

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL SESSION

March 26, 2013

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 March 26, 2013 with Commissioners Huntington, Johnson, Kubicek, Ebeling and Schultz present. Also present were County Engineer Anita Benson, County Attorney Dan McIntosh, Building and Grounds Director Lynn Holthus, County Administrator Tom Shea and County Auditor Laura Ihrke.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve the minutes of March 12, 2013. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the following listing of bills and Human Services bills in the amount of \$166,003.40. Ayes all.

Motion Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve of the 800MHz Grant extension request and to send correspondence to Southeastern Regional Radio Board, Minnesota Emergency Communication Network, and Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to ratify the Labor Contract for 2013/2014 for LELS (Correctional Officers). Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to ratify the Labor Contract for 2013/2014 for LELS (LEC Sergeants). Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to accept the donation of \$500 from the Telephone Pioneers for the Sheriff's office. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept and place on file correspondence from Steele County Soil and Water Conservation District and refer to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to approve of the fourth addendum to the lease agreement for the temporary highway shop at 900 30th Place at a rate of \$15,373 per month. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve of the quote for the 2013 Hauling of Sealcoat Rock to Met-Con Trucking for \$8.60 per ton (Medford stockpile) and \$8.25 per ton (Owatonna stockpile) for a total amount of \$34,700. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to approve of the 2013 Bituminous Paving Projects to Crane Creek Asphalt in the amount of \$2,168,799.88. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to accept the Low Income Septic Grant staff allocation recommendation. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve of the replacement of a Probationary Social Worker. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to approve of the internal posting for the open Sergeant position. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to approve recruitment of a pending open Deputy position. Ayes all.

Commissioner Kubicek offer the following **Resolution**, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling,

Whereas Minnesota Counties have had to rely increasingly on the property tax to maintain roads and bridges; and

Whereas the annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance, delaying expansion projects with resulting safety concerns, mounting congestion, and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters; and

Whereas the rural road networks in the state should be adequate to bring goods to market; and

Whereas transportation-related jobs put over \$2.8 billion in the pockets of Minnesotans and generated almost \$195 million in income tax revenue in 2011; and

Whereas according to the Federal Highway Administration, (FHWA) every \$1 billion invested in highway construction would support approximately 27,800 jobs; and

Whereas the overall transportation and transit needs for Minnesota exceed \$2.5 billion dollars per year for the next twenty years; and

Whereas transportation funding comes primarily from user fees and are constitutionally dedicated to transportation purposes; and

Whereas the wheel age fee and local option sales tax for transportation should be options for all county boards to implement to meet their specific county needs; and

Whereas a comprehensive transportation solution should include funding for roads, bridges and transit, and address the varying needs in different parts of the state;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Steele County Board of Commissioners encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's statewide transportation system.

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 Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to accept the following resignations: Kelly McGuire- Social Worker/ Human Services 3/25/2013; Brian Bennett- Sergeant/ Sheriff 4/5/2013; Kirby Olson Eng Tech II 4/5/2013. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the following listing of bills and Human Services bills in the amount of \$166,003.40. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS

3/26/2013

A'viands LLC	2,901.21
Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc	7,567.42
Anoka County Corrections	5,572.00
Auburn Lake Academy	3,448.48
Central Valley Cooperative	5,574.69
Corporate Recognition Inc	2,005.24
Erickson Engineering	2,773.00
Foldtex	2,559.66
Freeborn County Auditor-Treas	6,795.18
Independent School District #761	26,000.00
Industrial Properties	5,945.37
Jones Haugh & Smith Inc	2,800.00
NEC Financial Services LLC	4,269.61
North American Salt Co	6,622.57

Sicora Consulting Inc	8,957.44
South Central Human Relations	4,612.69
Steele County Highway Dept	4,639.11
Steele County Revenue	8,049.85
Steele County Soil & Water Conserv Dist	31,041.25
Thomas/Timothy John	2,050.00
Turnkey Corrections	3,258.75
West Payment Center	2,572.33
95 Warrants under 2,000.00	<u>42,768.41</u>
TOTAL	192,780.26

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 7:20 p.m. Ayes all.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR