

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009; 9:15 a.m. - Government Center Boardroom

Members Present: Chair Daudt; Commissioners Larson, Southerland, Morris, Duff
Members Absent: None
Others Present: J Rostberg, B Boone, B Wendorf, B Chaffee, R Borchardt, T Anderson, H Skjelbostad, R Heilman (Reporters: Kytönen, Christensen)

o0o Chairperson Daudt convened the meeting and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

09/02-01 Motion by Duff, seconded by Morris to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

09/02-02 Motion by Morris, seconded by Southerland to approve the minutes of the January 20th, 2009 Isanti County Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

09/02-03 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Morris to approve the following Health Board Actions: Letter of Understanding with Industries, Inc for Hepatitis A Vaccinations; Letter of Understanding with School District 911 for Hepatitis B Vaccinations; Contract with National Association of County and City Health Officials for Medical Reserve Corps Recruitment for Central MN; 2009 Health and Wellness Activities; Application for Drug Free Communities Grant; Lease with Xerox for Printer and Copier. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT

o0o Commissioner Larson provided the following information regarding the East Central Solid Waste Commission: He would like to invite the director to a Board Meeting to give an overview; noted that the ECSWC takes in 75,000 tons a year of solid waste with an annual budget of 4 million plus, noting they are capturing methane gas and flaring it, has worked out a deal with the City of Mora to use gas to supply electricity; and also selling carbon credits. Larson further noted that Isanti County's share of expense or income is 23.1% .

o0o Susan Morris Commissioner presented opening statement regarding the Isanti County "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee." Morris indicated that she was concerned with the impact on our military and their families along with support, noting that we need to let our service members know that when they come home they feel honored and appreciated, and find a way to get all the resources they need and deserve. Morris commented that this has been a 2 year endeavor. Bob Boone presented information regarding the possibility of organizing an Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Task Force. Boone noted that this would include information regarding the Deployment Cycle Support with a Goal to establish county wide deployment cycle support program; with the purpose of soliciting all available resource providers; and with the intent for past and present service members and their families to successfully deal with effects of combat operational stress. Jim Rostberg, Veteran's Service Officer indicated that this would be available to active duty, coming off from active duty, or other Veteran's in need of these services and is asking permission to form a task force for "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" and also authorization to spend grant monies we receive.

09/02-04 Motion by Larson, seconded by Duff to authorize a task force to establish a County Wide Deployment Cycle Support program (Beyond the Yellow Ribbon) that provides information, services, referral, and proactive outreach opportunities for service members and families throughout the entire deployment cycle (before, during, after); further that at least 1 county commissioner will sit on this task force. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Barry Wendorf, Parks Director presented a request to increase the MN DNR Regional Park grant

Program. Wendorf indicated that the original request was \$120,675, which would require a county match of \$48,270; but would like to increase the grant application to \$210,550; which would require a county match of \$84,220, and that request would include development of 2 paved parking lots and roadway leading to a 30x30 picnic shelter, and ADA accessible trail along Lake Seventeen, canoe access, fishing pier, 8 picnic tables, 6 benches, 3 grills and trail construction at the Vegsund Family County Park. Wendorf indicated that monies would come from the park budget.

09/02-05 Motion by Larson, seconded by Southerland to approve the amended MN Department of Natural Resources Regional Park Grant Program application in the amount of \$210,550; further said monies to come from the parks budget reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Barb Chaffee, Central MN Jobs and Training Services presented their annual financial audit; Industry and Labor Statistics for Central MN. Rita Borchardt, Northern Regional Manager presented the annual report and dislocated worker projects report.

