

**STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Official Proceedings
Tuesday, December 18, 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, December 18, 2007, by Chair Paul Watzke. Members in attendance were Kloos, Munsterman, Watzke, Sayre and Hofland.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Hofland and all members voting aye, the minutes of the December 10th, 2007, Regular Meeting and the December 6th, 2007, Truth In Taxation Hearing were approved.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the agenda with additions were approved.

Human Services Director Joanie Murphy presented the monthly agenda for Board consideration. On a motion by Sayre, second by Hofland and all members voting aye, the Board authorized payment of Human Services Warrants in the amount of \$97,993.89.

On a motion by Hofland, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Chair and/or the Human Services Director to execute the following contracts for professional services for 2008:

CONTRACT SERVICE	CONTRACTOR	RATES		2008
		2007	PROPOSED 2008	CONTRACT MAXIMUM
1. Counseling	Evy Rodney-Cole	\$100/hr	\$100/hr	\$5,000
2. Community Support Program	Prairie Community Services	\$36/hr	\$37.55/hr	\$4,000
3. Counseling (Family Based)	Garrett Dalhoff	\$70/hr	\$70/hr	\$20,000
4. Counseling, Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports	Village Family Service	\$125/hr	\$125/hr	\$87,000
5. Fraud	Stevens County Sheriff	\$39.65/hr	\$39.65/hr	\$7,000
6. Fraud	Stevens County Attorney	\$100/hr	\$105/hr	\$1,000
7. Guardianship	Stevens County Attorney	\$100/hr	\$105/hr	\$3,000
8. Guardianship/Conservatorship	Lutheran Social Services	\$45/hr+ mileage	\$45/hr+ mileage	\$8,000
9. IV_D Cooperative Agreement	County Attorney and Sheriff's Department	\$100/hr \$30/hr \$0.35/mile	\$10/hr \$30/hr	\$12,000
10. Life Center	SCMC	\$114,000	\$121,660	\$121,660
11. Parent Education	Debra Luetmer	\$50/hr	\$50/hr	\$15,000
12. Supervised Visitation/Exchanges	Someplace Safe		\$15/Exchange \$35/hr Supervised Visit	\$3,000
13. Mental Health Crisis	Woodland Center	Per Diems Adult \$265 Youth \$239 Youth Int \$160	Per Diems Youth \$250 Youth Int \$174	Mental Health Max \$15,000
14. Rainbow Rider				\$9 Admin Fee
15. Youth Crisis Stabilization	Woodland Center		Crisis \$250/day Youth Int \$174/day	
16.	CEP			\$25,782

Murphy offered information regarding the state-mandated Family Stabilization Services Program which

will be implemented in 2008. She also provided a summary of the 2006 Human Services Cost Report and a review of the Holiday Program Report.

County Engineer Brian Giese presented a plan for building expansion and improvements for the Highway Department. Steve Johnson of Vetter Johnson Architects presented an overview of the proposed site plan and building design. After discussion it was the consensus of the Board to make a decision at a later date.

Auditor-Treasurer Neil Wiese presented the following Commissioner Warrant amounts:

FUND	AMOUNT
Revenue	\$69,418.63
Road & Bridge	\$46,364.12
Solid Waste	\$1,802.60
Ditches	\$15,201.91
Ambulance	<u>\$17,029.79</u>
TOTAL	\$149,817.05

On a motion by Sayre, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the following resolution adopting the 2008 Budget & Levy was approved:

**RESOLUTION NO. 071218-42
RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2008 BUDGET & LEVY**

DEPARTMENT	REVENUES	EXPENSES
003 County Wide	507,000	106,500
004 Levy, State Aids & Other	64,700	-
005 County Board	4,000	264,190
013 Law Library	13,000	17,000
030 County Coordinator	-	83,464
040 Auditor-Treasurer	31,300	320,290
043 Audit Expense	-	44,000
060 Data Processing	8,000	231,716
089 Elections	-	27,000
090 Attorney	-	193,060
100 Recorder	330,140	256,599
103 Planning & Zoning	17,100	72,564
105 Assessor	24,000	222,628
110 Courthouse	-	335,302
112 Capital Improvement		
113 Jail/Courthouse Project	-	65,000
120 Safety Coordinator	-	25,812
122 Veterans Service	-	34,571
200 Sheriff	86,800	640,449
201 Boat & Water Safety	1,500	1,500
202 Sheriff/Union	124,000	578,410
203 Contingent Fund	2,500	-
204 DARE	300	-
207 K-9		4,000
207 Forfeiture	5,000	-
208 Snowmobile Safety	1,500	-
209 Handgun Permits	1,000	-
210 Sheriff's Posse	-	6,000
211 Animal Shelter	-	1,500
212 SWAT	5,500	5,500
230 ODP Grant	21,000	21,000
280 Civil Defense/Emer. Mgt.	20,000	24,156
290 E911	<u>83,000</u>	<u>44,000</u>
Total Sheriff	\$352,100	1,326,515
240 Coroner	-	16,000
251 Probation	17,000	92,622
390 Environmental/SCORE	112,020	112,020
391 Environmental/CLWP	51,036	66,270

392 Solid Waste	-	-
500 Historical Society	-	60,000
570 Regional Library	-	52,910
600 Extension	-	123,797
602 Ag Inspector	-	12,750
603 Gopher Bounty	-	2,000
605 SWCD	-	106,500
610 Ag Society	-	60,000
705 Economic Development	-	66,000

Ambulance	796,500	1,138,600
STG-PHN	-	111,948
Road & Bridge	2,134,100	3,099,500
Human Services	1,143,500	2,643,856
Grand Totals	<u>5,605,496</u>	<u>11,390,944</u>

Program Aid 897,304

2008 Levy Necessary to Balance	4,888,144
Reserve Spend Down	(403,500)
Actual Levy	<u>4,484,644</u>

Irene McHone was present to discuss her concerns on Ditch #4 assessments made to portions of her property. County Engineer Brian Giese provided the Board an overview of the recent redetermination of benefits completed on Ditch #4 and noted that the process does require a 30 day appeal period, to which none was received. The findings of the Viewers Report had then been duly adopted by the Board and recorded. Giese stated that unless there were new drainage issues or work completed on the property since the adoption, then the Board was not in a legal position to make an amendment to the Redetermination of Benefits. After discussion, the Board requested Giese contact ditch attorney Kurt Dieter for possible options.

The Board reviewed information regarding a replacement vehicle for the county's fleet. On a motion by Sayre, second by Hofland and all members voting aye, the Board approved the purchase of a 2008 Impala on the state bid price of \$15,769.33 plus tax.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Matthew Solemsaas, Stevens County SWCD District Director, expressing interest in housing the County's Agricultural Weed & Seed Inspector position within SWCD. The Board took the request under advisement, pending the January 2008 appointment.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Jim Thoreen, County Coordinator

Paul Watzke, Chair