

The Wright County Board met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Husom, Sawatzke, Daleiden, Potter and Borrell present.

The following correction was made to the 1-14-14 County Board Minutes: Page 3, 12-03-13 Tax Forfeiture Committee Minutes, first line, change to "So what Nick would like to see happen is; We accept the deed in lieu of forfeiture, ..." (Potter). Potter moved to approve the County Board Minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Daleiden and carried unanimously.

Petitions were accepted to the Agenda under Items For Consideration as follows: #4, "Building Committee" (Daleiden); #5, "Schedule Personnel Committee Of The Whole Meeting" (Kelly). Sawatzke moved to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Potter, carried 5-0.

On a motion by Daleiden, second by Potter, all voted to approve the Consent Agenda:

A. AUDITOR/TREASURER.

1. Approve Renewal Of 2014 Tobacco License For: Broadway Liquors, Inc. (City Of Cokato).

Tom Kelly, County Attorney, requested the Board approve the appointment of Christos R. Jensen as Assistant Wright County Attorney and authorize signatures on the Oath of Office. Jensen has worked in both Hennepin and Kandiyohi Counties and brings experience in prosecution, jury trials, and child protection litigation. On a motion by Sawatzke, second by Daleiden, all voted to approve the appointment of Christos R. Jensen as Assistant Wright County Attorney and authorized signature on the Oath of Office.

Bob Hiivala, Auditor/Treasurer, presented a change order to the County Ditch 10 repair work contract with Blackstone Contractors, LLC. The change order reflects a cost of \$0.24 per lineal foot to furnish and supply labor and materials for additional treatment of stumps and woody debris, including Garlon 4 herbicide and labor. Also presented was an email from Bryce Cruvey, Wenck Associates, relating to the 400-500 feet of trees that need removal (west end of site C-107). The email states that specifications were to clear and grub the south side of the Ditch only, and the north side could use repairs as well. The added costs would be: Additional 500' of clearing & grubbing @\$0.086/LF=\$425; Additional tree removals 20 @ \$200/tree=\$4,000.

Hiivala said the Engineer has been inspecting and is pleased with the work completed by Blackstone Contractors, LLC. When the Contractor bid the work, they were trying to be cost conscious and this one area was left out intentionally. Now that the Contractor is on site, they are suggesting it would be the best time to complete the work. Borrell said not all landowners are happy with the work that is being completed. There are trees still on the bank. Hiivala said he contacted Wenck Associates with those concerns and was assured all trees within the slope that were contracted for removal are removed and the Ditch has been dug. Borrell said a constituent stated that trees have been cleared but the silt has not been removed from the Ditch. Hiivala said that is part of the work that is to be completed. If it is not done, they need to do it. Hiivala recommended that Borrell follow up with Wenck Associates. Borrell made a motion to table this item, seconded by Daleiden. Further discussion occurred on tree removal and having the Sentence To Service Crew assist with removal of the trees. Borrell said his opinion is that all trees need to be taken out. Daleiden said some residents wanted a minimum amount of trees removed. Sawatzke referenced the last photo of the handout, Site C107, and said there are problems if that is what the site looks like post construction. In response to Hiivala, Borrell confirmed he will contact the Engineer. The motion to table this item carried 5-0.

The claims listing was reviewed. Daleiden referenced claims to ESRI for the 2014 Arcview Subscription. He asked why some claims are being funded by Professional Services and others through technology budgets. Hiivala said these inconsistencies will be addressed in the future. At this time, payments are being made from the line item where the expenditure was budgeted. Sawatzke referenced a claim on Page 4, Neogov (\$17,636) for the

Performance Evaluation Module in 2014. He asked whether this is a one-time fee. Lee Kelly, County Coordinator, stated that this is the additional module budgeted for in 2014 to add the performance communication piece to Neo Gov. It is a one-time fee in 2014 and includes training and setup. Kelly anticipates this cost to go down next year. On a motion by Borrell, second by Daleiden, all voted to approve the claims as listed in the abstract, subject to audit, for a total of \$622,862, with 180 vendors and 325 transactions.

Brian Asleson, Chief Deputy Attorney, requested approval of an extension of the Contract for dangerous dog services with Crossroads Animal Shelter. The Contract includes minor language revisions. Asleson said in the past the annual registration fee was \$100 (Page 4 of the Contract). He has learned that Crossroads Animal Shelter has been charging \$250. The microchip cost will increase from \$25 to \$30 (Page 10 of the Contract). Asleson said the Sheriff's Office has a good working relationship with Crossroads Animal Shelter and they would like to continue. Asleson said the Ordinance is written to address the County as a whole. Cities can opt out but their ordinance language must be as strict as the County's and comply with State law.

Asleson said the definition of dangerous dogs includes potentially dangerous dogs and dangerous dogs. A potentially dangerous dog has either threatened or bitten someone, usually on their property or street. The owner is noticed and the dog is micro chipped so it can be tracked. A dangerous dog is one that has bitten more than once. There are a number of requirements that must be met, including registration of the dog. He said that process is time consuming for Crossroads staff. He estimated five or less dangerous dogs per year. Borrell asked what happens when a dog continues to bite. Asleson responded that there is a provision that allows the animal to be seized and destroyed. The owner can appeal. If they do and lose, they are responsible for the costs associated with the hearing officer. This could involve a veterinarian and costs may rise to \$400-\$500. Some dog owners make the decision early on to give up their dog. Crossroads may try to place the dog, possibly on a farm. Potter questioned whether the Contract should be amended to reflect the date of 2014 instead of 2012. Asleson said that it is correct. The Contract will run from 1-01-14 through 12-31-15. Potter made a motion to authorize signatures on the Contract, seconded by Daleiden, carried unanimously.

Asleson requested the Board schedule a Public Hearing for the purpose of changing the dangerous dog registration fee from \$100 to \$250. The increase in fees relates to the costs incurred by Crossroads Animal Shelter. Sawatzke moved to schedule a Public Hearing on 2-11-14 at 9:30 A.M. The motion was seconded by Potter and carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the County Board schedule for 2014. After discussion, Sawatzke moved to cancel the County Board Meetings of 4-08-14 and 7-08-14 due to the occurrence of five Tuesdays in those months. The motion was seconded by Potter and carried 5-0.

Borrell said it has been suggested to have some evening County Board meetings. His constituents have not voiced to him a problem with having access to Board Meetings, especially with streaming of the Meetings. If a subject comes up that the public has concern with, a special meeting can be scheduled or replace a Board Meeting that is scheduled for earlier in the day. Husom said because of other meetings and activities in the community, it would be hard to find an evening that would work to schedule a Board Meeting. For example, township and city meetings are held on Mondays and Tuesdays, and church activities are on Wednesdays. Sawatzke favored consistency in meeting times. He thought if three Board Meetings were scheduled per month in the morning and one at night, it may result in someone showing up at a time when there is not a meeting. Borrell moved to schedule 2014 County Board Meetings for every Tuesday at 9:00 A.M., with the exception of 4-08-14 and 7-08-14. September and December have five Tuesdays as well. Later in the year, the County Board will take action to cancel a meeting in each of those months. The motion was seconded by Daleiden and carried 5-0.

Advisory Committee/Advisory Board Updates:

1. River Rider Meeting.

Sawatzke said a River Rider Meeting was held recently in St. Michael and was well attended by cities. Functional Industries was also represented. Another meeting has been set for next month on a Tuesday at 10:00 A.M., which may not work for County Board members to attend. Borrell said they are unsure of the chain of command at

MnDOT. They have heard from two people that Wright County will have to partner with someone else. Wright County makes up about 2/3 of the River Rider. He questioned why River Rider could not exist longer than 6-30-14, or until better choices are made for the citizens of Wright County. There is a possibility that something may be worked out with another county or organization. Borrell said it is unclear who the County can appeal to at MnDOT. Possible other partnerships include Trailblazer (McLeod and Sibley County) or with Meeker County. Kandiyohi County may be invited to that meeting as well. Daleiden said Sherburne County uses Tri-CAP (near the St. Cloud area) for transit. He understands that Tri-CAP may not be able to handle River Rider entirely at this time. Sawatzke said that Meeker might be a better alternative and he is unsure that Tri-CAP is interested. The State has wanted Wright County to move to Trailblazer for a number of years. Daleiden voiced concern with the location of Trailblazer because of distance to some areas of the County. Daleiden asked whether the County has the option of not doing anything. Sawatzke said the County can walk away and not provide the service, as it is not mandated. However, there are 70,000 people who utilize the River Rider transit. Sawatzke said MnDOT indicated Wright and Sherburne Counties can split up the buses as long as both agree on how this is done.

2. SWCD Planning Meeting.

The SWCD held a Planning Session. Borrell said one of the topics included how wetlands are handled. He was in contact with an engineer from the University of Minnesota who said that draining a wetland may assist with minimizing flooding. Sawatzke said that in the near future, some recommendations may come to the County Board relative to suggested changes to the Feedlot Ordinance and the Water Management Ordinance. At the Planning Meeting, Kerry Saxton provided a sampling of things that are not working. For example, a development site was shown that had poor silt fencing, resulting in erosion covering the public streets. Another involved feedlot runoff that affected lakes. These are the exception, not the norm.

3. Leadership Team Meeting.

Husom said the quarterly meeting with the Board and Department Heads was held. Discussion included setting goals.

(End of Committee/Advisory Board Updates)

Daleiden asked whether the Building Committee Meeting scheduled for 1-22-14 could be postponed because of meeting conflicts that he and Commissioner Potter have. Sawatzke asked whether the Agenda items for the Building Committee are time sensitive. Kelly responded that the Agenda includes new staff workspace at the Human Services Center. He understands that this is time sensitive as the staff members have been hired and are expected soon. Potter made a motion to appoint Sawatzke or Husom to temporarily fill in as a Building Committee member. The motion was seconded by Daleiden. Sawatzke said he did not want the Board to take action in this fashion. When situations arise where a committee member cannot attend on short notice, another Commissioner will fill in. Potter and Daleiden withdrew their motion and second. It was the consensus that Borrell, as the appointed alternate, will attend the Building Committee meeting. Either Husom or Sawatzke will attend as the second Commissioner.

At the request of Kelly, Potter moved to schedule a Personnel Committee Of The Whole Meeting on 1-28-14 at 8:30 A.M. to discuss the Assistant County Coordinator position. The motion was seconded by Daleiden and carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 A.M.