

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010; 9:15 a.m. - Government Center Boardroom

Members Present: Chair Morris; Commissioners Larson, Southerland, Daudt, Duff  
Members Absent: None  
Others Present: M Bolen, P Messer, R Tenge, R Monson, G Cole, B Guenther, T Treichel, T MacMillan, J Rostberg, C Caulk, R Heilman, T Buttacavoli (Reporters: Glander, Hunt)

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

10/04-01 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Larson to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion regarding the downsizing of METO and possible resolution.

10/04-02 Motion by Duff, seconded by Southerland to approve the minutes of the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 County Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-03 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Larson to approve the following Health Board Actions: Letter of Understanding Between Isanti County Public Health Services and Krayola Kids To Provide Health Consultant Services; Memorandum of Understanding Between Isanti County Public Health Services and Sherburne County; and the approval of the Isanti County Safety Program Manual. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-04 Motion by Southerland, which was seconded by Daudt for discussion purposes to approve the Resolution in Support of City of East Bethel Efforts to Secure Federal Funding for Transportation Improvements.

10/04-05 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Daudt to rescind motion #10/04-04 Resolution in Support of City of East Bethel Efforts to Secure Federal Funding for Transportation Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o At this time a Public Hearing was held regarding a Park Legacy Grant. Kevin VanHooser, County Administrator read the following published public notice into the record: Notice of Public Hearing, Isanti County Park Legacy Grant. Notice is hereby given, that the Isanti County Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing for the purpose of parks land development on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the Isanti County Government Center Board Room, 555 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest, Cambridge, MN 55008. Isanti County intends to construct three boardwalks and a viewing platform at Irving and John Anderson County Park located in the N ½ of SW 1/4, Section 2, T34N, R22W, Oxford Township. The proposed development plan will be presented at the hearing as required by the grant application to the State of Minnesota. Barry Wendorf, Parks Director presented information on the project scope and type of activities involved; the implementation schedule; overall cost and the proposed financing for the project; costs assessed to community residents and other associated project costs such as maintenance expenses.

10/04-06 Motion by Larson, seconded by Southerland to close the public hearing (9:45 a.m.). Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-07 Motion by Larson, seconded by Southerland, to accept the retirement/resignation of Gene West, Appraiser, with regret, effective 6-30-10. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-08 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Larson to approve the following April 2010 abatement:

Dale Stoeckel; PID #12.008.1303; Reason-incorrect number of acres; Year Payable-2008,2009, Tax Adjustment-\$160, \$182. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-09 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Daudt to accept the retirement/resignation of Diane Downing, Accounting Technician, with regret, effective 3-31-10. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-10 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Larson to ratify the appointment of Ida Bruckbauer as 3/5 Family Service Adm Assistant and 2/5 Accounting Tech, effective 3-23-10. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-11 Motion by Larson, seconded by Southerland to approve non probationary status for Penny Messer, Family Services Director. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Randy Tenge, Sentence to Service Program, presented a report on the Isanti County Sentence to Service Projects. George Cole was also present commenting on projects that STS has worked on in Isanti County. The County Board commended George for his hard work, commitment, and dedication to the Program. Tenge presented a Resolution Opposing Reductions to the Department of Corrections Sentence to Service Program and asked the Board to consider approving.

10/04-12 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Larson to approve the following RESOLUTION OPPOSING REDUCTIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SENTENCE TO SERVICE PROGRAM. WHEREAS, Governor Pawlenty has proposed to eliminate the STS program; and WHEREAS, the Minnesota House of Representatives has proposed a 50% reduction in the STS program; and WHEREAS, the Isanti County STS crew built boardwalks and stairs in County Parks, placed sod on county ball fields, performed roadside cleanup, painted and landscaped the regional library, performed various demolition projects, installed emergency identification numbers for various townships, and several painting and repair projects throughout the county; and WHEREAS, in calendar year 2009, Isanti County STS participants worked within Isanti County a total of 7246 hours for a benefit of \$50,722 (based on \$7.00/hr) and WHEREAS, a total financial benefit of \$136,923 was realized by Isanti County in 2009 based on hours worked, work in lieu of fines and the estimated market value of projects completed, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners hereby requests its legislatures and other elected officials to oppose any reduction in funding to the Department of Corrections for the Sentence to Service Program. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-13 Motion by Larson, seconded by Duff to approve the Proclamation Proclaiming Public Safety Telecommunications Week (April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010). WHEREAS, Public Safety telecommunicators serve a vital, behind-the-scene role in sending emergency rescue services to the scene of emergencies; and WHEREAS, Public Safety telecommunicators are responsible for responding to the telephone calls of the general public for police, fire, and emergency medical assistance and for dispatching assistance to help save the lives and property of our citizens; and WHEREAS we depend upon public safety telecommunicators to help keep citizens calm and assured in an emergency, and to provide guidance and support in our most frightening moments; and WHEREAS, the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International has designated the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. NOW THEREFORE, Isanti County, does hereby proclaim the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> - April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as "Public Safety Telecommunications Week" in the County of Isanti in recognition of the men and women who serve as the lifeline between our citizens and the public personnel who will respond to their calls for help. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Russ Monson, Sheriff, presented a request to purchase 2 AED's for squad cars in the amount of \$1600.

