

**STEVENS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
Official Proceedings  
Tuesday, November 4, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Stevens County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 4, 2008, by Chair Neal Hofland. Members present were Kloos, Munsterman, Hofland, Sayre and Watzke.

On a motion by Sayre, second by Watzke and all members voting aye, the Board approved the day's agenda and the minutes of October 21, 2008, regular meeting.

The Board's Facilities Committee presented a report on the Jail/LEC/Courthouse renovation project. Present were KMA and Contegrity personnel who reviewed the proposed budget which came in below the project's previously adopted maximum. The Board viewed a three dimensional overview of the site and the building. County Attorney Charles Glasrud reviewed the major aspects of a purchase of private property associated with the project.

Pursuant to the Board's authority in M.S. 373.01; Subd. 1, Commissioner Munsterman moved to authorize the purchase of the following parcel of property in the City of Morris, for purposes associated with the facilities project: Lot 1, Block 75, of Railway Subdivision numbered Seventy (70) of First Addition to the City of Morris, Stevens County, Minnesota. The motion was seconded by Sayre and passed upon the following vote: Sayre, Munsterman and Watzke voting aye; Kloos and Hofland voting nay.

Sheriff Randy Willis, along with Commissioner Sayre, reviewed the status of the WCRJDC fiscal challenges as the facility experiences a \$230,000 shortfall in the current year. The Joint Powers group seeks reimbursement from each member county, but the Board objected to the formula. Commissioner Sayre will report the Board's position at the December WCRJDC meeting.

County Engineer Brian Giese presented the monthly highway department report. On a motion by Watzke, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the County Engineer to execute the contract for services with First Lab Co. to perform drug and alcohol testing program for the County Highway Department.

On a motion by Watzke, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Engineer as an AMC Delegate.

The Board reviewed the 2009 Preliminary budget with each department head. Expenditure reductions and/or additional revenues affected the proposed 2009 budget by total reductions in expenditures in the amount of \$76,100 plus additional revenue of \$15,000; the total levy will be reduced by \$35,000 upon adoption of the final budget next month.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 12:38 p.m., pursuant to M.S. 13D.03, for purposes of discussing the county's labor negotiations strategies. The meeting was opened at 1:23 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

---

Jim Thoreen, County Coordinator

---

Neal Hofland, Chair