

**STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Official Proceedings
Tuesday, March 17, 2009
9:00 a.m.**

The regular meeting of the Stevens County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2009, by Chair Larry Sayre. Members present were Sayre, Kloos, Watzke, Munsterman. Absent: Staples.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Watzke and all members voting aye, the minutes of the March 3, 2009, regular meeting along with the day's agenda was approved.

Human Services Director Joanie Murphy presented the agency's agenda for monthly business. 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 \$75,842.59.

Commissioner Munsterman moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 090317-09

WHEREAS, proposed legislative language entitled the "Human Services Authority Act" has been reviewed and discussed; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposal is motivated by a need to create greater accountability for human services between counties and the state; maximize the expertise to enable counties to more effectively administer many highly complex human services programs; and reduce variability in core and safety net services; and

WHEREAS, Stevens County agrees with these goals, but questions whether this proposal in its present form, is the best way to achieve them.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Stevens County Board of Commissioners opposes the "Human Services Authority Act" as currently proposed by the Governor and requests adequate time to review the proposal and offer meaningful comment.

RESOLVED FURTHER, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Stevens County legislative delegation.

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

Kate Oversond, representing West Central Communities Action, Inc. presented a request to enact a resolution to support a renewal of a family homeless assistance and prevention program for the next two years in the amount of \$300,000.

Commissioner Watzke moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 090317-10

**Supporting the Family Homeless Assistance and Prevention Program
Grant Application Submitted by West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc.**

WHEREAS, Stevens County has a commitment to establish a collaborative and comprehensive system for addressing the housing needs of families, youth and single adults who are homeless, or imminently at risk of becoming homeless, and

WHEREAS, Stevens County recognizes that there is a need to continually improve the coordination of existing services currently made available by homeless service providers in Stevens County, to assure a “continuum of care” and

WHEREAS, Stevens County recognizes the need to stabilize and maintain in their homes, families, youth and single adults at risk of becoming homeless, and

WHEREAS, Stevens County recognizes the need to shorten the amount of time that families, youth and single adults stay in emergency shelters; and

WHEREAS, Stevens County recognizes the need to eliminate repeat use of emergency shelters by families, youth and single adults; and

WHEREAS, Stevens County recognizes the need to provide support services to homeless and high risk population

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stevens County Board of Commissioners, that they support West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc. in submitting the “**Family Homeless Assistance and Prevention Program**” Grant Application to the Minnesota Housing Agency.

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

Ms. Oversond presented a review of the activities of the agency during the past year.

John Dosedall presented the 2008 Annual Ag Inspector’s Report.

Auditor-Treasurer Neil Wiese presented for payment the monthly Commissioner Warrants along with the results of the Department of Revenue audit of sales tax. On a motion by Kloos, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board approved payment of Commissioner Warrants in the following amounts:

| FUND | AMOUNT |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Revenue | \$218,970.26 |
| Road & Bridge | \$47,896.88 |
| Ditches | \$200.00 |
| Solid Waste | \$159.43 |
| Ambulance | <u>\$13,187.24</u> |
| TOTAL | \$280,413.81 |

State Auditor Crew Chief Bob Johnson of the Moorhead office of the Office of State Auditor, reviewed the final 2007 Audit.

County Engineer Brian Giese presented issues pertinent to operation of the Highway Department. He requested authorization of a joint powers agreement for a project.

Commissioner Watzke moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 090317-11

IT IS RESOLVED that Stevens County enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the twelve MnDOT District 4 counties of Becker, Big Stone, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Mahnommen, Pope, Otter Tail, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, and Wilkin for the following purpose:

Define the rights and obligations of each county for the delivery of project S.P. 088-070-006, a district wide federal highway safety project that will provide safety improvements in the form of pavement markings, rumble stripes, and signing on selected eligible highway routes.

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

Sheriff Randy Willis presented information relative to radio system improvements. Commissioner Watzke moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 090317-12

WHEREAS, the Central Minnesota Radio Regional Board, of which Stevens County is a member, will receive a grant in the amount of \$52,676 for implementation of its commitment to statewide two way radio system improvements; and

WHEREAS, each member county of said Board is obligated by prior agreement to match funds distributed by the Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Stevens County Board of Commissioners hereby notifies said Board that the amount of \$10,535 will be allocated to the Sheriff's budget as part of the 2010 budget, as a separate line item, in order to meet the county's obligation.

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

Commissioner Munsterman moved to authorize the Sheriff to submit to the US Department of Justice a grant application to the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) in order to fund a new deputy sheriff's position or utilize said funds to fund a deputy's position which otherwise would be subject to layoff. Commissioner Watzke seconded the motion. The motion passed upon the following vote: Munsterman, Watzke and Sayre voting aye; Kloos voting nay; Staples absent.

On a motion by Watzke, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Sheriff to purchase a replacement squad car for the fleet as per the 2009 Sheriff's budget.

County Coordinator Jim Thoreen reviewed the proposed plan from the DNR regarding a proposed public water access site on the northeast corner of Charlotte Lake in Govt. Lot 1, Section 24, T125N, R41W, Framnas Township. Citizen comments were offered from lake residents Lois Podoll and Debbie Stark, both of whom offered negative comments toward the proposal.

Commissioner Watzke moved the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 090317-13
CALLING FOR BIDS ON THE COUNTY'S JAIL,
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER CONSTRUCTION
AND COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Stevens County Board on July 15, 2008 adopted a resolution to proceed with design and preparations of plans and specifications for the construction of a jail, law enforcement center as well as renovation and remodeling of the courthouse; and

WHEREAS, said design phase is complete and the county's architect and project manager are producing plans and specifications in accordance with the approved design;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Stevens County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the county's consultants to advertise for bids on the construction of said projects; said bid date and time to be set forth in said call.

Commissioner Munsterman seconded the motion. The motion passed upon the following vote: Munsterman, Watzke and Sayre voting aye; Kloos voting nay; Staples absent.

Commissioner's offered reports on respective Board's and Committee activities.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m. on a motion by Kloos, second by Watzke and all members voting aye.

James Thoreen, County Coordinator

Larry Sayre, Chair