Agreement. The fee for the County 2020 membership will remain at \$65,398 as well. The basic membership covers County citizens while in either Roseau or Lake of the Woods (LOW) County; in addition, County citizens also have the choice to purchase an upgrade to the basic membership. The upgrade would provide coverage wherever AirMedCare provides service, not just in Roseau and LOW counties. The cost for the upgrade is \$45.00 annually, and includes a senior rate of \$35.00. It was noted that LifeCare Medical Center has been partnering with the County since the inception of this Program; however, they will not be participating in 2020. Following discussion, the Board requested the Agreement be added to the December 26th County Board Meeting Agenda for possible Board action.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Wicklund, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and carried unanimously. The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the November 26, 2019, Board Proceedings; approved publishing a Call for Bids for the 2020 Official County Newspaper; approved the Roseau County Trailblazers First Benchmark payment of \$57,509.83; approved Pay Grade changes for the Social Worker position (Grade 7 to Grade 8), Administrative Assistant/Accountant position (Grade 5G to Grade 6E), Transfer Station/Demolition LF Operator (Grade 6G to Grade 7E), and the

Coordinator/Environmental Services Director position (Grade 12G to Grade 14C), effective the first payroll period of 2020; and, approved the following Resolution which was brought forward by the RRWD:

2019-12-02

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ROSEAU LAKE REHABILITATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Roseau River Watershed and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have been developing the Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Project in partnership utilizing the Project Team process as outlined in the Red River Basin Flood Damage reduction Work Group Agreement, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners sees the benefit of the project moving forward, and;

WHEREAS, at their October 22, 2019 meeting the Roseau County Board of Commissioners agreed to waive the No Net-Loss Policy for land acquisition as it pertains to the MN DNR purchasing property for the benefit of this project, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Project moving forward with continued outreach to landowners, responsible management of public funding, and utilization of the project to the greatest water management potential to meet the goals of the project.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Highway

Equipment Rental Rates

Engineer Ketring requested the Board approve an updated equipment rental rate schedule, effective January 1, 2020. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Horner, and carried unanimously to approve the following equipment rental rate schedule, effective January 1, 2020:

Equipment Rental Rates

Effective January 1, 2020

Equipment	Rate
Motorgrader	\$ 110.00
Snowplow Truck	\$ 130.00
Dozer - D-4	\$ 125.00
Dozer - D-8	\$ 200.00
Loader - JD	\$ 140.00

Loader - KOM	.....	\$	120.00
Excavator - KOM	.....	\$	150.00
Backhoe - JD	.....	\$	120.00
Skidsteer	.....	\$	140.00
Tractor/Lowboy	.....	\$	180.00
Tractor/Belly	.....	\$	150.00
Trailer - Tandem Flatbed	.....	\$	20.00
Spray Truck-Tandem Axle	.....	\$	200.00
Tractor/Mower - 7230 JD-Schulte/Arm	.....	\$	100.00
Mower - 7' New Holland	.....	\$	15.00
Culvert Deicer/Pressure Washer	.....	\$	150.00
Mower - Toro 72"	.....	\$	50.00
Patch Trailer	.....	\$	125.00
Cimeline Melter	.....	\$	75.00

Land Surveying Contract

Engineer Ketring requested the Board approve/renew a land-surveying contract with George E.R. Coulombe. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund, and carried unanimously to approve a 4-year land-surveying contract with George E.R. Coulombe.

Gravel Purchase Contract

Engineer Ketring requested the Board approve a revised gravel purchase contract with Vicky Lorenson, et al. The existing contract was revised due to a change in ownership of the property. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wicklund, seconded by Commissioner Horner, and carried unanimously to approve the gravel purchase contract as presented.

Auditor

Auditor Monsrud requested the Board pass a Resolution designating the Roseau County Auditor's Office as the official polling place for all Unorganized Townships in Roseau County. MN Statute 204B.16, subd.3, states that "no designation of a new or different polling place shall become effective less than 90 days prior to an election..." The Presidential Nomination Primary is being held on March 3, 2020; ninety days prior to that date is December 4, 2019; therefore, the last day for a polling place change to be approved is December 4, 2019. A motion was made by

Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and carried unanimously to approve the following Resolution:

2019-12-01

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING POLLING PLACE

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section § 204B.16, Subdivision 1, requires that the County designate, by Ordinance or Resolution, a polling place for each election precinct annually by December 31st;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the Roseau County Courthouse to be the official polling place for all County Unorganized Townships, (164-44, 164-43, 164-40, 164-39, 164-38, 163-44, 163-43, 163-40, 163-39, 163-38, 162-44, 161-37, 161-36, 161-35, 160-37, and 159-37).

COUNTY BOARD ITEMS

Commissioner Committee Reports (November 26 – December 3, 2019)

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee(s): Northwest Regional Development Commission Meeting; Building Committee Meeting; Roseau River Watershed Board Meeting; Operations Committee Meeting; County Board Work Session; Highway Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Horner reported on the following committee(s): Roseau County Dispatch/Warroad First Responders/EMT Meeting; Roseau River Watershed Board Meeting (Hay Creek); Operations Committee Meeting; County Board Work Session; Highway Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee(s): Credit Card Committee Meeting; Roseau River Watershed Board Meeting (Hay Creek); Roseau City Council Meeting; Operations Committee Meeting; County Board Work Session; Highway Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee(s): Roseau County Dispatch/Warroad First Responders/EMT Meeting; Operations Committee Meeting; County Board Work Session; Highway Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Wicklund reported on the following committee(s): Operations Committee Meeting; County Board Work Session; Highway Committee Meeting.

County Budget Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Horner, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and carried unanimously to open the Roseau County 2020 Proposed Levy and Budget Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. Auditor Monsrud provided an overview of 2020 proposed property tax levy and budget. The 2020 Levy and Budget must be approved by the County Board on or before December 31, 2019. Following discussion, Board consensus was to add the 2020 Levy and Budget to the December 26, 2019, County Board Meeting Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously to close the Public Hearing.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the Regular meeting at 6:20 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, December 26, 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