

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

March 31, 2015

STATE OF MINNESOTA)

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COUNTY OF STEELE)

The Steele County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Sessions at 7:00 PM on March 31, 2015 with Commissioners Glynn, Brady, Huntington, Ebeling and Schultz present. Also present were Planning & Zoning Director Dale Oolman, County Engineer Anita Benson, County Attorney Dan McIntosh, County Sheriff Lon Thiele, County Treasurer Cathy Piepho, County Administrator Laura Elvebak and County Auditor Laura Ihrke.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to approve the Agenda. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to approve the March 17, 2015 Board Minutes. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Brady to approve the On Sale & Sunday On Sale Liquor License for the Monterey Ballroom. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Brady, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the Dance Permit for the Monterey Ballroom. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to approve the 2015 Retainer Agreement for drainage issues with Kurt Deter. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Brady to appoint Mike Jones to The Cedar River Watershed Board (CRWD) Board through March 2016. Ayes all.

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

Resolution to declare April 6-12 as National Public Health Week

WHEREAS, the week of April 6–12, 2015, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “We Can Do Better”; and

WHEREAS, public health activities were responsible for 25 of the 30 years of average lifespan gained during the 20th Century; and

WHEREAS, the ranking of Steele County in 2013 Health Outcomes is 4th highest among the State’s 87 counties, and

WHEREAS, dollars invested today in the prevention and wellness activities of public health can yield significant savings in health care and mitigate costs in future decades; and

WHEREAS, seven in 10 deaths in the U.S. are related to preventable diseases such as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and cancer, and

WHEREAS, 75 percent of our health care dollars are spent treating diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and obesity, however, only 3 percent of our health care dollars go toward prevention; and

WHEREAS, nearly one-third of all students in the United States do not graduate from high school on time. Students who don’t graduate face lifelong health risks and high medical costs, and are more likely to engage in risky health behaviors. They are less likely to be employed and insured, and earn less, all of which continues the cycle of poverty and disparities, and

WHEREAS, more than half of all cancer deaths could be prevented by making healthy choices like not smoking, staying at a healthy weight, eating right, keeping active, and getting recommended screening tests, and

WHEREAS, food-borne contaminants cause an average of 5,000 deaths, 325,000 hospitalizations, 76 million illnesses and costs billions of dollars annually. The five most common food-borne pathogens cost the U.S. economy more than \$44 billion each year in medical costs and lost productivity, and

WHEREAS, strong public health systems, including the Steele County Public Health Department, are critical for sustaining and improving community health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Steele County Board does hereby proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2015, as National Public Health Week 2015 in Steele County, Minnesota, and call upon the people of Steele County to observe this week by emphasizing to our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders the value of public health and adopt preventive lifestyle habits in light of this year's theme, "We Can Do Better".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nina Huntington, Chair of the Steele County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of April 6 through April 12, 2015, to be National Public Health Week in Steele County.

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 Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Brady to approve the Addendum to the Contract between Steele County and Wenck Associates, Inc. for a Community Assessment Report in the Community of Pratt at a cost of \$1,400 and to authorize the Planning & Zoning Director to sign . Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to Appoint Commissioner Brady to the Weed Management Associaton. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the Freeborn-Steele County Shared Employee Agreement to provide Recycling Coordinator Services effective April 1, 2015-March 31, 2016. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Brady to approve the appropriation request of Owatonna Partners for Economic Development (OPED) in the amount of \$1,000 for 2015. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Glynn to approve the following Personnel Actions. Ayes all.

New Hire(s):

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Rating/Step</i>	<i>Start Date</i>
Ben Wilson	Correctional Officer	22/Start	4/13/15

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ebeling reported on his attendance at the 911 meeting in Rice County, JD #24, MNPrairie and the Annual Township meeting.

Commissioner Brady reported on his attendance at the CAER meeting, Annual Township meeting and Highway 14 meeting.

Commissioner Huntington spoke about the collaboration with the other entities-City of Owatonna and introduced the new Steele County Administrator, Laura Elvebak.

Commissioner Schultz and Commissioner Glynn had no reports.

Motion by Commissioner Brady, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to go into Closed Session at 7:26 p.m. for the Property Acquisition Consideration. Ayes all.

Motion by Commissioner Ebeling, seconded by Commissioner Brady to re-open the Board Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Ebeling to approve the following listing of bills. Ayes all.

**LISTING OF BILLS
3/31/2015**

A'viands, LLC	5,318.70
Al-Jon Manufacturing, LLC	7,489.56
Applied Concepts, Inc.	11,140.00
Central Valley Cooperative	5,360.72
Express Services, Inc.	2,902.50
Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc.	2,100.00
Integra Telecom	2,901.29
Malo Roofing, Inc.	7,575.00

MN Dept of Transportation	12,973.37
MNPrairie County Alliance	2,486.73
Owatonna Motor Company	9,479.91
RDO Equipment Co, Inc.	4,086.33
Road Machinery & Supplies, Co.	2,388.28
Rochester Sand & Gravel	2,773.75
Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.	9,081.66
Steele County Highway Dept.	5,077.92
Thompson Reuters-West	2,874.48
Turnkey Corrections	9,285.26
Verizon Wireless	7,879.87
103 Warrants Under \$2,000	<u>41,982.96</u>
Total:	155,158.29

Motion by Commissioner Glynn, seconded by Commissioner Brady to adjourn the Call of the Chair at 7:45 p.m. Ayes all.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
AUDITOR