

October 13, 2009
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Presiding over the meeting was Chairman Gary Sorenson. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Gary Sorenson, Tom White, Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey, Ron Gregg, Craig Mueller, Fred Doran, Darryl Heaps, Melanie Niday and Todd Gochanour. Absent was Commissioner Kuecker. Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by White, unanimous vote to approve additions to the agenda. Motion by White, second by Holmen, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2009 meeting.

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County Engineer Ron Gregg met with the board to discuss a few different items. He also asked that the three consultants that submitted quotes for services pertaining to the re-permitting of the Cottonwood County Landfill be present to give a 15 minute explanation of their quote and to answer any questions of the board. Consultants that met with the board represented the following firms: Wenck, R.W. Beck, and SEH. After hearing the presentations, there was a motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by White, unanimous vote to table the decision regarding which firm to choose for re-permitting work at the landfill until the October 27th board meeting.

Gregg intended to review quotes for a pickup for the recycling program but decided to do some further research on this matter before proceeding.

Motion by White, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to advertise for a bridge replacement project in Storden Township SAP 17-599-90. The existing timber box culvert is in need of replacement.

Gregg shared some pictures of County Road 99 with the board. There has been a great deal of mud that has accumulated on the county road due to farming activity. The ordinance will be reviewed by Gregg and County Attorney Doug Storey.

Gregg reported that one of the individuals that was offered a position as heavy equipment operator has declined the offer.

Gregg was asked a few questions regarding a few of the county roads.

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Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by White, unanimous vote to approve October warrants as follows:

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| County Revenue Fund | \$154,839.88 |
| Long Term Capital Outlay | \$ 1,000.00 |
| County Building Fund | \$ 9,196.86 |
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| Agency Fund | \$ 2,293.75 |
| Taxes and Penalties Fund | \$ 12,605.81 |
| Road & Bridge | \$110,160.42 |
| Waste Abatement/SCORE | \$ 8,828.91 |
| Landfill Enterprise | \$ 26,298.40 |
| | <u>\$340,477.68</u> |

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Discussion was held regarding an Action Plan for filter strip areas that are not in compliance. County Attorney Doug Storey developed a draft copy of a compliance notice letter. Suggestions were made for some changes/additions to the draft copy.

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Update was given regarding a property owned by Clinton Nichols that is in violation of the county nuisance ordinance.

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Brief discussion was held regarding a meeting that Wayne Brede has requested. Commissioners Sorenson and White will plan to meet with Wayne Brede on October 23rd at 10:00am. Wayne Brede will meet with the full board at the October 27th board meeting.

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Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson handed out the monthly trial balance to the board along with a summary trial balance of the last 5 years.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

Gary Sorenson, Board Chairman

Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant