

**STEVENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Official Proceedings
Tuesday, November 2, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Stevens County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 2, 2009, by Chair Larry Sayre. Members in attendance were: Kloos, Munsterman, Sayre, Staples and Watzke.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board approved the minutes of October 20, 2009, along with the agenda.

Sheriff Randy Willis presented a proposed revised joint powers agreement with the West Central Regional Juvenile Center at Moorhead, MN.

Commissioner Kloos moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 091103-40

**WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL
JUVENILE CENTER
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT TERMINATION**

WHEREAS, the undersigned County is a signatory to a Cooperative Agreement, hereinafter "the Agreement," that governs the construction and operation of the West Central Regional Juvenile Center, located in Moorhead, Minnesota, hereinafter "the Center;"

WHEREAS, the undersigned County would like to remain a participant in a Cooperative Agreement and be considered a Member County with regards to the Center;

WHEREAS, the Center has been consistently losing money over the past several years;

WHEREAS, the undersigned county understands that in order for the Center to remain open for business and provide the services it has previously provided a restructure needs to occur in order to make the Center financially viable;

WHEREAS, the undersigned County has determined that it is mutually beneficial for the counties to continue to cooperatively address their long-term needs for secure juvenile detention and treatment facility capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement allows for termination of the Agreement if 75% of the Member Counties agree to terminate, by resolution of the County Board;

WHEREAS, the purposes of this resolution is to terminate the Agreement in order that the undersigned County may approve a new cooperative agreement which incorporates a restructure that will likely result in the Center becoming financially viable;

WHEREAS, the undersigned County is in favor of terminating the Agreement as allowed under paragraph 11.01 (b) thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING, and towards the end of assuring that the undersigned County maintains the ability to utilize the Center for juvenile detention placements; the undersigned County hereby agrees to terminate the Agreement under paragraph 11.01 (b) thereof.

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

Commissioner Watzke moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 091103-41

**AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO ENTER
INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR
JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Stevens County formerly contracted for the detention of juvenile clients with the West Central Regional Juvenile Center in Moorhead, MN, but continues to seek said services under a new contract; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the proposed new agreement and finds its conditions acceptable pending review and approval by the County Attorney;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board is authorized to execute an agreement for provision of juvenile detention services with the West Central Regional Juvenile Center in Moorhead, MN under the terms delineated in said agreement.

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

SCEIC Executive Director Michael Haynes presented his quarterly report, citing the overall view that local manufacturing facilities have been maintaining decent levels of employment during the economic downturn.

Commissioner Munsterman moved to schedule its Truth in Taxation public hearing on the 2010 Budget and Levy for 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 3, 2009, in the Council Chambers/ Community Room of the Senior Center in Morris. Commissioner Staples seconded the motion and all members voting aye, the motion carried.

Commissioner Kloos moved to schedule a 2010 Budget work session for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2009, in the County Board Room. Commissioner Staples seconded the motion and all members voting aye, the motion carried.

County Engineer Brian Giese presented his monthly report on Highway Department activities and a summary of county ditch activities.

On a motion by Munsterman, second by Kloos and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the execution of a sub grant agreement for public assistance through the FEMA to provide reimbursement for emergency flood activities work in the amount of \$26,932.14.

County Assessor Judy Thorstad presented the preliminary 2010 Assessment for taxes payable in 2011. Thorstad also informed the Board that Alliance Pipeline has filed an appeal of its 2009 assessed value for taxes payable in 2010. The potential financial impact is yet unknown for local units of government, as 2010 taxes have not been calculated.

On a motion by Kloos, second by Munsterman and all members voting aye, the Board approved the extension of the Ambulance management contract with North Memorial through January 1, 2010.

County Coordinator Jim Thoreen reviewed with the Board the draft RFP for lease/purchase of the SCAS. On a motion by Staples, second by Sayre and all members voting aye, the Board authorized the Coordinator to seek responses from qualified providers through a lease/purchase RFP's regarding the Stevens County Ambulance Service.

Chairman Sayre appointed Commissioner Munsterman to serve as representative to AMHI Joint Powers Board.

Facilities Manager Dave Schmidt reviewed the status of the building project as well as the projected move dates for county offices. Thoreen reviewed the bonding process through the County HRA.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m. on a motion by Kloos, second by Staples and all members voting aye.

James Thoreen, County Coordinator

Larry Sayre, Chair