

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSONERS

SPECIAL SESSION

November 10, 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 November 10, 2014 with Commissioners Ebeling, Schultz, Kubicek, Huntington and Johnson present. Also present were Public Works Director Anita Benson, County Sheriff Lon Thiele, Human Services Director Charity Floen, County Administrator Tom Shea and County Auditor Laura Ihrke.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve the minutes of October 28, 2014. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to place on file the correspondence from the Steele County Soil & Water Conservation District. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to approve the request for an in-building amplifier (BDA) enhancement to assist with radio coverage at the Courthouse. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Kubicek, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to designate 2015 wheelage tax revenue to fund sealcoating of CR's 155, 162, 173. Ayes all.

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

Whereas, the County of Steele is planning a roadway reconstruction project through Blooming Prairie on CSAH 42 (Main Street East) from CSAH 41 (Center Avenue) to 5th Avenue for construction in 2015; 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 42 Reconstruction 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, 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 Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the following Probation Services fee changes for 2015 - increase for SCRAM fees from \$8 to \$9 per day. \$10 for enhanced services and \$25 fee for a cognitive class of approximately 25 sessions. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve the Human Services accounts receivable write off request of \$131,087.98 for detox services. The claims to remain on revenue recapture. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the placement of a SMART bus shelter by the Annex. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the following personnel actions. Ayes all.

New Hire:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Grade, Step</i>	<i>Start Date</i>
Chad Schlueter	Correctional Officer	22/Start	10/29/14

Resignation:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Jennifer Dunn-Foster	Assistant County Attorney I	Attorney	10/31/14

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Schultz to accept the Preliminary Plan from Fox Lawson & Associates, adopt the new salary ranges and structure, adopt the Decision Band Method (DBM) as the job evaluation method for determining internal equity and to refer to Internal Central Services Committee the minimum of the new range options and consideration of senior staff placement on the scale. Ayes all.

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

Whereas, the County of Steele (County) and Oak Glen Wind Farm, LLC (Developer), entered into a Development Agreement on April 12, 2011; and

Whereas, the Development Agreement was amended to rescind the Township of Blooming Prairie’s delegation of authority to the County on July 5, 2011; and

Whereas, the Development Agreement provided for the reduction in the Security amount of \$2,350,000.00 in paragraph 10.1 of the Development Agreement as the Developer completed or substantially completed its obligations; and

Whereas, the Development Agreement was amended to reduce the required Security from \$2,350,000.00 to \$1,350,000.00 on November 16, 2011; and

Whereas, the Development Agreement was amended to reduce the required Security from \$1,350,000.00 to \$100,000.00 on October 23, 2012; and

Whereas, the Developer has completed construction activity for the wind farm and commissioned the wind turbines and their associated facilities; and

Whereas, the Developer has funded the required Haul Road repairs that were completed through the County’s 2012 Bituminous Maintenance contract, for which final payment was approved on October 9, 2012; and

Whereas, the Development Agreement provided for a two (2) year warranty period following completion and acceptance of roadway repairs; and

Whereas, the Developer has requested a release in the Security; and

Whereas, the County agrees that based upon the representations of the Developer and upon inspection of the progress of the same, that the Security may be released.

Now, therefore, Steele County authorizes the release of the amended Security provided in Paragraph 10.1 of the Development Agreement through a reduction in the secured amount of \$100,000.00, and requests a disbursement to Oak Glen Wind Farm, LLC from the Development Escrow Account – Steele County (35223-105) pursuant to the Development Agreement.

The parties to the Agreement agree that all other obligations between the parties remain in full force and effect.

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 Ebeling

Be it Resolved, by the Steele County Board of Commissioners that the Steele County Sheriff enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety, for traffic safety enforcement project during the period from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

Be it Further Resolved, that Steele County Sheriff, Lon Thiele, is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Steele County Sheriff’s Department.

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 Schultz to direct the County Engineer to provide technical assistance in the track renovation at the fairgrounds and explore county staff participation in the project and to work with the City and Fair Board to identify jurisdiction for interior roads and provide recommendations to the Board. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to reschedule the public hearing for the Transportation Plan on November 25th from 7:15 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. Ayes all.

Reports:

Commissioner Kubicek reported on his attendance at the Water Resources Board.

Commissioner Ebeling reported on his attendance at two ditch meetings.

Commissioner Huntington reported on MnPrairie and South Country Health Alliance.

Motion by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Kubicek to approve an additional bill in the amount of \$135.20. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Huntington to approve the following listing of bills and Human Service bills in the amount of \$155,057.84. Ayes all.

LISTING OF BILLS

11/10/2014

A'viands, LLC	18,190.78
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc.	7,996.11
Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.	19,444.09
APG Media of Southern Minnesota, LLC	2,269.20
Businessware Solutions Corporation	2,174.60
City of Medford	2,500.00
City of Owatonna	19,952.03
Computer Professionals Unlimited, Inc.	6,407.00
Crane Creek Asphalt	4,633.60
Cretex Concrete Products Midwest, Inc.	3,910.90
Erosion Control, Inc.	2,449.40
Four Seasons Centre	4,680.00
Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc.	10,062.50
Government Management Group	5,100.00
Groff/Stanley A.	8,662.50
Hewlett- Packard Company	7,932.00
ID Wholesaler South	3,385.00
Integra Telecom	3,110.03
Jones Haugh & Smith, Inc.	5,085.75
Kwik Trip, Inc.	5,406.63
Malo Roofing, Inc.	7,882.50
MCF-Red Wing	4,352.00
Medford Public Schools	15,000.00
Met-Con Construction Faribault Div.	17,777.11
MN Dept. of Transportation	3,321.86
MN Pollution Control Agency	67,049.49
NEC Financial Services, LLC	4,269.61
Newman Signs, Inc.	2,920.36
Northland Securities, Inc.	2,150.00
Owatonna Park & Recreation	7,350.00
Owatonna Public Utilities	23,093.71
Sand Creek Group, LTD	3,096.74
SCR Southern-Rochester	2,170.16
SHI International Corp.	48,348.50
Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.	4,337.55
Southern MN Construction Co, Inc.	2,058.38
Steele County Central Services	2,003.21
Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc.	103,505.85
Turnkey Corrections	3,026.53
University of MN Regents	2,369.26
Village Ranch, Inc.	3,787.77
155 Warrants under \$2,000	48,034.87
Total:	\$521,287.58

Motion by Commissioner Huntington, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to adjourn to the Call of the Chair at 7:25 p.m. Ayes all.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
COUNTY AUDITOR