PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL SESSION May 11, 2010

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The Steele County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session at 7 p.m. on May 11, 2010 with Commissioners Kubicek, Ebeling, Shea, Schultz and Johnson present. Also present were County Engineer Anita Benson, County Sheriff Don Gudmundson, Jail Administrator Dan Schember, Assistant County Attorney Christine Long, County Coordinator Dave Severson and County Auditor Laura Ihrke.

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

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of April 27, 2010 meetings. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the following Tobacco Licenses: Bob Anhorn's Service, C. J. Foods, Lerberg's, Inc., Medford Municipal Liquor, Nielsen's Gopher Stop North and R & L's Pit Stop, Inc. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the following appropriations to Steele County communities holding Memorial Day observances: City of Owatonna--\$1375; City of Blooming Prairie--\$125; and City of Ellendale--\$125. Ayes all.

Sheriff Gudmundson was present along with Jail Administrator Dan Schember to discuss the Jail Inspection report from the Department of Corrections.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to place on file correspondence from the Department of Corrections in regard to the Jail Inspection Report. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the resignation of Steve Rohlik from the SCHA Finance Committee and to offer thanks for his service on the Committee. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to place on file the correspondence from Gainey Conference Center in regard to the proposed CSAH 45 Interchange Layout. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to award the Bid for SAP 74-598-12, 74-598-13, 74-626-16 and 74-627-02 to Swenke Co., Inc. in the amount of \$365,848.75. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to award the Bid for CP 74-010-01 for striping to Traffic Marking Services, Inc in the amount of \$57,107.43. Ayes all.

Commissioner Kubicek offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling:

WHEREAS, Steele County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 74J18; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$74,840.50 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Steele County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, subdivision 5, clause (3), and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriate for the bridge but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

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 Schultz offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Johnson:

WHEREAS, Steele County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 74J17; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$74,732.50 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Steele County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, subdivision 5, clause (3), and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriate for the bridge but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

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 Johnson offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek:

WHEREAS, Steele County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 74J14; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$36,194.25 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Steele County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, subdivision 5, clause (3), and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriate for the bridge but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

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 Ebeling offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Schultz:

WHEREAS, Steele County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 74J16; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$29,899.13 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Steele County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, subdivision 5, clause (3), and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriate for the bridge but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

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 Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to deny the Access Location Variance Request of Mary Zabel on CSAH 13. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Access Location Variance Request of Lois Yule on CR 135 with the condition that the driveway on the west side of the property be removed and the new driveway be constructed in accordance with the County Engineer's plans.

Open House is scheduled for June 3, 2010 from 4 to 7 p.m. in regard to North & East Beltline EA/EAW.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the following personnel actions: Steve Schroht (Four Seasons) to Grade 33/13, effective 6/3/10; Karen Meier (Sheriff's Office) to Grade 26/13, effective 6/22/10; Jen Pfeifer (Detention Center) to Grade 32/12, effective 6/9/10; Kathleen Walterman (Veteran's Services), hired as OSA I, effective 4/26/10; and Daniel Gonzales (Corrections Officer), accepted resignation. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to change the name of Steele County Court Services to Steele County Probation Services. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to authorize the switching over to a Matrix phone system which is under the state contract. By utilizing \$80,000 from the Compliance Fund to pay upfront equipment costs the annual increase would be \$10,000 over the current cost for five years. After five years, the cost would be less with a total payback in about 8 years. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the following purchases from the Compliance Fund: replacement PC for GIS Office--\$3,500; color printer for Assessor's Office--\$2,500; LiDAR data on WEB--\$1,500; phone system for land offices--\$80,000; and two Arc GIS software licenses-\$2,885. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to refer a request for the County to consider an abatement for an industry considering the purchase and upgrade of an existing vacant building to the Management Committee and the Abatement Team. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the installation of two communications antennas in the bell tower of the courthouse if other locations are not acceptable. The antennas would relay the signal from the Lemond 800 MHz Tower to the dispatch center. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the 2010 fee schedule for the County Coroner. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve the contract with Shirley Woodfill for Emergency Management grant administration. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to set the public hearing in regard to Park Place bonds for June 8th at 7:15 p.m. Ayes all.

Commissioner Johnson offered the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Schultz:

WHEREAS: The Board has completed the construction of a new Detention Center in Steele County; and

WHEREAS: It is the expectation of the Board that because of the size of the facility a great deal of income should and needs to be generated from the use of the facility by outside agencies; and

WHEREAS: Professional marketing and fiscal management of the facility is necessary to reach the financial targets for the project to be successful; and

WHEREAS: The Sheriff and his staff are neither trained nor experienced in these type of required activities and are desirous of having those activities performed by someone outside of the Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS: The Board is willing to hire and supervise a detention business manager position in the County to accomplish these ends:

NOW THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL COVENANTS HEREIN IT IS HEREBY AGREED:

- 1. That the Board shall hire a Detention Business Manager who shall perform fiscal management and marketing activities to assist and work closely with the Sheriff and his department in managing the Detention Center.
- 2. That the Detention Business Manager shall be hired by, report to, be supervised by, and if necessary terminated by the Board or its designee.

3. That the Sheriff concurs with and agrees to having a Detention Business Manager and the County Board responsible for administration of the duties and responsibilities attached hereto as Exhibit A and such other duties as may be from time to time agreed to by the parties.

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 Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to refer the letter from the SE Minnesota Water Resources Board to the Environmental and Planning Committee. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve of the ambulance subsidy for the City of Blooming Prairie and the City of Ellendale in the amount of \$5,000 each. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to accept the donation from the American Legion to the Veteran's Service Office, with gratitude, in the amount of \$500 to be used towards a power chair. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to refer the request from the City of Medford for \$5,000 for Economic Development to the Management Committee. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the resignation of Don Hagen from the Landfill and to authorize the advertising to fill this position. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to hold a closed session at the Committee of the Whole on May 25 to discuss labor negotiations. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the following list of bills and Human Services bills in the amount of \$108,618.04. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS 5/11/2010

| A'viands, LLC | \$ | 19,064.10 |
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| Central Valley Cooperative | | 18,783.71 |
| Eat Well Nutrition Therapy LLC | | 2,199.50 |
| MN Pollution Control Agency | | 33,901.77 |
| Newman Signs, Inc. | | 4,341.83 |
| Owatonna Public Utilities | | 15,638.54 |
| R & K Electric, Inc. | | 2,395.44 |
| S & T Office Products, Inc. | | 2,758.17 |
| SEH, Inc. | | 2,182.05 |
| Sheriff of Waseca County | | 2,100.00 |
| Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc. | | 16,938.98 |
| TW Vending | | 7,269.61 |
| Waste Management of Southern MN | | 28,499.56 |
| WSB & Associates, Inc. | | 5,527.00 |
| 153 Warrants | | 47,160.84 |
| TOTAL | \$: | 208,761.10 |

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 7:55 p.m. Aves all.

| 7.33 p.m. Ayes an. | | |
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| | CHAIRMAN | |
| ATTEST: | | |
| AUDITOR | | |