

WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING
July 3, 2007/9:00 A.M.

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at the Wadena County Courthouse in the Commissioners Room at 415 Jefferson St. S., Wadena Minnesota. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Bill Stearns and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was said.

Present: Commissioners Orville Meyer, Mary Harrison and Lane Waldahl. Absent: Commissioner Dave Schermerhorn.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Waldahl, to approve the Agenda as amended to include: m.) Committee Appointment, motion carried.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Harrison, to approve the June 5, 2007, June 11, 2007, and June 22, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes, motion carried.

Scott McKellop, Emergency Management Service Director, informed the Board that the Court Administrator was requesting additional messages be added to the alarm system. He pointed out that the current response only went to the Court Administrator's Office and the Judges were requesting a change to provide response to specific areas and the cost for four messages at \$250 per message would total \$1,000. Mr. McKellop added that the Assistant County Attorney did not have a button, which could be added for \$75.00. He informed the Board that eight messages came with the system but adding additional messages would cost \$1,075 plus tax for a total of \$1,084.59.

The Board discussed their concern over the time an officer would spend going to Court Administration when the officer should be going to the Judge's Chambers or the Court Room. Discussion was also held as to whether the State would pay for this expense.

Mr. McKellop informed the Board that most grants were being distributed regionally instead of locally.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Harrison, to approve the purchase of four additional Courthouse Alarm System messages from Centurion for a cost of \$1,084.59 and to approve amending the 2007 EMS Expense Budget \$1,084.59 for such purchase, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McKellop informed the Board that the 2003 Hazard Mitigation Plan had finally been approved by FEMA. He stated that the Region 5 Development Commission had contributed a lot of work on this project and was now requesting the Board's adoption of the plan through Resolution.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Waldahl, to approve the following Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution;

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the County of Wadena (the County) is participating in a hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Region Five Development Commission, under the guidelines established by the Act, has provided a framework for the development of the Wadena County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and FEMA require communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the County by resolution on August 19, 2004 approved the 2004 version of the Wadena County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan is a record of the County's potential risks and hazards and commitment to reducing the long-term consequences of natural, human caused and technological hazards; and

WHEREAS, the plan outlines mitigation goals, identifies risk reduction strategies for hazards that threaten the area, and discusses the ongoing risk reduction strategies to be undertaken with the jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the plan has been reviewed by members of this Board, staff, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the plan has been approved by FEMA pending final adoption by each participating jurisdiction and

WHEREAS, County Board adoption and adoption by local units of government is required for final approval by FEMA Region V.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wadena County's Hazard Mitigation Plan is approved in its entirety, and that the County will pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of the proposals designated therein, will upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement the actions contained in the mitigation objectives and also upon approval authorize the Region Five Development Commission to submit on the County's behalf the plan to all cities within the County for approval.

Adopted this 3rd day of July, 2007

_____ Attest: _____
Chairman

Motion carried.

Mr. McKellep informed the Board that a printout of the document could be found on the Region 5 RDC website and that he would provide a copy for the Wadena County Law Library.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Meyer, to approve payment of the 2nd half 2006 Budget allocation request of \$2,075.00 to the Wadena County Crisis and Referral Program, motion carried.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Harrison, to approve the request for Family Medical Leave submitted by Karen Otremba, Highway Administrative Technician, beginning approximately July 2, 2007, for twelve weeks, motion carried.

Char West, Auditor/Treasurer, informed the Board that Tom Fitzpatrick, Labor Attorney had contacted her to advise that one or two Wadena County Board members needed to be appointed to hear a grievance filed by a Social Services employee.

Chairman Stearns appointed Commissioners Orville Meyer and Lane Waldahl to hear the Social Services employee grievance, as recommended by the Labor Attorney.

