CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, April 7, 2015
8:30 a.m.
County Board Room – 3rd Floor – Courthouse

MINUTES

The Clay County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with all Commissioners present: Campbell, Gross, Ingersoll, Mongeau, and Weyland. County Administrator Brian C. Berg and Senior Administrative Assistant Vicki Reek were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Gross, seconded by Mongeau, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT DONATION FOR SHERIFF'S POSSE

By consent agenda, the Board accepted a $500 donation from Concordia College for the Sheriff's Posse.

APPROVAL OF SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR RUSTIC OAKS, INC.

By consent agenda, the Board approved the addition of a Sunday Liquor License for Rustic Oaks, Inc.

AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

By consent agenda, the Board authorized solicitation of a Request For Proposals for life insurance coverage for Clay County employees.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR YEARLY HIGHWAY SUPPLY BIDS

By consent agenda, the Board authorized advertisement for bids for the Highway Department's yearly supply bids, to be opened May 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., with tabulation to follow and award by the County Board on May 12.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present who wished to address the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Ingersoll, seconded by Gross, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of the March 17 & 24, 2015 meetings as presented.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS

On motion by Mongeau, seconded by Gross, and unanimously carried, the bills and vouchers were approved for payment.

RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEER DRIVER PROGRAM

Social Services Supervisor Scott Madson updated the Board regarding the Volunteer Driver program, which is crucial to many of the Social Services programs. In 2014, nine volunteers transported 457 clients, and traveled 96,003 miles, saving the County approximately $42,000 in staff time. Mr. Madson invited the Board to the Volunteer Driver Recognition Program and Luncheon on April 14th.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL REPORT AND PROCLAMATION

Social Services Supervisor Stacey Christensen provided the Board with an update of activities of the Child Abuse Prevention Council.

On motion by Ingersoll, seconded by Mongeau, and unanimously carried, the Board proclaimed April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Clay County.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resource and will shape the future of Minnesota and Clay County.

WHEREAS, in the year 2014, Clay County Social Services assessed 675 children for reports of alleged child abuse or child neglect.

WHEREAS, child abuse is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community and can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that may cause lifelong consequences for victims of abuse.

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention succeeds because of meaningful and trusting partnerships created between parents, practitioners, schools, faith communities, healthcare organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

WHEREAS, family-serving, youth-focused prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people, encourage parents and youth to develop strong ties to their communities as well as provide protective factors that reduce or eliminate risk by promoting social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children.

WHEREAS, we acknowledge we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to the promotion of children and families' social and emotional well-being in safe, stable, nurturing environments.

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clay County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April, 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Clay County, and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

DISCUSSION RE: CONTINUING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS OF THE RED RIVER REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER, ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE COSTS AND ONGOING LICENSING FEES FOR THE COMPUTERS USED BY THE CITIES

Sheriff Bill Bergquist and Chief Deputy Sheriff Matt Siiro outlined the history of the Joint Powers Agreement and funding formulas concerning dispatch services provided by the Red River Regional Dispatch Center (RRRDC) for Fargo, Moorhead, Cass County, Clay County and West Fargo. In the past Clay County has invoiced the four cities (Barnesville, Dilworth, Glyndon and Hawley) for shared participation in the County's annual operational costs of the RRRDC, and software maintenance costs of the Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System (CAD/RMS). It is proposed that the cities be invoiced based

on population in the future. Some of the cities are amenable to the change, some feel they are being double taxed. Commissioner Weyland felt the RRRDC fees are no different than when the cities pay for their police officers, buy squad cars, etc., and it is the cities' responsibility to participate in the costs. County Administrator Brian Berg noted that the rate for the cities has been frozen for three years, while personnel and other costs at the RRRDC have increased. He added that other methods of funding have been explored, but the population based system seems the best option. Chief Deputy Sheriff Siiro reminded the Board that the four cities adopted a resolution in 2013 for the County to phase out the cities' financial participation. Mr. Berg felt the cities have been a part of an efficient dispatch system for a reasonable rate, and their alternative would be to implement their own dispatch center.

The Board requested additional information, comparables, true costs, etc., and to continue discussion at a later date.

Commissioner Ingersoll left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

REQUEST TO FILL FULL TIME JUVENILE COUNSELOR POSITION

On motion by Gross, seconded by Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved filling a full time Juvenile Counselor position which is vacant due to resignation.

