

WHEREAS the current Third Party Operator, Cavalier Coaches, provided two proposals that met our Best Value proposal criteria.

WHEREAS Cavalier Coaches provided a proposal for the Operations from May 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$205,467.50. In addition, Cavalier Coaches provided a proposal for the Dispatching Services from May 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$8,400.00. Option year proposals were provided by Cavalier Coaches, as directed, and may, at the discretion of the Board be exercised in 2014 and 2015.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Steele County Area Transit enter into a contract with Cavalier Coaches to operate public transportation service in Steele County for a period of 8 months (May 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013). Steele County Board may direct Steele County Area Transit to exercise either of or both of their two one-year options for service during the 2013 contract year.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Steele County authorizes the Board Chairman, Mark Schultz and the Executive Director, Charity Floen to execute the aforementioned Agreement and any amendments thereto.

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

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve of allowing Scat to keep the 5th bus in service and approving the additional costs. Ayes all

Commissioner Kubicek offered the following **Resolution**, seconded by Commissioner Huntington

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, State of Minnesota, has been authorized to undertake a program to provide funds for Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Minnesota Housing Network, working through 1) Lutheran Social Services LINK Program 2) Olmsted Community Action, 3) SEMCAC, and 4) Three Rivers Community Action, has developed a renewal application for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Minnesota Housing Network through Lutheran Social Services LINK Program, Olmsted Community Action, SEMCAC, and Three Rivers Community Action has demonstrated the ability to perform the required activities of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Southeastern Minnesota Housing Network is hereby authorized as an entity to be charged with the administration of funds made available through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Program in the County of Steele, in Minnesota.

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

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve of the contract renewal for 2013 for Safe Harbor and authorize the Chairman to sign. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve the contract renewal for 2013 for the Assertive Community Treatment Services (ACT) and authorize the director to sign. Ayes all.

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

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession creates pathways to full participation in society;

WHEREAS, the primary mission of Social Work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable.

WHEREAS, for over 100 years Social Workers have helped America's leaders weave the nation's social safety net;

WHEREAS, every day Social Workers address the emotional, psychological, economic, and/or physical needs of millions of people;

WHEREAS, Social Workers help clients use their strengths, resilience, and self-advocacy to navigate life challenges;

WHEREAS, Social Workers help people function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems through a wide range of psychosocial services;

WHEREAS, Social Workers assist individuals and families in every stage of life, from all communities;

WHEREAS, Social Workers advocate for fairness and access to resources that benefit the most people;

WHEREAS, Social Work is currently one of the fastest growing professions in the United States;

WHEREAS, Social Workers are employed in many different organizations and industries, including private and public agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and universities, businesses and foundations, military branches and veterans centers, as well as national and local public elected offices;

WHEREAS, Social Workers celebrate the courage, strength, and determination of the human spirit, and work to empower others to hope, dream and believe in their own potential;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition that our nation would be less successful without the contributions of America's 650,000 social workers, I Commissioner Mark Schultz, Chairman of the Steele County Board of Commissioners, proclaim the month of March 2013 as **Social Work Month** and call upon all citizens to join with the National Association of Social Workers and Steele County in celebration and support of the Social Work profession.

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

Commissioner Johnson, offered a **Resolution** seconded by Commissioner Huntington to approve the South Country Health Alliance Joint Powers Agreement.

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

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Emergency Siren location #B. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve the proposal from Zuercher Technologies for software for the Detention Center. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to authorize the Sheriff and Detention Center Administrator to continue negotiations with the Minnesota Department of Corrections for housing State inmates and report to the County Board on March 26th. Further direct the County Administrator and Finance Director to report to the board a financial analysis of the contract terms and conditions and authorize the Human Resource Department to begin recruitment process for additional staff if terms appear favorable. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to authorize posting and filling of an Adult Social Worker. Ayes all.

Motion Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to re-appoint Tom Trotman to the Planning Commission. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to approve the amendment to the Charter Goals for Strategic Planning. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to go into a closed session at 9:45 p.m. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to end the closed session at 10:19 p.m. in regard to Highway 14 turn back Attorney advice. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to go into closed session at 10:19 p.m. for the Administrator's Evaluation. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to end the closed session at 11:13 p.m. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to give the Administrator an acceptable one year evaluation. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to refer to Management and Personnel Committee the Administrator's successful evaluation salary adjustment and possible job description modifications. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to commend managers and staff of the Human Services Department for their successful evaluation and recognition by the Minnesota Human Service Department. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve the following listing of bills and Human Services bills in the amount of \$286,098.89. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS

3/12/2013

A'viands LLC	10,963.97
Businessware Solutions Corporation	2,287.25
Computer Professionals Unlimited Inc	4,345.28
Four Seasons Centre	3,945.98
Gislason & Hunter LLP	6,924.08
Integra Telecom	3,197.64
Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	2,365.00
Leo A Hoffman Center Inc	6,993.00
MCF-Red Wing	5,280.00
McNeilus Steel Inc	2,504.76
North American Salt Co	17,177.13
Owatonna Public Utilities	32,142.25
Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc	4,167.75
Trane U.S. Inc	2,439.75
Turnkey Corrections	3,739.16
Waseca County Auditor-Treasurer	24,684.64
Waste Management of WI-MN	47,867.48
Youth Services Intl/DBA Elmore Academy	7,892.50
191 Warrants under 2,000.00	<u>65,926.34</u>
TOTAL	254,843.96

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 11:18 p.m. Ayes all.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR