

**STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Official Proceedings
Tuesday, August 21, 2007
9:00 a.m.**

The regular meeting of the Stevens County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2007, by Chair Paul Watzke. Present were Watzke, Kloos, Sayre and Munsterman. Commissioner Hofland joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the minutes of August 7, 2007, regular meeting were approved.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the Board approved the agenda additions.

Human Services Director Joanie Murphy presented the monthly agenda for the Human Services Department. On a motion by Sayre, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board approved payment of Human Services Warrants in the amount of \$72,920.64.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board approved establishment of child care licensing fees in the amount of \$50.00 for the initial, and succeeding annual inspection of licensed child care centers effective August 1, 2007.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board approved a waived service contract with New Beginnings, Inc. for adult foster care effective July 1, 2007.

On a motion by Munsterman, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board approved a contract amendment with Garrett Galhoff for in-home family therapy services; the amendment authorizes expenditure of up to an additional \$10,000 beyond the original contractual amount for 2007.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Human Services Director to serve as interim Director of Big Stone County, MN Human Services Department for up to three months, effective this date; it is Ms. Murphy's intention to utilize vacation days for those dates when she will be working in Big Stone County.

Stevens-Pope Veteran's Service Officer Hugh Reimers reviewed with the Board the potential establishment of an out-patient Veteran's Clinic in Alexandria. The Veteran's Administration presently is processing the project, which may be operational by 2009.

County Coordinator Jim Thoreen reviewed with the Board the status of solid waste disposal for the county and the options to dispose of garbage in either Kandiyohi County or the Pope-Douglas incinerator.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Hofland and all members voting aye, the Board authorized payment of Commissioner's Warrants in the following amounts:

FUND	AMOUNT
Revenue	82,991.83
R & B	- 135,798.09
Solid Waste	- 105.00
Ditch Fund	- 897.94
Ambulance	- 10,080.02
Total	229,872.88

Commissioner Munsterman moved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 070821-29
ADOPTING THE COUNTY POLICY ON
LONG-TERM USAGE OF COUNTY LANDS
OR FACILITIES BY NON-COUNTY ENTITIES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Stevens County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following policy regarding long-term use of county lands by non-county entities; the policy is effective this date and shall remain in effect until modified or cancelled:

Individuals, businesses or other entities from time to time desire to utilize long-term (The "Use") county lands or facilities (The "Property"). Examples of current uses as of the date of this policy include the Lee Community Center and the Stevens County DAC. Criteria to be considered in connections with future requests shall include:

1. The legality under Minnesota of allowing the Use of county property.
2. That a need by the County to utilize the Property for other purposes during the expected term of the use is not foreseen.
3. That adequate contractual and insurance provisions can be put in place to insulate the County from additional liability occasioned by the use.
4. That the Use is of benefit to the County of Stevens and its citizens, including but not necessarily limited to financial benefit, enhancement of public safety, recreational opportunities, education or cultural enrichment.
5. Any relationship, whether budgetary, programmatic or otherwise, between the County and the User is in conformance with any other applicable County policy or practice.

Commissioner Sayre seconded the motion. The motion passed upon the following vote: Munsterman, Sayre, Watzke and Hofland voting aye; Kloos voting nay.

Facilities Manager Dave Schmidt requested authorization to purchase a carpet shampoo machine for building maintenance. Commissioner Hofland moved to approve the purchase in the amount of \$1,000 plus tax. Commissioner Kloos seconded the motion and all members voting aye, the motion carried.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Facilities Manager to fill a vacancy in the custodial staff.

Sheriff Randy Willis and Deputy Jason Dingman reviewed with the Board the proposed PSAP consolidation study for Stevens and Pope Counties. On a motion by Sayre, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Sheriff to execute a contract for a Stevens-Pope PSAP Consolidation Study to be performed by Geo-Comm of St. Cloud, MN in the amount of \$33,120, to be funded equally by the two counties; the expense will be reimbursed by the State through the Regional Radio Control Board.

On a motion by Hofland, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Sheriff to sign an amendment to the multi-county joint powers agreement for mutual aid between and among 16 counties.

WesMin RC&D committee member Dave Lonergan requested Board approval of an appropriation of \$3,983.20 to WesMin as per the agency's letter of request earlier this month. On a motion by Kloos, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board authorized appropriation of \$3,983.20 to the WesMin RC&D contingent upon approval by the other 13 county members of the agency; the appropriation may be made from the 2007 budget if the contingency is met.

Several Commissioner's offered report of their respective committee activities.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

James Thoreen, County Coordinator

Paul Watzke, Chair