

**STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Official Proceedings
Tuesday, July 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, July 15, 2008, by Chair Neal Hofland. Members in attendance were: Kloos, Munsterman, Holfand, Sayre and Watzke.

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

On a motion by Kloos, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board approved the minutes of its regular meeting of July 1, 2008.

Human Services Director Joanie Murphy presented the monthly Human Services Agenda. On a motion by Watzke, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board authorized payment of Human Services Warrants in the amount of \$85,956.71.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board established a fee for licensing of corporate adult foster care and corporate child foster providers in accordance with M.S. 245 A.10; said fee schedule is on record at the Human Services Office; effective date for said fees is August 1, 2008.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Watzke and all members voting aye, the Board authorized approval of rider fare increases for Rainbow Rider services in accordance with recommendations of the Rainbow Rider Board of Directors; schedule on file in the Human Services Office.

On a motion by Watzke, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board re-appointed Don Roiland to the HRA Board of Directors for a 5 year term effective August 1, 2008.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the return to work of Ron Flannigan as the Stevens County Ambulance Administrator effective July 16, 2008, on the basis of a 30 hour work week and in accordance with any and all medical restrictions applicable to him until such time as the restrictions may be modified; the Board further authorized Nicole Arbach to return to her full-time position of Instructional Coordinator in the ambulance department effective the same date.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the appointment of Commissioner Watzke to the Executive Committee of the Mid-State Health Board effective this date.

On a motion by Watzke, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Chair and Coordinator to execute a joint powers agreement between and among the County, the

City of Morris and the University of Minnesota Morris to provide redundant/backup Emergency Operations facilities.

On a motion by Munsterman, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Sheriff and the Board Chair to execute a joint powers agreement between and among 11 local units of government for purposes of providing SWAT team services to the entities in accordance with provisions of the agreement on file in the Sheriff's Office.

Don Kleven, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, presented a request for approval of a waterfowl management rights easement in Darnen Township. On a motion by Watzke, second by Hofland and all members voting aye, the Board granted approval to a waterfowl management rights easement on the NE ¼ of Section 6, Darnen Township as presented this date by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Commissioner's Warrants were approved in the following amounts:

FUND	AMOUNT
Revenue	\$151,374.71
Road & Bridge	\$39,149.93
Ditches	\$2,711.94
Ambulance	<u>\$7,678.64</u>
TOTAL	\$200,915.22

The Board discussed the various issues pertaining to jail construction. Present for the discussion were Scott Fettig, KMA and Larry Filippi of Contegrity Construction Management.

Commissioner Munsterman moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 080715-13

WHEREAS, the Stevens County Board of Commissioners has performed due diligence in its review, discussions and examinations of various county facilities improvements and/or expansions to address security concerns, meet the business needs of our citizens, and to provide safe and attractive work environments for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, specific statutes authorize the Board to proceed with improvements through the expenditure of fund balances and/or issuances of bonds as a means of funding these needs; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Board under provisions of M.S. 373.05 and M.S. 375.14 to provide suitable facilities for the various function of county government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Stevens County Board of Commissioners hereby finds it appropriate and necessary to exercise its authority to construct and improve

facilities at the county seat in an expedient manner; the Board authorizes the Chairman to execute contracts regarding the scope of the project with the firm of Klein McCarthy Architects (KMA) and concurring agreement with the county's construction management firm, Contegrity Group Inc., (CGI); the county's elected officials and management staff are directed to work with said professionals in the development of plans and specifications for said facilities improvements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the scope of the projects will be as follows:

Construction of up to a 40 bed jail to be attached to the courthouse;

Construction of a law enforcement center on the second floor of the jail addition in which case the upper level of the remodeled courthouse will be designed to house the county Human Services Department; the space now occupied by Human Services will become space for the Morris office of the Stevens Traverse Grant Public Health Agency;

Vacation of Colorado Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets in order to provide adequate parking facilities for the courthouse;

Purchase of property west of the existing government center;

Sale of the Morris office of the Stevens Traverse Grant Public Health Agency building.

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

On a motion by Watzke, second by Munsterman, the Board directed its architect to develop a project plan to provide construction of the above projects in an amount not to exceed \$15 million. The motion passed upon the following vote: Watzke, Munsterman and Sayre voting aye; Kloos and Hofland voting nay.

The Chair set a work session for 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 22nd, 2008.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m., on a motion by Kloos, second by Watzke and all members voting aye.

James Thoreen, County Coordinator

Neal Hofland, Chair