

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

8:30 a.m.

County Board Room – 3rd Floor – Courthouse

M I N U T E S

The Clay County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 with commissioners Campbell, Evert, Ingersoll, and Weyland present. Commissioner Waller was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Weyland, seconded by Evert, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved as presented.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The Board recognized Sergeant Brian Norberg, Sheriff's Department, and Mr. Robbie Norman, Building Maintenance Supervisor, for their respective 25 years of service to Clay County.

Commissioner Evert informed the Board that Clay County has been recognized by the Red River Basin Commission for its support and commitment to working together in the spirit of cooperation and friendship to achieve common goals for land and water management.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES OF JANUARY 19 AND 26, 2010

On motion by Evert, seconded by Weyland, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the January 19 and 26, 2010 meetings were approved as presented.

RECOMMENDATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO CLAY COUNTY HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By consent agenda, the Board approved the recommendation of the Clay County Housing & Redevelopment Authority Board of Commissioners to reappoint Ms. Joanne Blake for a term on their Board of Commissioners expiring January 31, 2015.

ESTABLISH HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED REZONING

By consent agenda, the Board established a hearing date for a proposed rezoning (from Agricultural General zone with a Resource Protection-Wellhead Protection overlay zone to Limited Highway Commercial) for February 23, 2010 at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF FINAL CONTRACT VOUCHER FOR COUNTY ROAD 93 BRIDGE REMOVAL/GRADING, SAP 14-598-33

By consent agenda, the Board approved the final contract voucher for the County Road 93 Bridge Removal/Grading project, SAP 24-598-33, in the amount of \$68,296.04.

The initial bid was \$61,590.10 and the overage was due to the very wet and unsuitable soil conditions which caused the need for additional sub-cut, granular material and drain tile.

PRESENTATION RE: CLAY COUNTY BREAKTHROUGH SERIES COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

Social Services Director Rhonda Porter and the Clay County Breakthrough Series Collaborative Project team provided information to the Board concerning the Breakthrough Series Collaborative. The goal of the Project is to achieve permanency through reunification for children in foster care. The Board heard from a parent in the Project who was successfully reunified with his children through participation in the program, as well as a young man who spent years in the foster care system.

REVISION OF LEASES CONCERNING CLAY COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT BUSES
AND BUS STORAGE

Clay County Rural Transit Coordinator Georgia Beaudry informed the Board that since taking over the rural transit program, Productive Alternatives, Inc. has reduced transit services (currently only running Highway 10 commuter route and grocery run), and therefore only needs to lease one bus from Clay County and one garage storage space. She requested that the previous lease documents for the use of six buses and storage space for six buses be rescinded and new leases be executed.

On motion by Evert, seconded by Weyland, and unanimously carried, the Board rescinded lease agreements entered into on January 5, 2010 with Productive Alternatives, Inc. for the use of six transit buses and six garage storage spaces; and authorized lease agreements with Productive Alternatives, Inc. for one transit bus (Unit #107) for \$1.00 for the term of the lease and one garage storage space, (\$250/month) effective January 1, 2010 through August 30, 2010.

Discussion took place regarding ownership and disposition of the remaining buses, for which ownership is 80% State and 20% County. In the near future Clay County will need to make a decision as to whether or not to pursue County-run bus service for the future.

County Administrator Vijay Sethi indicated that he would be coming back to the Board with a recommendation for the vacant garage space (possible use by Sheriff's department), as well as building improvements which are needed at the former Highway Department site (roof repair, installation of a handicap accessible restroom for Motor Vehicle).

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

County Administrator Vijay Sethi informed the Board that grant funding was successful for the Veterans Service Office administrative assistant position for one year.

The National Weather Service will be providing a flood update on February 9, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Ingersoll attended the Lakes & Prairies Community Action Agency meeting.

Commissioner Weyland attended the Resource Conservation and Development meeting in Alexandria.

Commissioner Evert attended meetings of the Planning Commission, AMC Legislative Steering Committee, and the Metro Flood meeting.

Commissioner Campbell attended meetings of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Oakport Flood Mitigation, Personnel Issues Committee, and Metropolitan Flood Management Committee.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be making presentations to the public at 6:00 p.m. on February 2nd at Fargo Centennial Hall, and on February 3rd at MSUM Hanson Theatre, Moorhead.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Kevin L. Campbell, Chair
Clay County Board of Commissioners

Vijay K. Sethi, County Administrator