

August 9, 2005  
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cottonwood County Courthouse in Windom, MN. Present for all or portions of the meeting were: Commissioners Chuck Severson, Ron Kuecker, Norm Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns, Gary Sorenson; Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong; Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson; County Attorney Doug Storey; Linda Fransen, Margaret McDonald, Loy Storey, Marilyn Erickson, Tom Wickie, Dave Campbell, Mike Decker, Mike Hanson, Ron Gregg, Robyn Weis, Maddy Forsberg and Rose Carsten. Motion by Oeltjenbruns, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve the additions of the agenda. Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2005 meeting as amended.

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Linda Fransen, Historical Society Director, and Margaret McDonald, Treasurer, met with the board to give an update in regards to the Historical Society and to request funding for 2006. The amount being requested by the Historical Society is \$48,100. The board stated that they would discuss the matter further and let them know how much the county is planning to contribute.

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Mike Decker met with the board representing the Elmendorf Colony of Mt. Lake in regards to Cottonwood County's current ordinance as it relates to organized farm colonies. He is hoping that the county will consider his request to change the land use regulation so that more families are able to live together in one section. Decker stated that he would also try to get more information for the board in regards to their qualification of exempt status.

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County Engineer Ron Gregg met with the board to discuss a few items. Gregg presented three quotes off the state bid for the purchase of a tractor loader backhoe. The quotes were as follows: CAT 420D - \$70,394.77; DEERE 310SG - \$69,318.72; CASE 580 Super M - \$67,459.23. These quotes are for the purchase of the machine only and do not include different features and service contracts. Gregg's recommendation was to purchase the CAT 420D due to his consideration of employee input, safety features and serviceability. Motion by Kuecker, second by Oeltjenbruns, unanimous vote to allow Gregg to purchase the CAT 420D tractor loader backhoe as quoted from the state bid.

Gregg gave a brief update in regards to CSAH 3, CSAH 7, overlay projects, and the Storden Township Bridge project.

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Robyn Weis and Maddy Forsberg met with the board representing the SRDC. They gave a brief presentation in regards to the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging and Medicare Part D. Weis reported that she is available to

give presentations to any group in the county that is interested in hearing more about the upcoming changes to Medicare.

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Veteran's Officer Pete Brand met with the board to present the proposed 2006 budget for the Veteran's Office. Brief discussion was held in regards to the current rate being charged for transportation and the increasing cost of gasoline to provide these trips. No action was taken at this time.

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Administrative Assistant Kelly Thongvivong presented proposed 2006 budgets for the Commissioner's Office, Transit System, and Safety Program.

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Motion by Sorenson, second by Kuecker, unanimous roll call vote to adopt resolution as follows:

**2006 Transit Grant Application  
Resolution 05-08-09**

Resolved that Cottonwood County enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to provide public transportation service in Cottonwood County.

Further resolved that Cottonwood County agrees to provide a local share of 15% of the total operating cost and 20% of the total capital costs.

Further resolved that Cottonwood County authorizes the Transit Coordinator and the County Auditor/Treasurer to execute the aforementioned Agreement and any amendments thereto.

S/Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

S/Chuck Severson, Board Chairman

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Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson, unanimous vote to approve August warrants as follows:

County Revenue Fund	\$ 70,557.67
County Building Fund	\$ 16,699.96
Ditch Fund	\$ 896.80
Taxes and Penalties Fund	\$ 138.00
Road & Bridge	\$ 85,751.08
Waste Abatement/SCORE	\$ 6,252.78
Landfill Enterprise Fund	<u>\$ 24,223.69</u>
TOTAL	\$204,519.98

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Motion by Holmen, second by Sorenson to increase appropriation for the Historical Society for 2006 to \$37,000. Voting aye: Holmen, Sorenson, Kuecker, Severson. Voting nay: Oeltjenbruns. Motion carried.

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Brief discussion was held in regards to Craig Myers' recent request to use vacation time. Commissioner Kuecker will contact Craig to find out what his intentions are. No action was taken at this time.

It was reported that the appropriation to Cottonwood-Jackson CHS for 2006 would be \$113,078.

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Auditor/Treasurer Jan Johnson reported that he received a notice of public information for an upcoming meeting that would be held in the Jeffers area in regards to the Wind Energy Center.

A request was received from the Southwest Minnesota Workforce Council for an increase to their 2006 appropriation from the county. No action was taken at this time.

Johnson reported that the certified program aid that the county will be receiving from the state for 2006 would be \$933,605.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jan Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer

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Chuck Severson, Board Chairman

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Kelly Thongvivong, Bd. Adm. Assistant