

**STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Official Proceedings
Tuesday, January 15, 2008
9:00 a.m.**

The regular meeting of the Stevens County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 15, 2008, by Chair Neal Hofland. Members in attendance were: Kloos; Munsterman, Hofland, Sayre and Watzke.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board approved the minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 8, 2008; along with the day's agenda additions.

Human Services Director Joanie Murphy presented the monthly agenda regarding issues and needs of the Human Services Department.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board authorized payment of Human Services Warrants in the amount of \$60,309.90.

On a motion by Munsterman, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Human Services Director to execute delegation agreements with PrimeWest in order to provide SNBC and Common Carrier Transportation services for county residents.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Human Services Director to permit the Child Support Officer to perform instructional duties with Pope County Human Services staff; the department to be reimbursed for these temporary services.

The Human Services Director reviewed with the Board the case load factors for the various programs offered by the agency in income maintenance, social services, intake and child support. She also reviewed the preliminary 2007 fiscal year-end report for the agency.

County Coordinator Jim Thoreen reviewed the Health Advisory Committee recommendations.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board authorized retention of Hitesman and Associates, Maple Grove, MN to prepare plans and specifications for a new health insurance program for county employees; said professional services not to exceed \$10,000.

On a motion by Watzke, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Chair and County Coordinator to execute amendments to the 2007-2008

contract with the Courthouse/Human Services AFSCME Unit; the amendments will reclassify two Grade 7 positions (Auditor-Treasurer Deputy/Elections and Ambulance Patient Account Representative); both positions are re-graded to Grade 8 effective July 1, 2007; this agreement subject to AFSCME approval and acceptance.

On a motion by Munsterman, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the Board approved the appointment of Watzke as Delegate, Hofland as alternate to MRCC; Sayre to be representative to Morris Chamber of Commerce instead of Commissioner Munsterman.

Commissioner Kloos moved to approve payment of the warrants in the following amounts:

FUND	AMOUNT
Revenue	\$121,940.07
Road & Bridge	\$212,677.62
Ditches	\$200.00
Ambulance	<u>\$40,774.26</u>
TOTAL	\$375,591.95

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

James Thoreen, County Coordinator

Neal Hofland, Chair