June 21, 2011
Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
Joint Work Session

The Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners met in a joint work session with the County Board of Jackson County in the basement of the Cottonwood County Law Enforcement Center in the City of Windom on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 8:40 A.M. The following members were present:

Cottonwood County Board: Chairperson, Ron Kuecker and Commissioners Norman Holmen, John Oeltjenbruns, Jim Schmidt and Tom White.

Jackson County Board: Chairperson, David Henkels and Commissioners Roger Ringkob, William Tusa, Rosemary Schultz and Kim Hummel.

Others in attendance were: Mary Fischer, Facilitator; Craig Myers, Cottonwood-Jackson Shared Human Services Director; Kari Hunter, Cindy Harrington, Rose Carsten, Judy Johnson, Susan Miller, Rebecca Wiens, Bob Pankratz, Cottonwood County Family Services; Ken Leas, AFSCME Staff Representative; Sonya Becker, Kay Steffen, Krystal Preuss, Chris Macek, Rhonda Hines, Jackson County Human Services; Pat Stewart, Cottonwood-Jackson Community Health Administrator; and Mary Bezdicek, Ruth Hansen, Jaimi Michelson, Cottonwood-Jackson Community Health Services.

Cottonwood County Chairperson, Ron Kuecker, called the Work Session to order at 8:40 A.M.

Various delivery systems for Community Health and Human Services were reviewed. The Commissioners and staff discussed the various positives and negatives and identified a joint Health and Human Service Agency as a potential goal for the two counties over the next few years. Each Board will independently consider a resolution to move forward with further exploration and study on forming a joint Health and Human Services Agency between the two counties at their future board meetings.

Chairperson, Ron Kuecker adjourned the work session at 11:00 A.M.

Ron Kuecker, Board Chairperson
Cottonwood Co. Commissioners