APPROVAL OF MNDOT CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT REGARDING SP 14-591-006, BARNESVILLE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

County Engineer David Overbo requested the Board's approval to enter into an agreement with MnDOT for Clay County's sponsorship role in the Barnesville Safe Routes to School project.

On motion by Mongeau, seconded by Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized execution of Amendment No. 1 to MnDOT Agreement 05766 by the County Board Chair and County Administrator, and adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2015-11

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of Clay County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chair of the County Board of Commissioners and County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 05766", a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

INTERVIEWS WITH CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT TO WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT MANAGER POSITIONS

The Board interviewed candidates for appointment/reappointment to the Wild Rice Watershed District Board of Managers: Ms. Sharon Askelsen and Mr. Kim Syverson (appointment), and Mr. Duane Erickson (reappointment).

Mr. Mark Harles presented a document supporting Ms. Askelsen for appointment to the WRWD Board of Managers. It is signed by 54 citizens, who believe it is important to

have managers from a variety of locations within the Watershed District (See Attachment "A").

Commissioner Campbell moved that Mr. Erickson be reappointed to the WRWD Board of Managers, and Ms. Askelsen be appointed, each to a three-year term. Commissioner Mongeau seconded the motion.

Commissioner Gross felt it is important to have managers with experience and knowledge of Watershed issues, rather than someone who lives in a particular area.

The motion carried with Commissioner Gross opposed.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO JAIL/LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER CONSTRUCTION FUND

County Administrator Brian Berg requested the Board's authorization to establish a "Jail/Law Enforcement Center Construction Fund", and transfer $401,620 from the General Fund using:

2014 Levy Dollars	$ 50,000
2015 Levy Dollars	$100,000
Wind Energy Tax Revenue	$130,000
Matured Bond Debt Payment (2014)	$ 55,940
Matured Bond Debt Payment (2015)	$ 65,680

Commissioner Campbell expressed a concern about the County's ability to keep increasing the levy by $50,000 each year when other County costs keep increasing (health insurance, labor contracts, cost of living, etc.).

On motion by Mongeau, seconded by Campbell, and unanimously carried, the Board approved establishing the Jail/Law Enforcement Center Construction Fund as described above, and transferring $401,620 from the General Fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Commissioner Gross attended the Heartland Trail meeting.

Commissioner Campbell attended the Joint Powers Committee meeting as well as the Correctional Facility Design & Construction meeting.

Commissioner Mongeau attended meetings of the County Owned Property Committee, Cass Clay Food Systems, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District Board, Legislative meeting, Joint Powers Committee, and the Peace Officers dinner.

Commissioner Weyland attended meetings of the Correctional Facility Design & Construction committee and Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus.

County Administrator Brian Berg attended meetings of the Joint Powers Committee, FM Diversion, Correctional Facility Design & Construction committee and conducted personnel evaluations.

Mr. Berg inquired of the Board as to how they would like to proceed with the Jail Planning project. Commissioner Gross felt the Correctional Facility Design & Construction committee should provide a recommendation to the Board with respect to a time table, architect involvement, public meeting for Moorhead residents, meeting with the Moorhead City Council, etc.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Grant Weyland, Chair
Clay County Board of Commissioners

Brian C. Berg, County Administrator

Attachment "A"

Dear Clay County Commissioners,

We the undersigned support the appointment of Sharon Askelson to the Wild Rice Watershed Board of Managers. We believe that Sharon Askelson is your best choice to implement the goals and mission of the Watershed District. We further believe that it is important to appoint Watershed Managers from a variety of locations within the Watershed District.

Name	Address	Town
James R. Gill	12487-180 AVE N	Borup MINN 56519
David Duenham	15503 170th Ave N	Felton MN 56536
John Kleppaard	15498 180th Ave N	Felton MN 56536
Susan Kleppaard	15498 180th Ave. N.	Felton, MN 56536
Michael Carlson	13576 190th Av N.	Borup, Mn 56519
E. Carlson	13576-190th Ave N	Borup, MN 56519
Timothy J. Fox	14686 190th Ave N	Borup, Mn. 56519
Sheldon Kankovsky	17017 150th AVE N.	Felton MN 56536
Nancy Kankovsky	17017 150th Ave N	Felton, MN 56536
Joe Green	21423 190th ave N	Ulen MN 56585
Cole Peterson	20252 180th ave N	Ulen Mn 56585
Arlin Kleppel	21001 160 AVE N	ULEN MN 56585
John Nodsle	18484-200th St N.	Ulen Mn. 56585
Gwen Nodsle	18484-200th ST N.	Ulen Mn 56585
Harley J. Green	18485-200th ST N.	Ulen MN 56585
Carl Wiertz	21268 200th Ave N.	Ulen MN 56585

