

WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2008, 8:45 A.M.

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at the Wadena County Courthouse in the Commissioners Room at 415 Jefferson St. S., Wadena Minnesota. The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Chairman William Stearns and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was said.

Present: Commissioners Mary Harrison, Orville Meyer, Dave Schermerhorn and Lane Waldahl. Also present was Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Tammy Lupkes in the absence of Auditor/ Treasurer Char West.

Motion by Schermerhorn, seconded by Meyer, to approve the day's Agenda as presented, motion carried.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Waldahl, to approve the Truth-in-Taxation Board Minutes of December 6, 2007, Board Minutes of December 11, 2007, and the Board Minutes of December 20, 2007, as sent, motion carried.

Chairman Stearns called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Wadena County Board of Commissioners for 2008.

Commissioner Waldahl nominated Commissioner Meyer to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2008.

Commissioner Stearns questioned whether there were any other nominations for the position? He stated that, if not, he would call for the motion.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Harrison, to appoint Commissioner Orville Meyer to serve as Chairman of the Wadena County Board of Commissioners for 2008, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Stearns called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Wadena County Board of Commissioners for 2008.

Commissioner Waldahl nominated Commissioner Schermerhorn to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2008.

Commissioner Stearns questioned whether there were any other nominations for the position?

As no other nominations were received the Board unanimously appointed Commissioner Dave Schermerhorn to serve as Vice Chairman of the Wadena County Board of Commissioners for 2008.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Meyer.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Harrison, to approve the R & J Horse Sales 3.2 Malt Liquor License application for the period of 2/1/08 to 2/3/08, motion carried.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Waldahl, to table the Wadena Workforce Center Lease until the January 24, 2008, Board Meeting, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter received from Char West, Auditor/Treasurer stating that she was unable to attend the meeting and that she was requesting the same wage increase awarded to other employees for 2008, which would similarly reflect an annual salary of \$62,000.

Motion by Schermerhorn, seconded by Stearns, to approve the 2008 annual salary for Auditor/Treasurer, Char West, in the amount of \$62,000.00, motion carried.

Chairman Meyer appointed Commissioners Harrison and Stearns to the Negotiation Committee for the 2008 Committee appointments.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Schermerhorn, to donate a retired computer to Aldrich City at no charge, motion carried.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Stearns, to enter into a contract for the 2008 Juvenile Delinquency Rights Counsel Contract with Ryan Ries, Attorney at Law, at \$300 per month, motion carried.

Chairman Meyer called for the Bids for the Official County Newspaper to be read at 9:00 a.m.

At 9:00 a.m. Tammy Lupkes, Deputy Auditor/Treasurer, opened and read the 2008 Wadena County Newspaper Publication bids as follows:

	<u>Legal Publication</u>	<u>1st Financial</u>	<u>2nd Financial</u>	<u># of Subscribers</u>
Verndale Sun	6.00 per SAU	13.50 per SAU	8.10 per SAU	1070
Pioneer Journal	3.85 per SAU	3.85 per SAU	3.85 per SAU	3371
Review Messenger	4.25 per SAU	4.25 per SAU	7.50 per SAU	3715 Average

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Waldahl, to appoint the Pioneer Journal as the official newspaper for 2008 to publish all publications including the Financial Statements, Delinquent Tax Notices and Legal Notices at \$3.85 per SAU for all publications.

Tim Bloomquist, Publisher/Editor Review Messenger, questioned the Board as to whether this bid included the County Public Health contract. He pointed out that the Pioneer Journal made \$15,000 on the bid. He added that it was a grant they had received.

Commissioner Harrison responded that this did not even come before the Board.

Mr. Bloomquist stated that if this was included it needed to be clarified.

Chairman Meyer questioned whether “all departments” was included in the motion?

Ms. Lupkes re-read the bid which stated “all Publications of the County”.

Motion carried.

Mr. Bloomquist pointed out that the 2nd Financial Statement publication had to be published by a separate newspaper.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Schermerhorn, to accept the bid from the Review Messenger for the second publication of the County Financial Statement for 2008 at 7.50 per SAU, motion carried.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Schermerhorn, to approve the 2008 Public Defender Contract with Harry Taves, Attorney at Law, at \$1,000 per month, motion carried.

The lights in the Board Room and Courthouse went out.

Chairman Meyer appointed Commissioner Schermerhorn to serve as Representative on the WesMinn RC & C Board for 2008.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Harrison, to pay the WesMinn RC & D dues in the amount of \$400.00, motion carried.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Waldahl, to pay the Wadena County Humane Society \$750.00 for the 2007 County Allocation, motion carried.

Kevin Stensrude, MIS Director, came before the Board regarding the Document Management Program. He requested Board directions as he could not wait six months to a year to make a decision on a server if they choose to go with a Document Management Program.

Also present were Deana Skov, Zoning/Parks/Solid Waste Director and Soledad Henriksen, County Recorder.

Chairman Meyer requested comments from Department Heads.

Ms. Skov stated that she was in attendance to obtain additional information as she did not understand all that was involved with document management. She added that the Department Heads had one meeting regarding the project.

Mr. Stensrude stated that the approach the first year was to educate as to what was possible with document management. He provided the Board with several examples.

Commissioner Waldahl commented that funds had been put aside for the project in Social Services and MIS. He added that if the project would save Department Head time and money it was something the Board should look at. He questioned whether Mr. Stensrude was requesting Board authorization to research the project?

Commissioner Stearns recommended that Mr. Stensrude prepare a proposal on how the funds would be spent efficiently; take the proposal to the Committee and the Department Heads for their review and then bring it back to the Board.

Chairman Meyer questioned Mr. Stensrude as to whether he had a time table.

He stated that the first thing to be done would be to educate the group, then requirements could be developed and then solutions. He added that at this time he had no idea on what solution to use. Mr. Stensrude stated that the price could fluctuate from \$200,000 to \$500,000 over a 3 to 4 year period and it was not known as to what product we would want to use.

Commissioner Harrison questioned how this problem tallied with his need to know something soon. She added that the Commissioners had questions as to whether it was economically feasible or advisable for our small County so the Commissioners are trying to put off a decision until more is known, but understanding that he has a deadline in trying to decide which way to go, which was the Board's immediate concern.

Soli Henriksen, Recorder, commented that at this time she was imaging all of her documents, which should be completed in 2008, so that tax payers and staff would have computer access to everything in her office.

Commissioner Waldahl commented that he also felt the project development needs to start with the Department Heads.

Mr. Stensrude stated that he could go forward in purchasing an AS400 without knowing whether the document management project was moving forward. He added that he understood the Board's concerns, the need to expand as little as possible and to at least get an estimated scope of what the project would entail to help the Board what it wants to commit to.

Commissioner Stearns requested Mr. Stensrude spell out to the Board the options in purchasing a new AS400 that would keep the door open with the most flexibility down the line.

Mr. Stensrude informed the Board that he would have to spend some of the 2007 carryover to check this out, but would keep the expenses to a bare minimum. Mr. Stensrude stated that he feels he needs to bring to the Board next time a project scope in terms of what we are estimating the total project would cost the County. He added that we don't need to know what the product will be at this time. He stated that he would return to the Board during the January or February Board Meetings.

Kyra Ladd, County Attorney, came before the Board to inform them that she had included in her 2008 budget a salary of \$85,000 and that her currently salary was \$81,380, which reflected an annual increase of \$3,620. She added that when she was hired, she was informed that her salary was not negotiable. Ms. Ladd stated that the increase represents an almost 4% increase over the previous year which was similar to what all others had received based on the cost of living and step increases.

The Board informed Ms. Ladd that a 3% increase was being given to other employees.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Schermerhorn, to approve the annual 2008 County Attorney salary of \$83,821.62, which reflected a 3% increase, motion carried.

Mike Carr, Sheriff, came before the Board to request a 3% increase in his 2007 annual salary of \$75,251.52 which would reflect a 2008 wage of \$77,509.07.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Schermerhorn, to approve the 2008 annual salary of \$77,509.07, for Sheriff Michael Carr, which reflected a 3% increase from the 2007 salary of \$75,251.52, motion carried unanimously.

Sole Henriksen, Recorder, informed the Board that her current salary was \$42,806.40 and that she was requesting her salary to be close to the salary of others in the Recorders position. Ms. Henriksen presented the Board with handouts. She requested that the Board meet her half way this year on her request of \$47,923, which reflected an increase of \$5,116.80. Ms. Henriksen reviewed her handouts which indicated salaries of other County Recorders.

Chairman Meyer pointed out that Wadena County was one of the smaller counties and Todd County was one and half times larger than Wadena County.

Ms. Henriksen stated that she was trying to get up to the wage of other Recorders and even to other Department Heads in Wadena County.