Karen Nelson, Public Health Director, came before the Board to request a correction to the June 22, 2007 motion regarding school health nursing services rate and a change in an employees work schedule.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Waldahl, to correct the June 22, 2007 motion for the school health nursing services rate for July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, to be \$34.49 per hour, a 4% increase over last year's rate, motion carried.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Waldahl, to authorize Jill Davis, PHN, to return from her Family Medical Leave at 1-2 days per week from July 16, 2007 to August 3, 2007 and then reduce her employment from 70% to 60% effective August 6, 2007,

Commissioner Stearns questioned how Ms. Nelson would off set the 10% and whether she would be requesting additional staff?

Ms. Nelson stated that 10% was available as another Public Health Nursing had agreed to increase summer employment from 40% to 50%. She added that there was an increased demand due to South Country Health Alliance but the Menahga School Contract would not continue after July 1, 2007. Ms. Nelson stated that she would try to make it through the year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Nelson recommended that one of the County Commissioners attend the Regional Disaster Preparation Functional Exercise and Conference at Breezy Point on August 23, 2007, as well as consider participating in the training day on August 24, 2007.

Commissioner Harrison will attend August 24th and Commissioner Waldahl will attend August 23rd and 24th.

Ms. Nelson informed the Board that she had located a replacement for the ministerial representative on the County-wide Disaster Task Force, which would be Rob Nelson from Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Joel Ulring, Highway Engineer, opened bids at 10:00 a.m. for the following projects:

SP 80-623-14 CSAH 23, Grading and Bituminous Surfacing with Engineers Estimate at \$2,088,819.46:

	<u>Bid Bond .</u>
Anderson Bros. Brainerd	\$1,453,504.16
Central Specialties, Alexandria	\$1,368,275.17
Kern & Tabery, Wadena	\$1,389,686.21
Knife River Corp., Sauk Rapids	\$1,438,197.43
Mark Sand & Gravel, Fergus Falls	\$1,521,570.42
Tri-City Paving, Little Falls	\$1,395,304.35

CP 80-113-01, CR 114 Overlay and MP 80-26-01, CSAH 26 Overlay projects, Engineer's Estimate \$300,186.00.

	<u>Bid Bond .</u>
Anderson Bros, Brainerd	\$262,655.19
Central Specialties, Alexandria	\$272,391.10
Knife River Corp, Sauk Rapids	\$291,273.46
Mark Sand & Gravel, Fergus Falls	\$362,047.00
Tri-City Paving, Little Falls	\$260,000.00

Mr. Ulring informed the Board that he was waiting for final approval of the Conditional Award of SP 69-595-001, Wadena Depot Restoration Project, from the State Equal Employment Opportunity Office so the project could start as soon as possible. Mr. Ulring requested Board consideration to adopt a Resolution of Conditional Award for the project so it could proceed as soon as State approval was received.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Meyer offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS: Bids were received until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 for the following Project:

S.P. 80-595-001, Restoration of the Historic Wadena Depot Building.

WHEREAS: The bid offered by Gopher State Contractors, Inc., 340 First Ave. Box 007, Rice, MN 56367 in the amount of;

BASE BID: \$325,264.00
ALTERNATE NO. 1 – Add Air Conditioning: \$ 22,368.00
UNIT PRICE NO. 1 – Additional interior or exterior mortar joint repointing:
\$12.00 was the lowest of the five (5) bids received.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Gopher State Contractors, Inc., 340 First Ave. SE, Box 007, Rice, MN 56367 is hereby awarded the contract for the above referenced project in accordance with the terms of the plan and proposal. This award is conditional and based on bid accuracy and review and approval of the State EEO Office, MN/DOT Division of State Aid and County Engineer.

Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion and the same carried.

Adopted at Wadena, Minnesota.

ATTEST: _____
Charleen West, Auditor-Treasurer Bill Stearns, Chairman
Wadena County, Minnesota

Mr. Ullring requested approval by the Board to hire Robin Wegscheid to fill in for Karen Otremba who would be on Family Medical Leave.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Harrison, to approve the appointment of Robin Wegscheid to the temporary full-time Highway Administrative Technician position, \$10.00 per hour with a start date of June 9, 2007 and ending upon the permanent Administrative Technician's return from FMLA, motion carried.

