

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 27, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, August 27, 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 Joleen Kezar, Kristy Kjos, Martie Monsrud, Liz Lund, Brian Ketring, Sue Grafstrom, Lee Meier, John Wynne, Charity Brault, Greg Grahn, Jon Heggedal, Micky Slater, Gary Slater, Iden Magnusson, Carter Novacek, Erik Magnusson, Isaac Magnusson, Aaron Magnusson, Matt Magnusson, Gary Wilson, Jack Lund, Ardell Magnusson, Scott Habstritt, Jeff Olsen, and Jim Jenson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RSVP Representative Tammy Frohlich's appointment with the Board was removed from the Agenda, as she was not able to attend today's meeting. A motion to approve the amended Agenda was made by Commissioner Horner, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auditor Monsrud provided the 2020 Preliminary Budgets for the Unorganized Townships to the respective Commissioners for review, and she stated that details concerning the upcoming tax-forfeited land sale will be discussed at a future County Board Work Session. Commissioner Swanson provided a notice from Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) to the Board regarding the County's estimated Property/Casualty and Workers Compensation contribution for 2020, and he distributed an invitation to the Board from the Roseau Electric Cooperative (REC) to attend a luncheon and broadband presentation tomorrow at Noon.

APPROVE BILLS

A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund, and carried unanimously to approve the payment of the following warrants:

Warrants Approved For Payment 8/15/2019 (Warrant #141077-141101)

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CENTURYLINK	3,138.21
JOHNSON OIL CO INC	5,713.62
MARK SAND & GRAVEL CO	66,036.21
MN DEPT OF FINANCE -TREAS	2,289.00
MN JUDICIAL BRANCH	26,679.31
POLARIS INDUSTRIES INC	4,530.94
RIVERFRONT STATION	3,598.97
S & R REINFORCING, INC.	184,027.70
17 Payments less than 2,000.00	9,501.44
Final Total:	305,515.40

Warrants Approved For Payment 8/22/2019 (Warrant #141102-141106)

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS	503,250.28
RIVERFRONT STATION	2,579.96

3 Payments less than 2,000.00	988.11
Final Total:	506,818.35

Warrants Approved On 8/27/2019 For Payment 8/30/2019 (Warrant #141107-141158)

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BLOOMING VALLEY SERVICES	10,236.00
BRIGGS	2,596.80
FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD	4,946.59
HOLUM/BILLY	2,000.00
I-STATE TRUCK CENTER	164,222.62
JOHNSON OIL CO INC	4,970.03
LIFECARE MEDICAL CENTER-HOME HEALTH	2,246.49
MATTSON PHARMACY INC	8,429.53
MJ ARCHITECTURAL STUDIOS INC	9,043.52
MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM-D	4,873.20
NORTHERN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE	2,241.83
NOVOTNY'S OVERHEAD DOOR SALES-DB	2,385.95
ROSEAU CO COOP ASSN	16,446.87
TRUE NORTH STEEL	18,042.20
38 Payments less than 2,000.00	16,009.66
Final Total:	268,691.29

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Combination of the North and South Portions of Unorganized Jadis Township

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Commissioner Horner, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously. Auditor Monsrud has received no written or oral comments concerning the proposed combination. There was a question from the public asking for clarification on how tax revenues would be allocated after the combination. Commissioner Falk explained that the tax dollars would be pooled and used for the entire combined Township. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund, and carried unanimously. A motion to approve the combination of the north and south portions of Unorganized Jadis Township was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS/BOARD APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Charity Brault – Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Update

Ms. Brault, accompanied by Lee Meier and John Wynne, provided an update to the Board on the activities the HRA is involved with in Roseau County. There was no Board action taken.

Gary Slater – Magnusson Lawsuit

Mr. Slater met with the Board regarding the Magnusson lawsuit, which is still in litigation. Roseau County Attorney Kjos advised the Board to listen to the concerns from those in attendance but to refrain from making any comments since the case is still ongoing. Mr. Slater's primary concern was the amount of taxpayer money that has been spent on this lawsuit. Scott Habstritt, Jon Heggedal, Greg Grahn, Carter Novacek, Erik Magnusson, and Jim Jenson also provided comments to the Board in support of the Magnusson family.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund, and carried unanimously. The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved the August 13, 2019, Board Proceedings; approved the Roseau/LOW Sportsman's Club Request for Reimbursement, in the amount of \$7,751.36; and, approved the Application for Exempt Permit for the Warroad Eagles.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assessor

Retainer Agreement – Tax Court Legal Representation

Assessor Lund met with the Board to request approval for a Retainer Agreement with Briggs and Morgan, P.A. to provide legal services in connection with the defense of any property tax-related litigation. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Swanson, and carried unanimously to approve the Retainer Agreement for tax court legal representation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee

Kraus Anderson Work Order – Old Jail Demolition Project

Engineer Ketring met with the Board to request approval on a work order with Kraus Anderson for the demolition of the old jail facility. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund, and carried unanimously to approve the work order with Kraus Anderson for the old jail demolition project.

Kraus Anderson Work Order – Preconstruction Services

Engineer Ketring met with the Board to request approval on a work order with Kraus Anderson for the Highway Department Facility Preconstruction Services. Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Wicklund, seconded by Commissioner Falk, and carried unanimously to approve the work order with Kraus Anderson for the Highway Department Facility Preconstruction Services.

COUNTY BOARD ITEMS

Roseau River Watershed Board Appointment

The Board reviewed the two applications received to fill the one open position on the Roseau River Watershed Board (RRWB). A motion to re-appoint Tony Wensloff to a three-year term on the RRWB, commencing October 19, 2019 and concluding on October 18, 2022, was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Committee Reports (August 13 – August 27, 2019)

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee(s): Highway Committee Meeting; Wage Negotiation Meeting; Safety Committee Meeting; NW Community Action Meeting; Building Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Horner reported on the following committee(s): Highway Committee Meeting; Wage Negotiation Meeting; Social Services Board Meeting; Tour of Intercept Industries; Warroad City Council Meeting.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee(s): Highway Committee Meeting; Wage Committee Meeting; Meeting with Senator Tina Smith; Jadis Township Board Meeting; Insurance Committee Meeting; Safety Committee Meeting; Association of MN Counties (AMC) Board of Directors Strategic Planning Meeting; Roseau School Board Meeting; Social Services Board Meeting; Building Committee Meeting; Roseau Promotions Director Performance Review.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee(s): Highway Committee Meeting; MN Deer Hunter's Association Meeting; Insurance Committee Meeting; Transition/Sober Housing Meeting; Social Services Board Meeting; One Watershed One Plan Meeting.

Commissioner Wicklund reported on the following committee(s): Highway Committee Meeting; Tour of Intercept Industries; Solar Township Board Meeting.

Litigation Update (close meeting pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05, Subd.3b)

Following discussion with Attorney Scott Anderson, a motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Wicklund, and carried unanimously to give Attorney Anderson the authority to make a Rule 68 offer, and to act in conformity with the discussion that had occurred with the Board, in regards to the Magnusson litigation.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Attest:

Date: _____

Joleen Kezar, Board Clerk
Roseau County, Minnesota

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