Commissioner Harrison stated that she sympathized with Ms. Henriksen, however, other Wadena County elected officials also have lower salaries in comparison.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Harrison, to approve the 2008 annual salary of \$44,090.59 for the County Recorder, Soledad Henriksen, which reflected a 3% increase, motion carried.

The Board recessed at 9:55 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

Kristi Nielsen, Assistant County Attorney, addressed the Board regarding County ditches. Molly Costin, Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District, was also in attendance. Ms. Nielsen informed the Board that after meeting with Ms. Costin it was brought to her attention that if no work had been done on a county ditch for 25 years, it would be considered abandoned.

Ms. Costin stated that according to the drainage laws and the Wetland Conservation Act there would be very few that are able to work within the ditches. She added that if no work had been done on a county ditch for 25 years from the date of the request the ditch reverts back to wetland status and becomes abandoned. Ms. Costin stated that it was her understanding that if a property owner had not gone through the County Board prior to making changes to a County ditch, they were not eligible and if they wanted work done they would have to come to the County Board.

Ms. Nielsen informed the Board that a property owner would have to file a petition with the County Board with 26% of the property owners' signatures on it stating what their intentions were. She added that the property owners would have to file a bond with the County Auditor stating that they were doing this with good intention and then the Board would have to approve of all that, but if the property had not had any work done on the ditch for 25 years, that was when the Conservation Laws prevent anything from being done because the ditch had reverted back to wetlands. Ms. Nielsen also clarified that if a property owner received a 75% benefit from any work done on the ditch, they would then be assessed 75% of the cost. She added that all property owners must come in to the Board as the Board makes the decision and if someone even has land that drains into the ditch, they have to be included in the determination.

Chairman Meyer called for the Board's wishes and requested Ms. Nielsen provide additional information to the Auditor/Treasurer.

Commissioner Stearns requested copies of the Statutes.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Schermerhorn, to adopt the following Statement on Wadena County ditches: "The Wadena County Board shall consider all requests for repairs and/or maintenance on Wadena County [Drainage] Ditches. In order to be considered all requests shall comply with the statutory procedure as found in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103E; as well as be in compliance with all conservation/wetlands laws as described in the Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103A, 103B, 103F, 103G et al. No work shall be permitted on a ditch without approval of the County Board prior to the commencement of any work", motion carried unanimously.

Sean Uselman, Building Services Director, came before the Board to request a 30-day extension on the work days for Peggy Buchanen, Building Services Department, which would be into the middle of February.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Schermerhorn, to authorize the temporary part time janitorial position, currently held by Peggy Buchanen, an extension of 30 working days, motion carried.

Chairman Meyer questioned the Board as to whether they thought there was a safety issue without electricity in the Courthouse and that it appeared that there was partial electricity as the tape recorder was working.

The Board agreed that they did not feel it was a safety issue at this time and requested the Building Services Director purchase and place battery operated lights in the restrooms.

Deana Skov, Zoning/Parks/Solid Waste Director, came before the Board to request Board authorization to paint her office and possibly purchase new office furniture. She stated that the DNR Shoreland Grant had a balance of \$12,792.00 and that she requested the Board allow her to use some of the funds to purchase office furniture. She presented the Board with two office furniture quotes:

North Country Business Products	\$ 9,156.00
Northern Business Products	\$12,750.84

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Ms. Skov requested the use of the County Building Improvement Fund to replace the ceiling and purchase paint, carpet, etc.

Commissioner Waldahl questioned how much of the grant funds would have to be spent?

Ms. Skov reported that \$9,156.00 would come from the Shoreland Grant.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Waldahl, to authorize the Zoning/Parks/Solid Waste Director to purchase furniture for the Zoning Department using \$9,156.00 from the Shoreland Grant and purchase paint, carpet, etc. in the amount of \$5,855.67 from the County Building Improvement Fund account #112-6611, and to paint the walls the same color as the Assessor's Office.

Ms. Skov informed the Board that Cody Yglesias, Building Services Department, that the project may involve overtime if their Department did the work, which could be done the end of February. She added that Mr. Yglesias had informed her that she needed Board approval to have the office painted the same color as the Assessor's Office.

Commissioner Schermerhorn suggested the use of Sentence to Serve to complete the work in the Zoning Office, as they were available.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Waldahl informed the Board that the Judge questioned whether the Board would like him to issue a Court Order to close the Courthouse due to the lights going out. He stated that he had informed the Judge that the Board had just discussed the matter and had decided to keep the Courthouse open, at this time.