o0o At this time the County Board will consider adopting the Isanti County Comprehensive Plan. Chairperson Daudt reviewed the following: that the requested changes to the Comp Plan from the Hwy Dept were made prior to the preparation of the most current draft; and there are 3 priorities of the Isanti County Water Plan that will be included in the comp plan. Commissioner Duff expressed the following concerns about the comp plan: 1. He felt it was very inaccurate; 2. Had a poorly defined vision; 3. Sprawled growth will hurt Isanti County; 4. Poor policy tool; 5. Disjointed plan. Commissioner Morris indicated that she takes offense to some of those allegations, noting that there were many meetings that hashed over all of these points. Commissioner Southerland indicated to the Board that Commissioner Pagel supported this to the end; all of the Planning Commission Members, and committee supported this after 2 years of work; further Southerland noted that this new plan addresses rural property splits, and every lot will have a value, not outlots, and there is a mechanism for business in the ag district, further noting that a lot of hard work went into this plan. Chairperson Daudt agrees with Commissioner Southerland, noting that we have worked out what the goals were of each group; looked at what everyone wanted and tried to give a little bit of what everyone wanted, we can look at this plan as a compromise, we have respected each other, and I thank all the people involved in the long process, and it meets the needs that we set out to accomplish. Commissioner Larson commented that it has been a long process, he has not agreed with everything along the way but made some compromises, also noting that we don't have full support of the 4 per 40, by everyone of those who went through this laborious task. Tim Anderson, Zoning Administrator said that this is a workable plan and a good update, and is best for Isanti County. Commissioner Daudt presented concerns of the Townships, which left in option for TDR to minimize stress on township roads. Commissioner Daudt thanks everyone for all the work that was done on this plan.

09/02-06 Motion by Morris, seconded by Southerland to adopt the Isanti County Comprehensive Plan as presented today. Motion carried. Voting Yes: Larson, Southerland, Daudt, Morris. Voting No: Duff.

o0o Tim Anderson, Zoning Administrator, asked the County Board for direction; the consensus was to send the Zoning Ordinance to the Planning Commission to begin the changes.

09/02-07 Motion by Morris, seconded by Duff to approve the following utility permits: Connexus Energy for a replaced power pole along CSAH #23; Qwest Communications for a buried communications cable along and across CR #55. Motion carried unanimously.

09/02-08 Motion by Morris, seconded by Southerland to approve S.P. 30-596-01 (CR #43) Right of way payments: Mark A Netzinger and Wendy Ann Wimmer-\$2700; Kevin L & Michelle R Hartnett-\$6100; Russell A Troiden-\$2900; Leroy G & Almira J Roll-\$9600; Douglas R & Lynn M Moyer-\$10,100; Michael

& Nancy L Luedemann-\$3450; William J & Cynthia A Roll-\$1450; David H Elhardt-\$3300; Curtis & Lois M Olson \$300; North Isanti Baptist Church-\$28,250; Dennis & Andrea Jaloszynski-\$9900; totaling \$78,050. Motion carried unanimously.

09/02-09 Motion by Duff, seconded by Larson to approve the Resolution No. 09-13-01; Highway right of Way Plat No. 20; S.P. 30-596-01; County Highway No. 43. BE IT RESOLVED that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners, State of Minnesota, do hereby designate the Right of Way location of County Highway No. 43 as shown on the Isanti County Highway Right of Way Plat No. 20. Motion carried unanimously.

09/02-10 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Morris to set the bid letting date of March 10th, 2009, with a bid award date of March 17th, 2009 (tentative dates) of SAP 30-613-12; SAP 30-613-13 for bridge replacement in Dalbo. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Richard Heilman, County Engineer is proposing to submit a project for the upcoming economic stimulus package, which would be the replacement of the bridge on CSAH #6. Heilman estimated the cost to replace at \$400,000; and in order to submit this project, the County would need engineering plans and is proposing to contract with Erickson Engineering at a cost not to exceed \$25,300.

09/02-11 Motion by Duff, seconded by Larson to authorize the County Highway Department to enter into a contract with Erickson Engineering for a project memorandum in the amount of \$25,300. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Richard Heilman, County Highway Engineer updated the County Board on the stimulus package, indicating that it is proposed that Minnesota would get 500 million, of which 350 million would go to MNDot and 150 million to local entities. Heilman noted that if the monies were received, MNDot would move up the milling and overlay of State Hwy 95 east of Cambridge and replace the bridge on 95 by Walbo. On a further note, Heilman indicated to the Board that we have received 1.12 million for the CSAH 9 project, slated for 2013.

