

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL SESSION

January 27, 2009

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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COUNTY OF STEELE)

The Steele County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session at 7:00 p.m. on January 27, 2009 with Commissioners Ebeling, Shea, Johnson, Kubicek and Schultz present. Also present were County Attorney Doug Ruth, County Engineer Anita Benson, Environmental Services Director Scott Golberg, Human Services Director Kelly Harder, County Coordinator Dave Severson and County Auditor Laura Ihrke.

Motion by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve the agenda. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2009 regular session and special session. Ayes all.

Commissioner Kubicek offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Schultz that all the bills as listed on listing of warrants and claims against the Human Services and Welfare funds and warrant registers for the period December 16, 2008 – January 27, 2009 shall be approved as valid claims against the County and are hereby approved for payment. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's Office.

Commissioner Kubicek offered a Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Shea as follows:

WHEREAS, the Steele County Board of Commissioners recognize the importance of maintaining aggregate resources for the general economy of the county; and

WHEREAS, the County Board recognizes that property taxes are an important consideration as to the viability of the aggregate industries located in the county; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has an ad valorem property tax system based on the full market value of real estate or personal property; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Minn. Stat. 273.1115, Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law, grants special and unique treatment to owners of land containing aggregate deposits, in comparison with other property in the county, therefore shifting the tax burden on these properties to other taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Minn. Stat. 273.1115, Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law, allow a county to terminate application of this law; and

WHEREAS, a county may reauthorize application of this law by a resolution of the County Board revoking the termination; and

WHEREAS, the County Board is required to hold a public hearing as part of the process to terminate application of this law; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing has been scheduled for February 24, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Steele County Board of Commissioners hereby elects to begin the process of terminating participation in the Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law in Steele County.

Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

Motion by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve of the Letter of Intent between Steele County and Benedictine Health System. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve of the following Coroner appointments: Ron Jones, MD, Assistant Coroner and Investigator for the Coroner; Jason Wray-Raabolee, MD, Assistant Coroner and Investigator for the Coroner and Tim Thomas, Funeral Director, Investigator for the Coroner. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to authorize Mike Johnson to apply for a Planning Grant for Hazard & Mitigation Plan. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to appoint Jackie Kaplan to the CSSA Committee. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Shea to re-appoint Doug Voss to the Park & Recreation Committee. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to appoint Wes Jones to the Board of Adjustments. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to concur with the County Board Committee Assignments. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Shea to approve of the 2009 Highway 14 Partnership dues and authorize payment in the amount of \$1,500. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to place on file the correspondence from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve of the Engineering Department having a \$50 change fund effective December, 2008. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to set the date for the 5 Year Road & Bridge Capital Improvement Plan Public Hearing for March 10, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve of the 2009 Budget submitted by Public Health Nursing to the Minnesota Department of Health which represented a 2.5 FTE staff reduction. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve of the four 2009 Interpreter contracts with a .50 cent increase to \$18.50/hr for services which can be billed in 15 minute increments. Services are for Spanish and Somali language. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Shea to approve of the 2009 contract with Family Focus of Owatonna. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Shea to approve of the 2009 contracts with Alliance Health Care and MRCI (Mankato Rehab. Center, Inc.). Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve of the 2009 Intensive Residential Treatment Services rate. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve of designating Steele County Human Services as the "Common entry point designation" per MS 626.557 Subd. 9. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve of the System Care Coordinator Social Worker Job Description. This position will be hired by Human Relations Center and is funded through the hospital and regional AMHI. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2009 Annual Feedlot Performance Credit report. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the following personnel actions: Gretchen Chavez hired as Social Worker effective 12/31/08 and Aaron Guzeman accept withdrawal of resignation 1/20/09. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to place all of our network printers under one maintenance agreement for a term of 3 years. In addition to maintenance, toner and parts would be included. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve of the request to fill a vacancy for a receptionist/office assistant position in Public Health at .8 FTE as a temporary 6 month position. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve of the Minnesota Pandemic Ethics Project Town Hall Meeting on behalf of Steele/Dodge Community Health Services. Ayes all.

Commissioner Schultz offered a Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling Supporting Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Steele County. Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

Commissioner Kubicek offered a Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Shea as follows:

WHEREAS, the County of Steele has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded and ill be designing and manufacturing a Silver Star Banner and Flag, and

WHEREAS, to date The Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star Banners to the wounded and their families, and

WHEREAS, the members of The Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this County and County with Silver Star Banners, Flags and care packages, and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is that every time someone sees a Silver Star Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying, that people remember they sacrificed for this County, State and Nation and

WHEREAS, the people and leadership of Steele County wish that the sacrifice of so many in our Armed Forces never be forgotten

NOW THEREFORE, the Steele County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim:

Our appreciation of The Silver Star Families of America and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members. We do hereby declare May 1st "SILVER STAR BANNER DAY" the official day to honor the wounded and ill Soldiers of the County of Steele.

Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in favor thereof, none absent and not voting. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Auditor's office.

Motion by Commissioner Shea, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve the following listing of bills. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS

1/27/09

A'Viands LLC	6,365.88
Advanced Weighting Systems Inc.	5,960.00
Ag Power Enterprises Inc.	441.03
Alltel	1,321.09
American Solutions for Business	1,396.49
Amerigas	794.63
Ban-Koe Companies	335.48
Banker's Equipment Serv.	486.00
Black Forest	522.30
Block Plumbing & Heating Inc.	536.11
Boyer Truck Parts	1,722.59
Briggs Corp.	468.04
Roger Carten PhD, LP	600.00
Catco	600.30
Cavalier Coaches inc.	26,525.08
Central Valley Cooperative	29,499.30
Continental Safety Equip.	368.29
Crosstown Cartage Co.	450.00
Custom Communications Inc.	1,055.95
Diamond Drugs Inc.	7,051.82
Etterman Enterprises	326.98
Fernbrook Family Center	498.79
Kent Frette DDS	345.00
G & K Services	462.99

Gedicke, Ken	315.00
Hillyard-Hutchinson	1,670.03
Honeywell Inc.	2,197.00
IC&E Railroad Corp.	12,070.00
Leo A Hoffmann Center Inc.	7,285.00
Marshall & Swift	779.15
Matthew Bender & Co, Inc.	1,527.50
Metro Sales Inc.	399.22
MN Dept of Public Safety BCA	7,165.00
MN Office of Enterprise Tech.	2,593.42
MN Society of Professional Eng.	315.00
Napa Auto Parts	665.02
Northland Chemical Corp.	382.77
Olympic Fire Protection Corp.	1,173.82
Owatonna Clinic Health System	1,636.00
Owatonna Public Utilities	1,415.58
Pts of America LLC	1,970.00
Public Safety Center Inc.	319.63
Regina Medical Center	2,475.66
Reinhardt Painting	375.00
Riverside Psychological Serv.	1,360.00
S & T Office Prod, Inc.	2,158.83
Safelite Fulfillment Inc.	456.64
Semrex	1,300.00
Sette Sports Center Inc.	439.80
Snap-on Industrial	443.79
South Central College Bookstore	500.00
Steele Co. Free Fair	4,895.00
Steele Co. Revenue	29,596.84
Steele Co. Treasurer-PCP	3,485.84
Strohschein, Edwin	492.85
TDS Metrocom	3,311.10
The Third Hand Inc.	455.00
Trane Parts Center	3,029.74
Trugreen Chemlawn	516.00
TW Vending	3,649.68
Unicel	446.27
West Payment Center	6,067.73
Wheeler Hardware Co.	2,295.13
Winter, Tara	323.52
Woodland Hills	6,175.20
62 Warrants	<u>6,462.03</u>
TOTAL	\$212,724.93

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Shea to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 8:05 p.m. Ayes all.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
 AUDITOR