

STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Official Proceedings
Monday, December 10, 2007
9:00 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Stevens County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 10, 2007, by Chair Paul Watzke. Members in attendance were: Watzke, Kloos, Hofland, Munsterman and Sayre.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board approved the minutes of the November 20, 2007, regular meeting.

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

Auditor-Treasurer Neil Wiese reviewed with the Board the proposed 2008 Unspread Ditch Levy Requests.

Commissioner Kloos moved to adopt and approve the following unspread ditch levy requests for 2008:

DITCH #	RECOMMENDED FOR 1 YEAR	DITCH #	RECOMMENDED FOR 1 YEAR
#1	\$10,000	#17	\$5,000
#2	\$10,000	#18	\$20,000
#3	\$5,000	#20	\$1,000
#4	\$0	#21	\$15,000
#5	\$5,000	#22	\$2,000
#6	\$5,000	#25	\$15,000
#7	\$2,000	#27	\$2,000
#8	\$2,500	#29	\$5,000
#10	\$5,000	#30	\$5,000
#11	\$4,000	#31	\$4,500
#12	\$500	#38	\$2,500
#13	\$4,000	#43	\$2,000
#14	\$1,000	Joint Ditch #2	\$2,500
#15	\$15,000	Joint Ditch #9	\$0
#16	\$3,000	Joint Ditch #10/11	\$2,500
Total	\$156,000		

The motion was approved upon the following vote: Kloos, Munsterman, Sayre and Watzke voting aye; Hofland voting nay.

On a motion by Hofland, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board authorized expenditure of \$2,500 from the County Attorney Forfeiture Fund for the Minnesota County Attorney's Association Meth Education Project.

County Engineer Brian Giese presented his monthly report, focusing on county and state funding needs for roads and bridges. He also provided an update on county ditch activities.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board authorized payment to Cost Control Associates, Queensbury, NY the total amount of \$1,904.97 as invoiced for the firm's services under the contract to recover energy and telecom savings.

On a motion by Hofland, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board confirmed the appointment of Commissioner Munsterman to the Law Library Board as the County Board's representative.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Hofland and all members voting aye, the Board authorized implementation of a new job position described as Deputy Emergency Management Director/Safety Coordinator effective December 3, 2007 at the non-union grade level 12 of the Stevens County pay scale; the position will be funded 50% by previously-authorized Safety funding and 50% through Emergency Management grant funds for 2008; the individual will be supervised by the Sheriff but will allocate 50% of the work hours toward the county's safety program. The individual hired, though technically filling two half-time positions, will be eligible for fringe benefits.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Chair and the Coordinator to execute an agreement with the City of Morris for Dispatching Services through December 31, 2012.

Several Commissioners offered reports on their respective Committee activities.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Jim Thoreen; County Coordinator

Paul Watzke; Chair