Mr. Ullring informed the Board that Karen Otremba, permanent Highway Administrative Technician, was requesting Family Medical Leave starting approximately July 9, 2007 for 12 weeks.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Harrison, to amend previous motion to read "on or about July 9, 2007" instead of "approximately July 2, 2007", motion carried.

Mr. Ullring informed the Board that there currently was no monetary compensation for an individual who stepped up to coordinate maintenance activities in the absence of the Maintenance Foreman. Mr. Ullring requested the addition of .75 per hour for the Assistant Maintenance Foreman to compensate for the additional duties performed. He added that this was currently a permanent employee given temporary status in the foreman position.

The Board discussed whether the development of this new position with additional compensation should be sent to the Hay Group for grading.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Harrison, to authorize the Highway Engineer to complete the Position Description Questionnaire for the newly developed Assistant Maintenance Foreman

position and to have the Questionnaire submitted to the Hay Group for grading, motion carried.

Board recessed at 10:00 a.m.

Board reconvened at 10:12 a.m.

Lee Brekke, County Assessor and Department Head Committee Chair, informed the Board that the Committee had discussed the parking situation at the Courthouse and were providing recommendation to help alleviate the problem. He reviewed the parking recommendations;

- No Courthouse employee parking on the north side of Dayton Ave. between Jefferson St. S. and 1st St. SW
- No Courthouse employee parking on the east side or west side of Jefferson St. S. Between Dayton Ave. and Emerson Ave.
- Erection of "Employee Parking Only" signs at the entrances of the Courthouse parking Lot.
- Relocate the three County Assessor's vehicles to the Wensman Building.
- Remove the Maintenance Parking sign on the west side of the Courthouse.

Char West, Auditor/Treasurer, informed the Board that she had received a letter from Bruce Uselman, Wadena Chief of Police, requesting County assistance in reducing the parking in front of certain businesses by the Courthouse.

Commissioner Waldahl stated that he had discussed the matter with Kyra Ladd, County Attorney, who was unable to attend the Committee meeting, but had expressed concerns over requiring employees to not park in front of certain businesses as then it could cause a problem in other locations. He suggested the matter be tabled until additional information be received.

The Board discussed the need for the Courthouse parking lot to be restricted to employee parking and how this might be enforced. The Board also supported the recommendation of relocating the Assessor's cars to the Wensman parking lot.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Meyer, to approve the erection of a "Employee Parking Only" sign at the entrances of the Courthouse parking lot, approve the relocation of the three County Assessor's cars to the Wensman Building and erect parking signs for the vehicles at that location, remove the "Maintenance Parking" sign from the west side of the Courthouse and studying any future parking issues that may arise with the City of Wadena, motion carried.

Ms. West informed the Board that she would be attending two of the four days of the Auditor/Treasurer's Summer Conference at Breezy Point the end of July. She requested Board approval for payment of the conference registration fee of \$25.00 and room reservation charge of \$218.00, as the vouchers had not been include with the Commissioner's bills.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Meyer, to approve payment of the \$25.00 registration fee for the Auditor/Treasurer Summer Conference and \$218.00 for the Breezy Point room reservation fee for the Auditor/Treasurer's attendance of such, motion carried.

Ms. West informed the Board that she had contacted the Labor Attorney outlining the Board's questions regarding clarification on Union Contract 19.9, which Mr. Yglesias had brought up during a previous meeting, as to whether a Department Head had the authority to direct employees to wear uniforms that would be funded by the County. She stated that the Labor Attorney's response was that the Board of Commissioners had the authority to declare that an employee wear a uniforms as a condition of employment and they could delegate that authority to the Department Head, if they so choose. Ms. West added that she had also relayed the Board's request for direction in Mr. Yglesias's request that Cody Yglesias be appointed lead worker. She stated that she needed to further discuss this issue with the Labor Attorney and report to the Board at a later date.