10/04-14 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Larson to authorize the purchase of 2 AED's for Sheriff's

Squad cars, if not provided through the Public Health Department. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-15 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Daudt to accept the resignation of Edwin Sweep, part time Jailer, with regret, effective 4-6-10. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-16 Motion by Daudt, seconded by Larson to ratify the hire of Sandra Holboy, as full time dispatcher, effective 4-12-10. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Terry Treichel, County Auditor/Treasurer, presented a list of tax forfeited properties and is asking the Board to consider setting a date to view said property.

10/04-17 Motion by Duff, seconded by Daudt to set Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. as the date for the Board to view tax forfeited properties. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Terry Treichel, County Auditor/Treasurer, and Jill Nolan, Financial Analyst, presented a request to the County Board to approve a Property Tax website vendor for taxpayer payments. Nolan recommended the lowest quote from Link2Gov with the following fees: Credit Cards-2.35% of payment amount; E-checks \$0.99 County would pay; and Debit Cards-\$3.95 flat fee.

10/04-18 Motion by Daudt, seconded by Southerland to authorize approval of Link2Gov for the Auditor/Treasurer's Department for the purpose of property tax website payments. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Tim MacMillan, Probation Director, presented a request to the County Board to begin the process to fill a vacant probation agent position in the probation department. MacMillan indicated that this position was approved by the County Board upon recommendation of the personnel committee; further that the 2010 budget reflected filling vacancy July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 or after.

10/04-19 Motion by Daudt, seconded by Duff to authorize the probation department to begin the process to fill a vacant probation agent position. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-20 Motion by Daudt, seconded by Duff to authorize the vacant probation agent position to be filled no earlier than July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-21 Motion by Daudt, seconded by Southerland to approve the following 2010 Memorial Day Expenditures for the Veteran's Service: Braham VFW-\$60; Cambridge American Legion-\$60; Isanti VFW-\$60; Princeton VFW-\$35; Princeton American Legion-\$35; North Branch American Legion-\$35; Zimmerman American Legion-\$35; East Central Chapter VVA-\$35. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-22 Motion by Duff, seconded by Daudt to approve the Sub Grant Agreement between Isanti County and the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board for the cost of a local government unit of the building of a subsystem as part of the second phase of the public safety radio communications system. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-23 Motion by Duff, seconded by Daudt to approve the Amendment No. 1 to the Subgrant Agreement, which extends the agreement to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-24 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Duff to approve the following utility permits: East Central Energy for a guy pole installation, along CSAH 12; Connexus Energy for a buried electric service, along CSAH 7, and a buried electric service along CSAH 8, and a buried power line along CSAH 23; Lakedale Telephone Co for a buried communication cable along and across CSAH 8; Anoka Ramsey Community

College for an irrigation sleeve across CR 70. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-25 Motion by Larson, seconded by Southerland to approve the following Resolution No. 10-13-03, School Zone Speed Limit on CSAH 5 for the Intermediate School. WHEREAS, the City of Isanti has requested Isanti County to establish a school speed zone on CSAH 5 for the Intermediate School, and WHEREAS, the school speed zone would be set at 40 mph between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and WHEREAS, the school speed zone would be located east and west of the intersection with 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and WHEREAS, Isanti County has the legal authority to establish a school speed zone per M.S. 169.14, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners hereby establish a 40 mile per hour school speed zone on County State Aid Highway 5 at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Richard Heilman, Isanti County Highway Engineer, presented the road construction projects for 2010 and is asking for authorization to advertise for bids.

10/04-26 Motion by Larson, seconded by Southerland to authorize the County Highway Department to begin advertising for bids to proceed with the 2010 road construction projects. Motion carried unanimously.

o0o Richard Heilman, Isanti County Highway Engineer, provided an update on the Cambridge-Isanti Bike Trail and was commended by Commissioners for the work that he and his department have provided on this project.

o0o The County Board presented brief committee reports.

10/04-27 Motion by Daudt, seconded by Larson to approve the following claims and warrants:

Don Hansen	\$ 3,260.65	Don Hansen	\$ 7,628.00
Contech	23,033.70	Dell	6,332.04
Going Under Dive Center	369.76	Chisago Heartland	25,527.23
North American Salt	17,822.69	Metropolitan Emergency Bd	14,679.00

TOTAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: \$116,475.16

Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-28 Motion by Southerland, seconded by Larson to approve the following RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING MINNESOTA EXTENDED TREATMENT OPTIONS (METO). WHEREAS, the Isanti County Area has historically taken care of the Developmentally Disabled; and WHEREAS, METO is a treatment option when individuals become a danger to themselves or are a public safety risk; and WHEREAS, METO has had 31 beds available, with a waiting list, and WHEREAS, METO only has a 12% recidivism rates; and WHEREAS, METO has a unique mission, able to equip individuals with the skills that enable them to live in Group Homes; and WHEREAS, the METO program saves the State of Minnesota money, by placing individuals in group homes; and WHEREAS, we must be the voice of those most vulnerable among us; and WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota saves money and has happier healthier residents with the METO program in place, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners do not support any reductions to the METO program. Motion carried unanimously.

10/04-29 Motion by Duff, seconded by Southerland to adjourn (11:40 a.m.). Motion carried unanimously.

Kevin VanHooser, Isanti County Administrator

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Susan D Morris, County Board Chairperson

By: Barbara E Baar, Deputy County Administrator