

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL SESSION

January 24, 2012

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 24, 2012 with Commissioners Johnson, Schultz, Kubicek and Ebeling present. Also present were Human Resource Director Patti Krueger, County Attorney Dan McIntosh, County Sheriff Lon Thiele, County Treasurer Steve Rohlik, Emergency Management Director Mike Johnson, County Engineer Anita Benson and County Auditor Laura Ihrke.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the Agenda. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the minutes of January 10, 2012. Ayes all.

Commissioner Johnson offered the following **Resolution**, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) is revising its 20-year Highway System Investment Plan, which sets a long-range vision for transportation in Minnesota, including needs, goals and priorities;

WHEREAS, the Highway System Investment Plan identifies how MNDOT plans to direct available funding for Minnesota highway projects for the next 20 years (2013-2032);

WHEREAS, the Highway System Investment Plan directs the use of revenue from both the state and federal governments;

WHEREAS, the four-lane expansion of U.S. Highway 14 was included in 2008 and 2009 District Long-Range and/or Highway System Investment Plans;

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 14 remains a dangerous and deadly road;

WHEREAS, from the year 2001 through 2010, there have been 39 fatal crashes and 47 serious incapacitating injury crashes on the segment of U. S. Highway 14 from the City of New Ulm to the City of Rochester;

WHEREAS, from the years 2008-2010, the fatality rate along Highway 14 between North Mankato and New Ulm is 2.2 times above the statewide average;

WHEREAS, from the years 2008-2010, the fatality rate along Highway 14 between Owatonna and Dodge Center is 1.5 times above the statewide average;

WHEREAS, in the year 2011, there have been 3 additional known fatalities on U.S. Highway 14 between North Mankato and New Ulm;

WHEREAS, the interchanges at TH14-CSAH41, TH14-CSAH12 and TH14-TH169 will improve safety, reduce traffic congestion, enhance commerce and create new economic development opportunities along Highway 14;

WHEREAS, completing the four-lane expansion of U.S. Highway 14 will create approximately 10,260 construction and spinoff jobs;

WHEREAS, the interchanges at TH14-CSAH41, TH14-CSAH12 and TH14-TH169 will enhance commerce and create new economic development opportunities along Highway 14;

WHEREAS, the Highway 14 Congressional Delegation has made the Highway 14 project a priority; Minnesota U.S. Sen. Al Franken has declared the North Mankato to New Ulm expansion project a “number one priority” for his office;

WHEREAS, communities across southern Minnesota including Steele County have publicly voiced their support for this project through their membership in the Highway 14 Partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT STEELE COUNTY does hereby call on Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton and his Department of Transportation to prioritize the four-lane expansion of Highway 14 and related interchanges in the 2013-2032 Highway System Investment Plan in order to complete this project and protect the lives of southern Minnesota residents, boost economic development and grow southern Minnesota communities.

Upon the vote being taken, 4 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 Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter to the Governor urging support for the completion of U.S. Highway 14 in southern Minnesota. Ayes all.

Commissioner Ebeling offered the following **Resolution**, seconded by Commissioner Schultz

WHEREAS, the City of Owatonna has requested the County of Steele consider construction of a right turn lane for eastbound CSAH 34 onto southbound CSAH 45; and

WHEREAS, said project meets the eligibility criteria as a Route of Regional Significance under the Local Road Improvement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Steele County, Minnesota, that the Steele County Board of Commissioners supports the submittal of the CSAH 34 Right Turn Lane project as a Route of Regional Significance under the Local Road Improvement Program and agrees to ensure that all program documentation and requirements are met.

Upon the vote being taken, 4 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 Ebeling

WHEREAS, the County of Steele is planning a bituminous overlay project on CSAH 18 from new TH 14 to SW 13th Street in Meriden for construction in 2012; and

WHEREAS, said project meets the eligibility criteria as a Route of Regional Significance under the Local Road Improvement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Steele County, Minnesota, that the Steele County Board of Commissioners supports the submittal of the CSAH 18 Overlay project as a Route of Regional Significance under the Local Road Improvement Program and agrees to ensure that all program documentation and requirements are met.

Upon the vote being taken, 4 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 Ebeling

Whereas, the County of Steele is planning a bituminous pavement rehabilitation project on CSAH 17 from TH 14 to CSAH 12 for construction in 2012; and

Whereas, said project meets the eligibility criteria as a Route of Regional Significance under the Local Road Improvement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Steele County, Minnesota, that the Steele County Board of Commissioners supports the submittal of the CSAH 17 Rehabilitation project as a Route of Regional Significance under the Local Road Improvement Program and agrees to ensure that all program documentation and requirements are met.