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Name	Address	Town
Donald Lake	13914 60th ST N	Felton
Mary Jane Kreps	7326 160th Ave N	Borup
[illegible]	7326 160th Ave N	Borup
Brian Olek	8588 160th Ave. N	Felton
Ronnie Tang	12271 120th ST N	Felton
Tom Schum	21338 140th Ave N	Ulen
Paul Klingnach	18429 160th St N	Felton
[illegible]	1900 190th St	Borup
[illegible]	13035 Hwy 9 N	Felton MN
[illegible]	254 7th St	Felton MN
Kelly Brantner	9628 140th Ave	Felton, MN
Wescott Sommerdahl	7553 150th Ave	Felton Mn.
[illegible]	18804 70th St N	Georgetown MN
[illegible]	12803 140th Ave N	Felton, MN
Earl Yeager	10462 170 ave N	Barup, MN

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Name	Address	Town
James M. Hastings	16059 110th St N	Felton Mn.
Mary Hastings	16059 110th St N.	Felton, Mn
Wayne Stevenson	19599 70th N	Georgetown Mn.
John M. Hastings	507 9th St. NE	Dilworth, MN
[illegible]	8890 170th Ave N	Borup MN
[illegible]	621 7th St.	Felton, MN
[illegible]	12733 180th Ave N.	Borup MN
Gerald Steenbach	12844 160th Ave N	Felton MN
[illegible]	12307 160th Ave N	Felton MN
Jane Kangas	14547 80th St N	Borup MN
[illegible]	16547 80th St N.	Borup MN
Gene [illegible]	19622 76th St	Georgetown Mn
Keith Stevenson	20755 70th St. N.	Georgetown, MN
Edward Dahlsad	8200 170th Ave N.	Borup MN.
[illegible]	10210 140th Ave N	Felton Mn
[illegible]	10303 140th Ave N	Felton MN
Brad Fake	6434 150th Ave N	Felton, MN