09/02-12 Motion by Duff, seconded by Larson to authorize John Taubert, Highway Maintenance Supervisor to carry over unused vacation of approximately 53 hours to March 31, 2009, due to unusual circumstances due to the weather. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Kevin VanHooser, County Administrator, presented the following bids for the 2009 Miscellaneous Public Defender: Zachery Smith, Attorney-\$23,000; Jeffrey E Larson, Attorney-\$20,000; and Stephen J Anderson, Attorney-\$30,000. VanHooser recommended low bid from Jeffrey E Larson.

09/02-13 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Larson to award the 2009 Miscellaneous Public Defender Bid to Jeffrey E Larson in the amount of \$20,000 (March 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010). Motion carried unanimously.

09/02-14 Motion by Morris, seconded by Duff to approve the carry over of \$10,000 funding for repair of the Spencer Brook School from the 2008 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

09/02-15 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Duff to approve payment in the amount of \$2500 to Becklin and Whitney for Plans and Specifications for the Spencer Brook School Preservation and Restoration. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Kevin VanHooser, County Administrator presented the Isanti County Tax Abatement Policy for

Economic Development to the Board, indicating that the Isanti County EDA has recommended approval.

09/02-16 Motion by Duff, seconded by Morris to approve the Isanti County Tax Abatement Policy for Economic Development. Motion carried unanimously.

09/02-17 Motion by Morris, seconded by Duff to approve the following claims and warrants:

North American Salt	\$ 6,849.71	Don Hansen	\$ 3,193.47
Don Hansen	4,349.00	Don Hansen	2,810.00
North American Salt	20,377.51	North American Aquatic	1,465.00
Jim Vessen Unlmiited	396.92	Hildi, Inc	500.00
Custom Headsets	680.43	Snipercraft	50.00
Elk River Ford	21,914.36	H&L Mesabi	14,309.13

TOTAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: \$ 76,895.53
Motion carried unanimously.

09/02-18 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Morris to approve payment to the East Central Regional Library in the amount of \$196,405.50, which is ½ of the levied amount. Motion carried unanimously.

09/02-19 Motion by Morris, seconded by Southerland to approve the 2007-2008 Employment Contract with AFSCME (Assistant County Attorneys). Motion carried unanimously.

09/02-20 Motion by Morris, seconded by Southerland to approve a laptop for Commissioner Daudt in the amount of \$2499.56; said monies to come from Commissioners's Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

09/02-21 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Morris to approve payment to the Regional Railroad Authority in the amount of \$25,000 in accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

09/02-22 Motion by Duff, seconded by Larson to approve payment to Economic Development Services in the amount of \$2464.97 for EDA professional services. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o The County Board briefly discussed dates to set Committee of the Whole Meetings. The Board's consensus was to set for the 3rd Monday of each month, commencing March 16th.

09/02-23 Motion by Duff, seconded by Morris to set the 2009 Committee of the Whole Meetings for the 3rd Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m.; commencing March 16th, 2009. Motion carried. Voting Yes: Larson, Daudt, Morris, Duff. Voting No: Southerland.

COMMITTEE REPORT

o0o Commissioner Duff indicated that he had the following appointments to the EMS Council: Jim Kowalik, and Ray Nash as the alternate.

09/02-24 Motion by Larson, seconded by Morris to approve cell phones for Sheriff's Department Employees (list on file), effective 1-1-09, per County policy; further that any future requests and approvals will be handled through the administrator's office as the designee. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Commissioner Daudt indicated to the County Board that he has held off reappointing Cherie Sullivan

to the Isanti County Library Board and had suggested placing an ad in the paper or the County Website. Commissioner Larson would like to offer this to Chris Miller.

09/02-25 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Larson to offer the position on the Library Board to Chris Miller. Motion carried. Voting Yes: Larson, Southerland, Daudt, Morris. Absent: Duff.

09/02-26 Motion by Duff, seconded by Morris to adjourn (12:07 p.m.). Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin VanHooser, County Administrator

Kurt Daudt, County Board Chairperson

By: Barbara E Baar, Assistant County Administrator