Commissioner Stearns pointed out that it had previously been the Board's position that uniform allowance was a Union negotiated item and that any items provided to the Maintenance Department should be negotiated at contract time. Commissioner Stearns called for any change from that position from the Board. Hearing none, there would be no change and it will remain a negotiated item.

Commissioner Meyer informed the Board that he and Commissioner Schermerhorn had attended a workshop held by MCIT on negotiated health benefits. He stated that there had been several changes in the law and additional information would be forthcoming.

The Board set the following dates for future Board Meetings:

August 7, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

August 22, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

September 4, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

September 20, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Budget Meeting September 13, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

October 2, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

October 18, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Waldahl, to approve the payment of \$158.00 plus tax to the Responsive Software Co. for the purchase of Time & Project Management software for the Maintenance Department, motion carried.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Meyer, to approve the payment of \$2,500.00 to the Old Wadena Society for their 2007 County allocation, motion carried.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Harrison, to approve the Application for Exempt Gambling Permit, with no waiting period, for the Wahoo Valley Chapter MN Deer Hunters Association, motion carried.

Mike Carr, Sheriff, and Bill Cross, Chief Deputy, came before the Board to inform them of the RMS (Record Management System) that would allow the Deputy's to do reports from their squad cars.

Sheriff Carr stated that the system could be funded with E-911 Funds.

Deputy Cross informed the Board that the cost of the system would be approximately \$68,000 with 3-year payments of \$7,280 monthly from E-911 funds and currently there was \$115,000 in the E-911 reserve fund. He stated that the system would also be integrated with the Court System, other law enforcement agencies in Wadena County and in the state. Deputy Cross added that the reason for the mobile units was to keep the officers out on the street and not in the office doing reports.

Sheriff Carr informed the Board that RMS had been in existence since the late 1990's, the company was out of Texas and completes all of the upgrades and maintenance of the equipment.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Harrison, to approve the purchase of the Record Management System for the County Sheriff's Department, to be funded with E-911 funds, motion carried.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Harrison, to approve the Liquor License Renewal application submitted by the Huntersville Outpost, Inc. for the period ending 7/31/08, contingent upon receipt of the Certificate of Insurance and approval by the County Attorney, motion carried.

Commissioner Stearns appointed himself as a member of the Document Management Committee.

Gina Damms, Zoning/Parks/Solid Waste, came to the Board in the absence of Deans Skov, Zoning/Parks/Solid Waste Director.

Commissioner Harrison stated that she had received an e-mail from a resident reporting that "No Trespassing – Leased from Potlatch" signs were on County Park property. She questioned whether the Park's Department had check on the signs and could verify this.

Ms. Damms reported that it had been checked out and the signs were not on County Park property.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Meyer, to accept the Planning Commission Minutes of June 21, 2007 and June 28, 2007, motion carried.

Ms. Damms presented the Board with a Resolution recommending approval by the Wadena County Planning Commission of the Pine Ridge Estates Preliminary Plat submitted by Lisa Haglin, located in the City of Staples.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Meyer moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the County Board approves issuance of the following Preliminary Plat:

Lisa A. Haglin, preliminary plat known as "Pine Ridge Estates" with the following conditions:

- 1) The scale of the plat be changed to our guidelines of one inch equals two hundred feet or larger;
- 2) That the lot acreages be listed on each lot; and
- 3) Protective covenants need to be added to the plat once they have been established;

and with the following findings of fact:

- 1) The requested use will not create an unreasonable excessive burden on the existing roads or other utilities;
- 2) The requested use is compatible with the surrounding area and will not significantly depreciate nearby properties;
- 3) The structure and the use shall have an appearance that will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on nearby properties;
- 4) The requested use, in the opinion of the Planning Commission, is reasonably related to the existing land use and environment;
- 5) The requested use is consistent with the Wadena County Land Use Control Ordinance;
- 6) The requested use is not in conflict with the Wadena County Comprehensive Plan; and
- 7) The requested use will not create an unreasonably adverse affect because of noise, odor, glare, or general unsightliness for nearby property owners.

on property described as: The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW1/4 SE1/4) Except the 850' x 600' & except 233' x 250' & except 233' x 183' & except 330' x 660', and less: commencing at the southwest corner of Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW1/4 SE1/4), thence East 233', thence North 233' as the point of beginning; thence North 200'; thence East 208'; thence South 200'; thence West 208' to the point of beginning, Section 36, Township 134 North, Range 33 West, Thomastown Township, located in an R-1 Suburban Residential District.

Commissioner Waldahl seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Adopted this 3rd day of July 2007.

Attest: _____
Charleen West, Auditor/Treasurer _____
Chairperson

Ms. Damms presented the Board with a Resolution recommending approval by the Wadena County Planning Commission of a Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Jerald Jr. and Tonya Bettin for an Off Site Dealership and Auto Detailing business in Lyons Township.

Jerald Bettin was also present.

Mr. Bettin commented that he has a car lot in Wadena on TH 21 and needs more room for storage of vehicles waiting for repair. He discussed the possibility of a fence or planting trees for screening.

Commissioner Stearns called for anyone in attendance of the meeting who is in favor of this motion and anyone who would like to speak against this motion.

Kelly Komula, area resident with land on three sides of the property, stated that he was against the permit and felt it was not being good stewards of the land. He added that he would like to see the proper amount of liability insurance to be carried in case of a spill and that it was currently an Ag and Forestry Zone.

Kevin McCaffrey, a neighbor sharing the property line, questioned the appropriateness of being out in the country and added that it was a wetland area.

Mr. Bettin stated that in the area there were others that had salvage businesses on their premises and if so, why were theirs approved.

Commissioner Harrison pointed out that the Planning Committee Minutes state the MPCA would not be notified until the Conditional Use Permit was approved and she felt MPCA needed to be involved.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Meyer moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the County Board approves issuance of the following Conditional Use Permit:

Jerald L. Jr. & Tonya L. Bettin application for Conditional Use Permit to authorize additional vehicle storage on property to accommodate an off-site dealership and to allow auto repair and detailing with the following conditions:

- 1) The number of cars be limited to 80 at any given time; and
- 2) Provide a pad of Class 5 for the cars that are not fully drained of fluids but intended to be stored for repair & resale;
- 3) Best Management Practices be exercised when draining fluids and storing from vehicles. This would include cleaning up any spilled material in an environmentally acceptable manner, storing fluids separately in leak proof containers, and disposing of these fluids to an environmentally safe final destination(the final destination being used at present time is an acceptable practice);
- 4) No vehicles will be crushed onsite, but will be removed to a location appropriated for such purpose;
- 5) No floor drain be added to the shop;
- 6) No commercial parts washers be incorporation in to the operation;
- 7) No paint booths be set up for the operation.

And with the following findings of fact:

- 1) The requested use will not create an unreasonable excessive burden on the existing roads or other utilities;
- 2) The structure and the use shall have an appearance that will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on nearby properties as long as the cars are kept back;

3) The requested use is not in conflict with the Wadena County Comprehensive Plan. on property described as: The Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4 SW1/4), Section 06, Township 136 North, Range 33 West, Lyons Township, located in an A-2 Mixed Agriculture Forestry District.

Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion, Meyer, Harrison and Stearns voting aye, Waldahl voting naye, Schermerhorn absent, motion carried.

Adopted this 3rd day of July 2007.

Attest: _____
Charleen West, Auditor/Treasurer Chairperson

Ms. Damms presented the Board with a Resolution recommending approval by the Wadena County Planning Commission of a Conditional Use Permit application submitted by William Lundberg for screening and crushing in an existing gravel pit in Red Eye Township.

Chairman Stearns called for those for or against this motion and received no reply.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Waldahl moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the County Board approves issuance of the following Conditional Use Permit:

William Lundberg application for Conditional Use Permit to authorize a crushing and screening operation at an existing gravel pit with the following conditions:

- 1) That the finish work be completed by October 31, 2007, unless the permit for extraction is extended; and
 - 2) Taxes be paid to current status,
- and with the following findings of fact:

- 1) The requested use is compatible with the surrounding area and will not significantly depreciate nearby properties;
- 2) The requested use will not create an unreasonable excessive burden on the existing roads or other utilities; and
- 3) The requested use is consistent with the Wadena County Land Use Control Ordinance on property described as: The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4 SW1/4) Except Highway, Section 22, Township 137 North, Range 35 West, Red Eye Township, located in an A-3 General Agriculture District.

Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Adopted this 3rd day of July 2007.

Attest: _____
Charleen West, Auditor/Treasurer Chairperson

Ms. Damms presented the Board with a Resolution recommending approval by the Wadena Planning Commission of a Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Gerald W. and Janette E. Olson for a gravel extraction operation including crushing, screening and a portable asphalt plant located in Red Eye Township.

A representative from Central Specialties was in attendance to answer any questions.

Commissioner Stearns called for anyone in favor or against the motion, no response.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Harrison moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the County Board approves issuance of the following Conditional Use Permit:

Gerald W. & Janette E. Olson application for Conditional Use Permit to permit a gravel extraction operation, including crushing, screening and portable asphalt plant with the following conditions:

- 1) That the crushing will be allowed from 6 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- 2) That they are to work Monday through Friday and are allowed to work Saturday if needed; and
- 3) That methods for dust control be used and the main road routes be restored to original state when extraction is completed.

and with the following findings of fact:

- 1) The requested use will not create an unreasonable excessive burden on the existing roads or other utilities;
- 2) The requested use is compatible with the surrounding area and will not significantly depreciate nearby properties;
- 3) The requested use, in the opinion of the Planning Commission, is reasonably related to the existing land use and environment; and
- 4) The requested use is not in conflict with the Wadena County Comprehensive Plan.

on property described as: East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E1/2 SE1/4), Section 5, Township 137 North, Range 35 West, Red Eye Township, located in an A-3 General Agriculture District.

Commissioner Meyer seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Adopted this 3rd day of July 2007.

Attest: _____
Charleen West, Auditor/Treasurer Chairperson

Ms. Damms informed the Board that the Zoning Department was inventorying sewer systems and finding a lot of old Conditional Use Permits. She stated that several of the Permits were inactive and the Planning Commission recommended to revoke those that were inactive. Ms. Dahms added that the property owners were notified by letter.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Waldahl, to revoke the Conditional Use Permit issued to Gregory and Donna Mae Uselman for a dog kennel in Section 17 of Aldrich Township, issued in 1988, motion carried.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Harrison, to revoke the Conditional Use Permit issued to Thomas and Christine Dunrud for a machine shop in Section 25 of Aldrich Township, issued in 1991, motion carried.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Meyer, to revoke the Conditional Use Permit issued to Stephen and Kimberly Becker for a commercial tractor and auto repair shop in Section 27 of Aldrich, issued in 1998, motion carried.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Meyer, to revoke the Conditional Use Permit issued to James and Tamara Mench for an auto glass and frame straightening shop in section 34 of Aldrich Township, issued in 1998, motion carried.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Waldahl, to revoke the Conditional Use Permit issued to Howard C. Brastad for an auto salvage and wrecking yard in Section 35 of Aldrich Township, issued in 1978, motion carried.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Meyer, to revoke the Conditional Use Permit issued to Bridget King for a flat oval race track in Section 36 of Aldrich Township, issued in 1994, motion carried.

Commissioner Stearns informed the Board that the Extension Committee was requesting Board consideration to authorize the 4-H Coordinator to work additional hours, as the County had been without a coordinator for several months and the Fair was coming up. He reported that the University of Minnesota stated an additional 4 hours per week was permissible under their employment guidelines.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Harrison, to authorize the 4-H Coordinator to work an additional 4 hours per week for 12 weeks, starting July 1, 2007, motion carried.

Mr. Ulring returned to the Board to recommend acceptance of the low bid of \$260,000.50 submitted by Tri-City Paving for projects CP 80-114-01 and MP 8-026-01. He stated that there was an adding error of .50, which had now added to the bid.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Meyer offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

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WHEREAS: Bids were received until 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 for the following Project(s):

M.P. 80-26-01, CSAH #26, Bituminous Surfacing. Net length = 0.65 miles.
C.P. 80-114-01, County Road #114, Bituminous Surfacing. Net Length = 5.02 miles.

WHEREAS: The bid offered by Tri-City Paving of Little Falls, MN in the amount of \$260,000.50 was the lowest of the 5 bids received.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Tri-City Paving of Little Falls, MN is hereby awarded the contract for the above referenced project in accordance with the terms of the plan and proposal and based on bid accuracy review and approval by the County Engineer.

Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion and the same carried.

Adopted at Wadena, Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Charleen West, Auditor-Treasurer
Wadena County, Minnesota

Bill Stearns, Chairman

Mr. Ulring recommended acceptance of the low bid of \$1,368,275.17 submitted by Central Specialties for project S.P. 80-623-14. He stated that as it was a Federal Project a that a Conditional Award should be adopted to expedite the project.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Meyer offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS: Bids were received until 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 for the following Project:

S.P. 80-623-14, CSAH #23, Grading, Aggregate Base, Bituminous Surfacing and Turf Establishment. Net length = 4.691 miles.

WHEREAS: The bid offered by Central Specialties of Alexandria, MN in the amount of \$1,368,275.17 was the lowest of the bids received.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Central Specialties of Alexandria, MN is hereby awarded the contract for the above referenced project in accordance with the terms of the plan and proposal. This award is conditional and based on bid accuracy and review and approval by the State EEO Office, Mn/DOT Division of State Aid and County Engineer.

Commissioner Waldahl seconded the motion and the same carried.

Adopted at Wadena, Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Charleen West, Auditor-Treasurer
Wadena County, Minnesota

Bill Stearns, Chairman

Mr. Ulring informed the Board that the Highway Department building roof had one year left on the warranty and that the past spring some of the rubber was hanging down over the roof as the snow was sliding off. He stated that a strip of rubber needed to be replaced. Mr. Ulring stated that the contractor expressed concern as some work done on the roof had not been done by them therefore voiding the warranty. Mr. Ulring stated that the bottom line was that materials would be covered under the warrantee but the County will have to pay for labor. He added that the labor cost would be \$3,611.00 and there were funds available in the Highway Department budget to cover the expense.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Meyer, to approve the payment of \$3,611.00 in labor costs to repair the Highway Department building roof, motion carried.

Rin Porter, Verndahl Sun reporter, questioned whether the Wensman Building parking lot problem had been resolved?

Mr. Ulring commented “yes and no”. He stated that it was difficult as the curb was so flat and valleys gutter not done to design. He added that the solution was to remove the curb and not the valley gutter. Mr. Ulring stated that if the valley gutter and bituminous was dug out, it may be too thin.

The Board pointed out that the Social Services Director’s concern was ice.

Mr. Ulring added that they will continue to try to resolve issues.

Commissioner’s Reports:

Commissioner Waldahl - WCTCC- Put on hold due to none funding of bonding bill.
Becker County doing RAP and having success.
- MRCC
- Invite legislators to County Board Meeting

Commissioner Harrison - Library Board Meeting – did get funding last Legislative Session

Commissioner Stearns - He, Mr. Ulring and Commissioner Meyer meet with Representative Dean Simson in early August to request assistance with DNR funding for a road construction project.
- MinnCan check – received for pipeline installation inspection.
Highway Engineer and Auditor/Treasurer will meet.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Meyer, to approve payment of the Board of Commissioner bills in the amount of \$93,100.89, motion carried.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Waldahl, to adjourn the Board of Commissioners Meeting at 12:35 p.m., motion carried.

Charleen West, Auditor/Treasurer

William Stearns, Chairman