

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSONERS

SPECIAL SESSION

March 25, 2014

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 25, 2014 with Commissioners Schultz, Huntington, Johnson, Ebeling and Kubicek present. Also present were County Engineer Anita Benson, County Sheriff Lon Thiele, County Attorney Dan McIntosh, Planning & Zoning Director Dale Oolman, County Administrator Tom Shea and County Auditor Laura Ihrke.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve the minutes of March 11, 2014. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve the On-Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the University of St. Thomas and the Monterey Ballroom and to approve the Dance License for the Monterey Ballroom. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to accept the donation for Sheriff’s Posse from the VFW in the amount of \$1,600. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to accept with gratitude the donation from the American Legion and VFW in the amount of \$10,500 from each to purchase a new Veterans van. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to accept and place on file the correspondence from the City of Owatonna the TIF notification and Winona County. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to continue discussion of the arrangement for Mike McGuire from the Steele County Probation Services Department to contract a portion of his time with Waseca County for Probation Services. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the bid of \$12,075 from Ringhofer Construction, Inc for the lower level security station in the Courthouse. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to approve the Building & Grounds Director Lynn Holthus to purchase 2 or more vehicles, not to exceed \$22,500 as budgeted. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to post and advertise for the Accounting Technician and WIC Clerk positions for Public Health. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to authorize Excel classes to employees at Riverland Community College and authorize use of the Compliance Fund for the Land Use Departments. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to approve of the Vanguard Software Upgrades in the Assessor’s Office in the amount of \$13,750.00 and Computer Hardware Upgrades in the Assessor’s Office for \$13,821.42 to come out of the Compliance Fund. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to accept the Erosion Control Ordinance Grant and appoint the Planning and Zoning Director as the Authorized Representative for the Erosion Control Ordinance Development Grant. Ayes all.

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

Whereas, Integrated comprehensive watershed planning is a benefit for the water resources of the Cannon River Watershed; and

Whereas, Planning and implementation at the watershed scale may improve efficiencies and reduce County costs, if done pragmatically; and

Whereas, The Counties of Steele, Goodhue, Rice, Waseca, Le Sueur, and Dakota, and their respective Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the Cannon River Watershed already have a long and successful history of cooperation for resource protection and enhancement; and

Whereas, State grant funding is now available for counties, SWCD's, and watershed districts who wish to cooperate in a pilot watershed planning effort; and

Whereas, Participating in the One Watershed One Plan pilot will provide funding for plan development and, if successful, may increase our potential for future statewide funding sources; and

Whereas, Steele County Board of Commissioners have an interest in the concept of One Watershed One Plan provided that it does not create an additional bureaucratic layer of water planning and management;

Now therefore be it resolved, that Steele County is interested in participating in the grant application for the One Watershed One Plan Pilot Program.

Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioner's 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 Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to award the following bids for seasonal materials. Ayes all.

Sealcoat Oil –	Henry G. Meigs, LLC – Contract Amount \$401,309.24	
Plant Mixed Bituminous –	Crane Creek Asphalt – Contract Amount \$ 572,250.00	
Plant Mixed Bituminous –	Ulland Bros., Inc. – Contract Amount \$588,000.00	
Aggregate Materials –	Falkstone, LLC	Timm's Trucking, Inc.
	Medford Sand & Gravel	Joe Wondra
	Don Loken Drainage, Inc.	OMG Midwest, Inc.
	Bishop Excavating	David Spinler Construction
	Ulland Brothers	Crane Creek Asphalt

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the quote for Seal Coat Rock Hauling to Met-con Trucking at an approximate cost of \$52,134 and Gravel Hauling to Loken Excavation & Drainage at an approximate cost of \$27,000. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to approve of the Farmland Lease bid to David Janke in the amount of \$22,635 for the year and \$503 per acre. Ayes all.

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

WHEREAS, we support maintaining current truck size and weights limits and oppose legislation which would increase these for Minnesota roads.

WHEREAS, a strong and safe transportation infrastructure is essential to move people and goods securely and efficiently. Minnesota's ability to sustain its infrastructure not only relies on smart investments, but standards on truck size and weight that protect roads and vehicles while maintaining safe roadways.

WHEREAS, current common sense limits have been designed to ensure Minnesota's roads are safe and dependable for the hundreds of thousands of people who rely on these for transportation. Current state law generally allows trucks a gross weight of 80,000 pounds, which mirrors long-established federal standards. To accommodate aspects of Minnesota's economy, there are some exemptions for agriculture products and other unique conditions.

WHEREAS, maintaining current truck size and weight helps save taxpayers and local government dollars. Heavier trucks have the greatest negative impact on the condition of roads and bridges. Increasing the current size and weight of trucks will deteriorate roads faster, as well as require more bridges in the state to be replaced, strengthened, or load posted – adding new costs on both taxpayers and local governments to maintain or repair infrastructure.