Upon the vote being taken, 4 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 Ebeling that the County Board send a letter to FEMA requesting a meeting and to authorize the Chairman to review and sign. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the County Administrator Contract and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract upon successful completion of the background check. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the low bid of Ancom for the VHS Receivers in the amount of \$50,820.09 and 24/7 Maintenance option at a cost of \$5,976.00. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2011 Citizen Corps Program Grant in the amount of \$2,888. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the 3 year Agreement for the Central Services Cost Allocation Plan with Government Management Group, Inc. in the amount of \$5,100 per year. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the four year Election Services Agreement with Synergy Graphics. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the Equitable Sharing Agreement between the County Attorney and the Department of Justice. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to ratify the MCAPS 4 Support Services Agreement between Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative and Docutech for software enhancements for the County Attorney's office. Ayes all.

Commissioner Schultz offered a Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling approving the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the County on behalf of the County Attorney and Sheriff. Upon the vote being taken, 4 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 Schultz to authorize the Chairman to sign the Joint Powers Agreements with the State. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the Local Option Abatement for Curtis Christianson due to fire damage. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the out of state travel request for the County Recorder to attend the Fidler Conference in Illinois. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve a 30-day extension of a medical leave from 1-14-12 to 2-13-12. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the following personnel actions: Kris Jackson hired as OSA IV, Human Services, Grade 16, Step 4 effective 1/3/12; Adam VonRuden hired as Eligibility Worker, Grade 21, Step 1 effective 1/23/12; Jennifer Claybaugh to Eligibility Worker from OSAIL, Grade 21, Step 1 effective 12/27/11; Christy Hormann-promotion to Assistant County Attorney II, Grade 39, Step 8 effective 1/23/12; Kathleen Waltermann-Resignation from Veterans Service office; Kathleen Johnson-Resignation from Public Health Nursing; Barbara Noshbush-Resignation from Human Services; Shirley Mosher-Retirement from Public Health Nursing; Shannon Jes to Step 4 effective 1/14/12; Brady Wolhart to Step 5 effective 1/16/12; Patti Krueger to Grade 35, Step 13 effective 1/27/12; Steve Gjerald to Step 7 effective 1/31/12. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the purchase of Mobile Data Computers (MDC's) for 15 squad cars in the amount of \$68,742.48 from the County wide Capital Budget. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the video Conferencing license fee of \$15 per month and a onetime cost of \$35 to be paid for out of the Emergency Management Budget. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the Postage Machine Lease with Mantronics Mailing Systems at \$300.38 per month. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve out of state travel for the Four Seasons Director and Assistant to attend the North American Rink Conference in Michigan. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the purchase of a Laptop, Printer and accessories for the Financial Director's office at a cost of approximately \$1,500. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the Legal Description training with Pro-West at a cost of \$3,240 to be paid for out of the Compliance Fund. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Web Fusion upgrade at a cost of \$1,710 to be paid for out of the Compliance Fund. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve moving forward with refusing to pay advisory counsel for a criminal case. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the following listing of bills and Human Services bills in the amount of \$165,576.04. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS

01/24/2012

180 Degrees Inc.	6,754.01
3D Specialties	3,936.20
A'viands, LLC	4,796.72
Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc.	7,133.02
AMCON	8,833.00
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension	8,280.00
Cavalier Coaches Inc.	39,554.31
Central Valley Cooperative	10,191.00
City of Blooming Prairie	5,196.40
Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc.	4,172.75
Hansen Excavation Inc.	3,730.00
Industrial Properties Inc.	14,450.00
Jones Haugh & Smith Inc.	7,189.50
Local Government Information Systems	19,607.90
MCCC MI 33	13,620.30
MCF-Red Wing	11,160.00
Motorola Solutions Inc.	2,065.49
NEC Financial Services LLC	4,269.61
North American Salt Co	11,324.14
Oertel Architects	8,140.00
Pictometry International Corp	3,921.50
Sheriff of Blue Earth County	4,860.00
Southern MN Construction Co	6,046.46
Steele County Treasurer- PCP	6,553.74
Sweet Towing & Repair, Inc.	2,337.68
Thomas/Timothy John	2,175.00
Turnkey Corrections	3,103.10
Waste Management of Southern MN	29,693.39
Yaggy Colby Associates	2,628.00
Youth 1 st Community Initiative	5,000.00
139 Warrants Totaling	<u>51,151.21</u>
TOTAL	300,715.19

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to adjourn at 8:22p.m. Ayes all.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR