

**STEVENS COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Official Proceedings**  
**Tuesday, January 2, 2007**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Honorable Judge Gerald Seibl administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Kloos and Munsterman, County Attorney Glasrud, Auditor-Treasurer Wiese and Sheriff Willis. County Recorder Virginia Mahoney was absent.

County Coordinator Jim Thoreen convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 2, 2007. Commissioner Kloos nominated Commissioner Watzke as Chair. Hofland seconded the nomination and all members voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Kloos nominated Commissioner Hofland as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Sayre seconded the motion and all members voting aye, the motion carried.

Chairman Watzke appointed County Coordinator Jim Thoreen as Clerk to the Board.

Commissioner Sayre moved to set the regular Board meetings for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Commissioner Kloos seconded the motion and all members voting aye, the motion carried.

Commissioner Hofland moved to designate The Morris/Sun & Tribune as the County's official newspaper and The Morris/Sun & Tribune, The Chokio Review and The Hancock Record as the official newspapers for the publication of financial statements. Commissioner Kloos seconded the motion and all members voting aye, the motion carried.

Commissioner Hofland moved to establish Gopher and Flicker Tail Bounties for 2007 at \$1.00. Commissioner Munsterman seconded the motion and all members voting aye, the motion carried.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the Board appointed Bruce Klopfleisch and Theodora Economou as Assistant County Attorneys.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Hofland and all members voting aye, the Board appointed Commissioners Munsterman, Watzke, Sayre, Hofland, and Kloos, the County Coordinator, Human Services Director and County Highway Engineer as delegates of the Association of Minnesota Counties.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board adopted the federal mileage rate of 48.5 cents/mile, effective January 1, 2007.

On a motion by Hofland, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the Board authorized payment of 2007 dues in the amount of \$1,108 to the Minnesota River Board.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board appointed Environmental Services Coordinator Bill Kleindl to the WesMin RC&D.

County Highway Engineer Brian Giese presented his monthly report.

On a motion by Hofland, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Engineer to purchase computer upgrades, including a used “tough book” portable PC, under provisions of the 2007 Road and Bridge budget in the amount of \$2,000.

The Engineer previewed a work request for tree removal on County Ditch #3.

Sheriff Randy Willis and West Central Communications representative Dave Sisser, Willmar, MN, presented a summary of two-way radio communications for near and long-term needs for all county departments. The proposal calls for West Central to serve as system integrator for new systems attributable to the new tower on the Highway Department site. On a motion by Sayre, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the retention of Dave Sisser, West Central Communications, Willmar, as system integrator for the County’s two-way radio system to prepare phases 1-3 of an overall strategy for two-way and telecommunications systems for the near and long-term.

The Board recessed at 10:28 a.m. to discuss 2007 committee appointments. The Board reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

Commissioner Hofland moved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 070102-01  
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMMITTEES AND  
APPOINTMENTS FOR 2007**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following committees are established for 2007 and the membership thereof consists of the following individual County Commissioners:

RIM Advisory Committee	Kloos
Joint Powers and CLWP	Hofland
Planning and Zoning	Watzke
SCEIC	Hofland and Thoreen
RSVP Advisory Board	Munsterman
Community Health Services	Watzke
Board on Aging	Munsterman
MN Resource Recovery Association	Kloos
MN Transportation Alliance	Munsterman
West Central MN Comm. Action	Kloos
WACCO	Kloos
Extension Committee	Hofland and Sayre
Airport Advisory	Sayre
WesMIN RC&D	Kleindl

Food Shelf Board	Sayre
Midstate CHS Board	Munsterman and Watzke
MN River Basin Joint Powers	Hofland (a. Kloos)
Joint Ditch #2,#9,#10 & #11	Hofland and Kloos
Interagency Early Intervention	Munsterman and Kloos
Rainbow Rider	Kloos and Sayre
West Central Initiative Advisory	Hofland
HRA Committee Liaison	Watzke
Family Services Collaborative	Kloos and Munsterman
Regional Fitness Center	Sayre
McKnight Foundation	Hofland
Prime West	Sayre a. Kloos
Midstate Community Health Advisory	Watzke
Solid Waste Committee	Watzke and Hofland
TAC Committee	Kloos and Sayre
E911 Committee	Sayre and Kloos
West Central Juvenile Detention JP	Sayre
Bois de Sioux Watershed	Kloos and Munsterman
Trails Committee	Munsterman
Pomme de Terre Joint Powers	Kloos
Labor Negotiating Committee	Watzke and Sayre
Personnel Committee	Munsterman and Kloos
Regional Jail Study Task Force	Sayre
Health Advisory Committee	Watzke and Hofland
Stevens-Traverse-Grant PHN Board	Watzke, Sayre, and Kloos
Local Advisory Council for Adult Mental Health	Munsterman
Ambulance	Kloos and Sayre
West Central Treatment/Incarceration JP	Hofland
Morris Area Chamber of Commerce	Watzke
Red River; International Coalition	Hofland, a. Kloos

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following committees shall be composed of the entire Board and may participate at their discretion, and by the appointment of the Chairman of the Board.

Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus: Delegate: Hofland; Alternate Watzke  
Board of Health  
Drainage Proceedings  
Economic Development Authority  
Tax Forfeiture Proceedings  
Education & Training Opportunities  
National Association of Counties  
Appraisals  
Classification of Lands  
Commissioner as Fence Viewers  
Road & Bridge

AMC - and committees thereof  
County Building  
Department Head  
Solid Waste Committee  
Employee Benefit Committee  
Human Services  
Watershed  
Budget Committee  
Legislative  
Ambulance

and such other appointive committees as established during the year for special purposes not covered by any of the above committees.

Commissioner Kloos seconded the motion and all members voting aye, the motion carried.

The Board discussed 2007 salary concerns of the County Attorney and County Auditor-Treasurer. The Board recessed until 8:00 a.m., Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

The recessed meeting was reconvened at 8:00 a.m., Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007, by Chair Paul Watzke. All members were in attendance, along with County Attorney Glasrud and Coordinator Jim Thoreen.

Chairman Watzke initiated discussions regarding the 2007 salary of the Auditor-Treasurer. He reported the outcome of the negotiating committee.

On a motion by Kloos, seconded by Sayre and carried, the Board amended Resolution No. 061229-47, A Resolution Establishing Compensation for Elected Officials for Calendar Year 2007; this amendment provides the Auditor-Treasurer's annual salary to be established at \$65,000 instead of \$63,544.

County Attorney Charles Glasrud presented his case for a salary increase above and beyond the amount established on December 29, 2006. He also reviewed the secretarial and rent provisions of his budget.

On a motion by Hofland, seconded by Kloos and carried, the Board amended Resolution No. 061229-47, A Resolution Establishing Compensation for Elected Officials for Calendar Year 2007; this amendment provides for the County Attorney's annual salary to be established at \$94,201 instead of \$88,206.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

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Jim Thoreen, County Coordinator

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Paul Watzke, Chair