WHEREAS, maintaining current truck size and weight limits helps to ensure road safety. Bigger trucks stop more slowly, are less stable, have more brake maintenance problems, and are less able to maintain consistent speeds. All of this results in more dangerous roads and significant negative consequences for motorists. Trucks with additional size and weight are 11 percent more likely to be involved in fatal accidents (source: USDOT)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, increasing truck size and weight limits is a dramatic policy shift that needs further study to determine the real impact of heavier trucks on Minnesota's roads and infrastructure. Before the state legislature takes action, it is critical to know additional detailed implications of heavier trucks. These questions are currently being studied by the U.S.

Department of Transportation as part of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). We urge waiting until completion of this study (expected to be released in November 2014) before making truck size and weight decisions with such significant policy and financial consequences for Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we join National and Minnesota law enforcement and public safety organizations, the National Association of Counties, the National League of cities, the US Conference of Mayors, and other concerned groups and individuals in voicing our support for maintaining current truck size and weight limits. Thank you for your efforts and consideration.

Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in 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 Schultz to approve the Cooperative Construction Agreement for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 42 Commissioners voting in favor thereof, Commissioner Johnson abstaining.

Commissioner Ebeling offered the following **Resolution**, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek.

WHEREAS; Steele County has planned the improvement of CSAH 12 from CSAH 22 (East Frontage Road) to the railroad crossing approximately 100 feet east of CSAH 45 (Main Street) in the City of Medford, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS; Steele County will be expending County State Aid Highway Funds on the improvements to CSAH 12 as detailed in the plans identified as S.A.P. 074-612-039 and S.A.P. 074-612-040; and

WHEREAS; these improvements will not provide adequate width for parking on various sections on both the north and south sides of the highway; and approval of the proposed construction as a County State Aid Highway project is conditioned upon certain parking restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Steele County shall ban the parking of motor vehicles on the following segments of CSAH 12 in the City of Medford at all times, effective April 8, 2014:

- The north side of CSAH 12 (Central Avenue) from CSAH 22 (East Frontage Road) to 1st Street NE.
- The south side of CSAH 12 (Central Avenue) from CSAH 22 (East Frontage Road) easterly to a point approximately 200 feet west of Riverview Drive.
- The south side of CSAH 12 (Central Avenue) from 1st Street SW to 1st Street SE.

Upon the vote being taken, five Commissioners voted in 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 Huntington to approve the following personnel actions. Ayes all.

New Hires

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Grade, Step</i>	<i>Start Date</i>
Gina McGuire	Executive Asst. – Admin/HR	26/7	3/20/14
Lindsay Kaplan	Eligibility Worker – DHS	21/1	4/07/14
Julie Palloch	Eligibility Worker – DHS	21/1	4/07/14

Resignations:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Shannon Jes	Correctional Officer – Detention Ctr.	3/28/14

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to add Rice County to the Classification Compensation Study. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to add a step to the review process allowing the County Board and Human Resource Director to have more input into the Classification Study and to set a Board retreat for April 8, 2014. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to authorize the Administrator and Human Resource Director to negotiate with Robert Bjorklund to do a seminar for all staff reviewing the process involved in the Compensation Study. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to send a letter of support to the Steele County Historical Society for their Geocache Tour. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to authorize the Chairman to sign the South Central Human Relations Center Re-Finance Subordination Agreement. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to refer the letter from Winona County to Internal Central Services Committee. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to appoint Mike Hamilton to the Extension Committee. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the following Listing of Bills and Human Service bills in the amount of \$415,004.73. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS
3/25/2014

A'viands, LLC	9,468.65
APCO International, Inc.	3,320.00
Bishop Excavating, Inc.	15,918.75
Bjorklund Compensation Consulting, LLC	18,570.00
Cedar Lake Electric, Inc.	48,725.58
DHS – SOS – ARC 472	6,630.00
G & K Services, Inc.	2,106.46
Groff/Stanley A.	5,659.89
H & L Mesabi, Inc.	6,253.12
Hillyard – Hutchinson	2,513.66
Industrial Properties, LLC	15,525.00
Kennedy Scales, Inc.	2,163.35
L & L Street Rods & Sport Trucks	2,227.70
Leo A Hoffmann Center, Inc.	15,274.00
Mayo Clinic	4,650.00
MCF – Red Wing	4,216.00
MN Dept. of Transportation	18,181.62
NEC Financial Services, LLC	4,269.61
Newegg	2,273.97
North American Salt Co.	15,207.78
Nuss Truck & Equipment	165,157.89
Owatonna Public Utilities	2,410.68
SHI International Corp	2,880.32
Steele County Highway Dept.	8,433.04
Steele County Revenue	8,506.48
Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc.	27,326.89
Thiele Trucking, LLC	5,512.50
Thomson Reuters – West	2,602.56
Trane U.S. Inc.	2,490.50
Turnkey Corrections	5,031.88
Waste Management of WI – MN	49,224.00
147 Warrants under \$2,000	<u>67,304.34</u>
TOTAL:	549,036.22

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 7:48 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR