

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Members Present: Vice Chair Morris; Commissioners Larson, Southerland, Duff
Members Absent: Commissioner Daudt
Others Present: R Tenge, G Cole, R Benes, T Treichel, K Anderson, W Becklin, R Heilman, J Rostberg, T Anderson (Reporters: Kytönen, Gainor)

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

09/03-01 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Duff to approve the agenda with the following additions: Under Highway-Town Road Allotments; County Business-Library Board Appointment, Onanegozie appointment, Green Acres Resolution, and Committee Reports. Motion carried.

09/03-02 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Duff to approve the February 17th, 2009 County Board minutes with a couple of minor changes in board action #09/02-38. Motion carried.

09/03-03 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Larson to approve the following Health Board Action: to authorize County Employees participating in the March 27th, 2009 Health fair be given an extra ½ hour of time to attend. Motion carried.

09/03-04 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Duff to approve the following Committee Appointments: Doris Marsh, East Central Regional Library; Tom Anderson, Onanegozie; Loretta Saylor, Five County Mental Health. Motion carried.

09/03-05 Motion by Larson, seconded by Southerland to ratify the hire of Penney Messer, Director of Community Social Services, effective 3-16-09. Motion carried.

09/03-06 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Larson to approve the Grant Amendment with the DNR Forestry Division regarding Oak Wilt (additional \$9000). Motion carried.

09/03-07 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Larson to authorize the Isanti County Board to support the application of the Mystic Riders Snowmobile Club for Federal Recreational Trails Funding Grant Applications for the following: Safety Fence Project; Equipment (Grooming Drag); Bridge Replacement; and a Trail Shelter. Motion carried.

09/03-08 Motion by Larson, seconded by Southerland to approve the following claims and warrants:

Cellular Experts	\$	79.88	Gregory Donate	\$	9,000.00
North American Salt		20,333.78	Team Transport		475.00
Don Hansen		4,768.00	Don Hansen		3,755.50
PPC Techs		69.37			

TOTAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: \$ 38,481.53

Motion carried.

09/03-09 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Duff to approve the following ISANTI COUNTY RESOLUTION ON GREEN ACRES. WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature during its 2008 session passed a bill that contained changes to the "green acres" classification that will adversely effect a large number of Isanti County taxpayers; and, WHEREAS, these changes are scheduled to go into affect for property taxes

that are payable in 2010; and, WHEREAS, the Isanti County Board of Commissioners believes that these changes will result in large increases in property taxes for properties currently in this classification, and that this will create substantial hardship for taxpayers, and will ultimately result in a loss of agricultural land, and open/green space, and, WHEREAS, the Isanti County Board believes that these changes were passed without proper input from County officials, and effected landowners; therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners supports a full and immediate repeal of the portion of the bill that contained these changes, and encourages the legislature to take this action as soon as possible; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of Minnesota counties also support a full and immediate repeal of this legislation; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners would like an opportunity to be involved in any discussions regarding future changes to the "green acres" classification. Motion carried.

o0o Randy Tenge, Sentence to Serve District Supervisor and George Cole, Crew Leader, appeared before the Board to present some history and projects that STS has been involved in. Tenge indicated that Isanti County has 1½ crew leaders, noting that in 2008 they had 61 juveniles that were available and 48 had completing; also 35 adults with 27 completing, making a total value of \$88,450. George Cole presented the following history and other information to the Board regarding the STS Program: that he has been a crew leader for 17 years, and this idea grew out of more than one county taking inmates out of jail to work on projects for the County and Townships, noting that the Department of Corrections thought it would be a good idea to expand as a lot of jails were over crowded. Cole further indicated that this would allow courts another sentencing option such as allow people to work off fines or shorten jail stays with credit. Cole noted that there was rapid expansion of this program in the 1980's and Isanti County has been a good county to work in with the county buildings, projects in parks, the rodeo grounds, Becklin's Park, the schools, townships, and other public areas. Cole further noted that defendant's working on the STS crew can have a fine worked off at \$6 per hour, and if they don't get a fine, they could get a day off of a sentence for each day they work on the crews and the selection process is for non violent offenders and cannot commit any crimes against persons. The Commissioners commended George Cole for his hard work and dedication to Isanti County.

o0o Bob Benes, Lakes and Pines Executive Director updated the County Board on the MHFA Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program and is asking for approve of the Resolution authorizing said program.

09/03-10 Motion by Duff, seconded by Larson to approve the following RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR MHFA FAMILY HOMELESS PREVENTION AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2011). WHEREAS, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, State of Minnesota, has been authorized to undertake a program to provide assistance to low-income families and youth to prevent homelessness; and WHEREAS, Lakes and Pines Community Council, Inc. has developed an application as an Administering Entity for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance program; and WHEREAS, Lakes and Pines Community Action Council, Inc. has demonstrated the ability to perform the required activities of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Lakes and Pines Community Action Council, Inc is hereby authorized as an entity to be charged with the administration of funds made available through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program, in the County of Isanti. Motion carried.

o0o Kristy Anderson, Manager of Information Systems and Terry Treichel presented a request to purchase Computer Equipment/Software for the Manatron Property Tax System Project and provided the following quotes: MARCO \$40,329.36; CDW-G \$42,969.44; recommending low quote from MARCO. Anderson further requested to purchase a Preferred Services Agreement with Marco in the amount of \$4500 for design,

configuration, installation of new servers, rack, configure tape backup system, UPS installation, mount equipment rack and other services in the future for the unused balance.

09/03-11 Motion by Larson, seconded by Southerland to authorize the purchase of computer equipment/software for the Manatron property tax system from MARCO in the amount of \$40,329.96; further to authorize the purchase of a Preferred Services Agreement for Labor from MARCO in the amount of \$4500; said monies to come from Information Systems carry over money. Motion carried.

o0o William Becklin, Engineer, presented the bids (on file) to the County Board on the Spencer Brook School remodel, and asked for their consideration to award the following: Category 1 KC Gustafson Construction-\$11,000; Category 2,3,4, & 5 Dreyer Construction \$14,300; Category 6 KO Masonry \$5700; Category 7 RW Builders \$11,528; Category 9 Crow Wing Construction Mgmt \$4652; Category 11 Bloomquist Electric \$2000; totaling \$49,180. Becklin indicated that he does not have a contractor yet for Category 8 & 10 and may need to rebid.

09/03-12 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Morris to award the bids for the Spencer Brook School remodel for Categories 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,and 10 on the above named along with bid amounts. Motion carried.

o0o Bill Becklin requested that the County Board consider waiving the building permit fees on the remodel of the Spencer Brook School, noting that Isanti County owns the building.

09/03-13 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Larson to waive the building permit fees for the Spencer Brook School Building; further that the surcharge will not be waived. Motion carried.

o0o Richard Heilman, County Highway Engineer provided an update on the stimulus, indicating that Isanti County is receiving \$500,000, which will be used to replace a bridge on CSAH #6 over Stanchfield Creek.

09/03-14 Motion by Larson, seconded by Duff to approve a utility permit to Qwest Communications for a buried communication cable along CSAH #19. Motion carried.

09/03-15 Motion by Larson, seconded by Southerland to approve Township Road Allotment Payments totaling \$210,817 (list and amounts per township on file). Motion carried.

09/03-16 Motion by Larson, seconded by Duff to approve the following Veteran's Services carry overs from the 2008 budget: Grant-Yellow Ribbon Community \$10,317; Grant-Staff Training \$2205; and Grant-Staff Management \$21,500. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

o0o Commissioner Duff reported on Northern Technology indicating that he was very impressed with the group which consists of 4 Counties (Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec), they discussed the GPS System; and also noted that the Mille Lacs Band has some wind energy things going.

o0o Kevin VanHooser, County Administrator reported on the Department Head Meeting, noting that the meeting went well and they decided to meet quarterly. VanHooser, further indicated that Tom Schibilla, Maintenance Director gave a remodel update. VanHooser also noted the Departments discussed goals; and there were a couple of department heads announcing their retirements.

o0o Commissioner Morris provided the following committee updates: Industries-challenges are coming

to us, grants are not available , had a lot of clients ill; Refuge-officially opened, had a couple of people move in, United Way had promised \$200,000, however, they may not be able to give, however, the owners of the house gave \$50,000 which should get us through a couple of months.

o0o Commissioner Southerland provided the following committee updates: 5 County Mental Health Center has new CEO, Scott Tenapple, he is involved in the community and finds the needs of the community; Rail Authority: Currently there is a 1 million dollar appropriation in a senate committee, a lot is going on at the state and federal level; Collaborative Council has a meeting this week; Corrections Board, will attend 1st meeting of the year; and the annual township meetings are March 10th.

o0o There was a brief discussion regarding audio recording of the County Board minutes.

09/03-17 Motion by Duff, seconded by Larson to adjourn (11:00 a.m.). Motion carried.

Kevin VanHooser, County Administrator

Kurt Daudt, County Board Chairperson

Barbara E Baar, Assistant County Administrator