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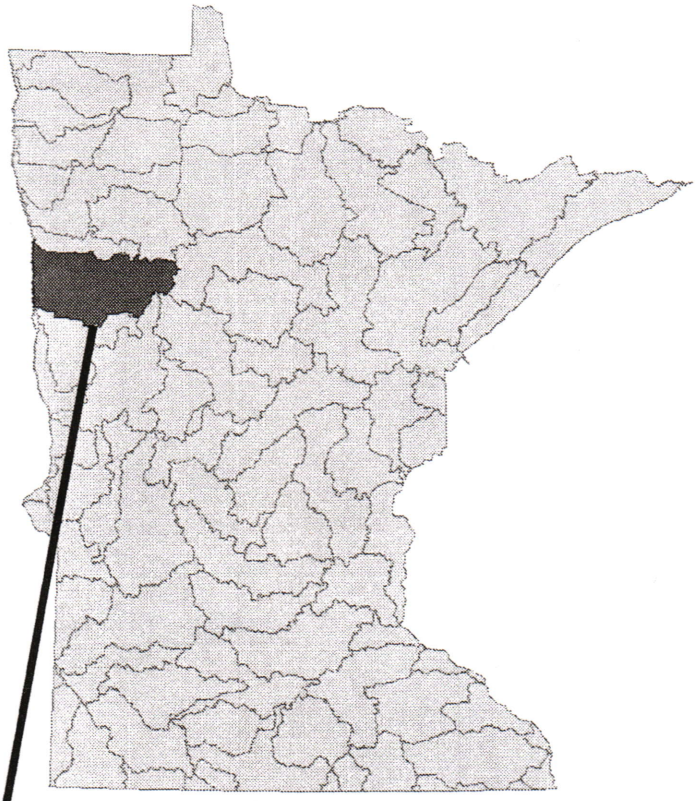
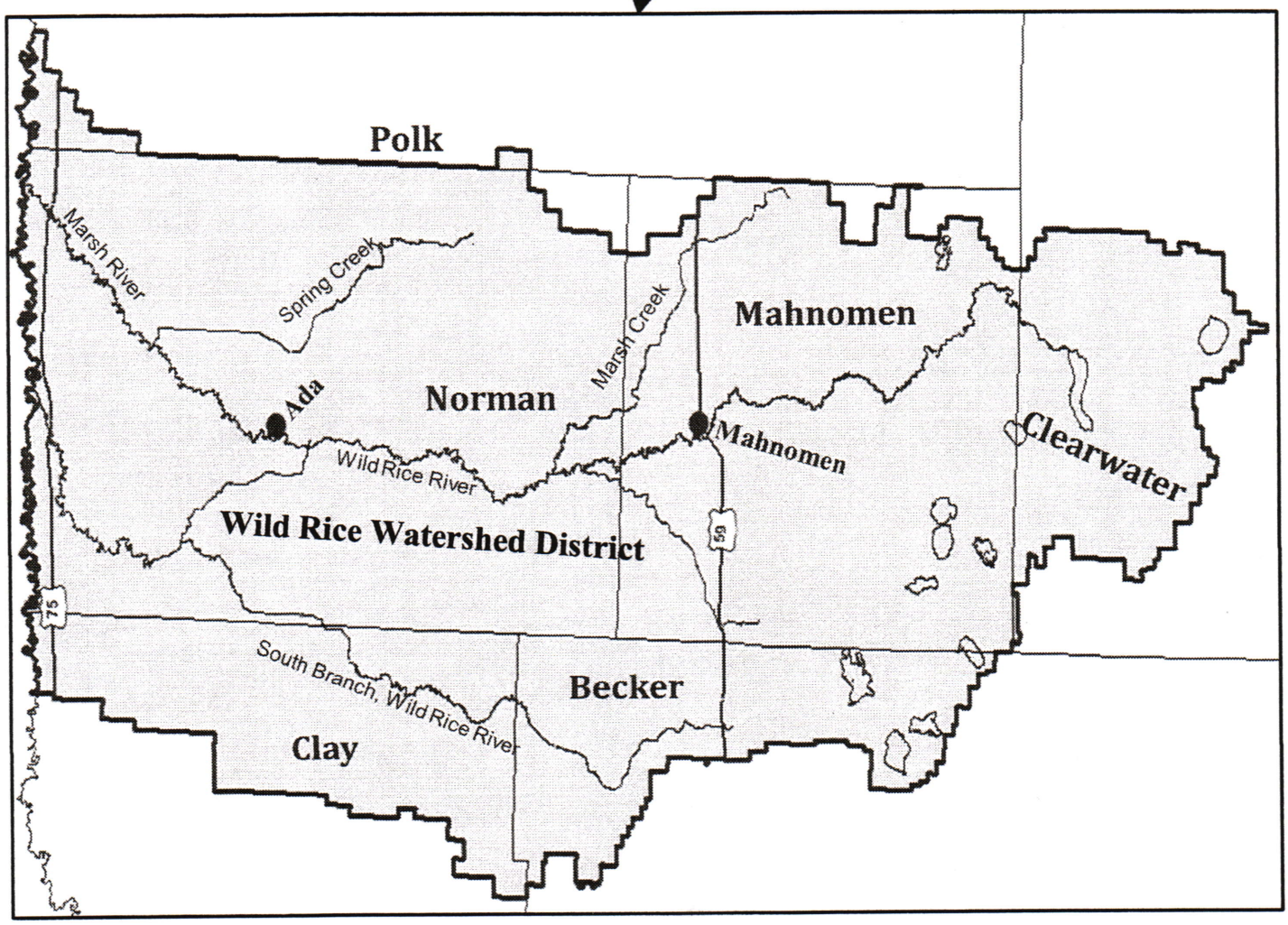
Name	Address	Town
Carl Smerud	20150 Hwy 9 N	Borup
Jerry Wetterlin	13583 70th Ave N	Glyndon
Aaron Wetterlin	Moorhead	Moorhead
[illegible]	4332 S. RIVERSIDE DR.	MOORHEAD
Lorna [illegible]	4332 S. Riverside Dr.	Moorhead
Barb Hilde	125 5th St.	Felton

The Wild Rice Watershed District

The **District** boundaries include portions of the Eastern Wild Rice River watershed and the Elm-Marsh Rivers watershed. These watersheds are part of the Red River Basin.

A **watershed** is an area of land that drains water and suspended or dissolved materials to a common outlet at some point along a stream or river. The natural watershed drainage area can be altered by engineered drainage networks.