Ms. Skov informed the Board that she would have information regarding the changes in Septic System Rules, which she would send out prior to the January 24, 2008 Board Meeting.

Ms. Skov requested Board approval for the renewal of an Equipment Lease for the recycling trailer for G & T Sanitation.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Waldahl, to approve the renewal of the Equipment Lease Agreement with G&T Sanitation for a recycling trailer, motion carried.

Ms. Skov requested approval to purchase three additional recycling containers to be placed in Nimrod and Menahga with the 3rd to be kept at the Transfer Station to replace existing baskets. She added that the cost would be approximately \$19,725; that it would be over budget but could be made up for during the year. Ms. Skov stated that she would like to place the order today as it took about 30 days for delivery.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Schermerhorn, to authorize the purchase of three additional recycling containers at a cost of approximately \$19,725.00, motion carried.

Ms. Skov reminded the Board of the joint meeting regarding the Perham Incinerator on January 28, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in Parkers Prairie.

Commissioner Meyer commented that a Special Board Meeting would need to be set.

Ms. Skov requested approval of the December 20, 2007 Planning Commission minutes.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Waldahl, to approve the December 20, 2007 Planning Commission Minutes, motion carried.

Kyra Ladd, County Attorney, came before the Board to inform them that the posting to fill the soon to be vacant Assistant County Attorney position was in the newspapers. She stated that she was before the Board to request approval to seek temporary professional assistance. Ms. Ladd added that she would like to hire on a month to month basis until the end of February and reported that Jeff Pederson would be available right away for \$5,000 per month.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Waldahl, to authorize the County Attorney to contract with Jeff Pederson of Pederson and Pederson Law Firm for temporary professional legal services at \$5,000 a month, motion carried.

Lee Brekke, Assessor, came before the Board to inform them that the parent of one of his employees had passed away; the employee had no time on the books and had requested emergency leave without pay during the absence.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Schermerhorn, to authorize Family Medical Leave for Jo Ellen Dooley during her absence due to the death of a family member, motion carried.

Ms. Skov presented the Board with a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Curt Marjama for a used car dealership. Mr. Marjama was also in attendance. Ms. Skov stated that the Planning Commissioner had previously recommended approval of this application with the condition that only 10 cars be located on the property for sale at any given time.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Waldahl moved that the following Resolution be adopted:

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

Curtis N. Marjama application for Conditional Use Permit to authorize a used car dealership on the property with the following condition:

- 1) That the number of vehicles on the lot will not exceed ten at any time.
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 because there is a machinery shop approximately five miles south of this property;
- 3) The structure and the use shall have an appearance that will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on nearby properties since there will not be any additional structures built;
- 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 not in conflict with the Wadena County Comprehensive Plan; and
- 6) 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 North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N1/2 NE1/4) and Lot 3, Except 5 acres in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW1/4 NE1/4); Subject to the Northwest Bell Easement, Except Tract to Shirley Marjama, Except the West 550 feet of the North 792 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE1/4 NW1/4), Section 04, Township 137 North, Range 35 West, Red Eye Township, located in an A-2 Mixed Agriculture Forestry District.

Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion and the same carried unanimously.

Adopted this 8th day of January 2008.

Attest: _____
Charleen West, Auditor/Treasurer Orville Meyer, Chairman

Kathy Langer, Todd Wadena Community Corrections Director, came before the Board to request Board adoption of Resolutions; first to appoint a member to the Executive Committee and authorizing the Executive Committee to carry out the Comprehensive Plan of Community Corrections; the second one is appointment to the Corrections Advisory Board and third one is a resolution authorizing Todd County to act as a sponsoring unit of Government for CCY Grant and authorizing the Executive Committee Chairperson to sign off on any funding or grant agreements with the Department of Public Safety for the Community Concern for Youth (CCY) Grant. She reported that the Todd County Board of Commissioners had met on January 3, 2008, and passed each of the Resolutions appointing Mark Blessing and Mark Nelson to the Executive Committee and to the Advisory Board.

Chairman Meyer informed Ms. Langer that he and Commissioner Waldahl had been appointed to the Executive Committee at the previous County Board meeting.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Schermerhorn, to adopt the following Resolution;

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Todd County Board of Commissioners and the Wadena County Board of Commissioners, on May 4, 1974, and on May 5, 1974, respectively, duly caused a resolution to be adopted wherein they declared it their intention to the State of Minnesota, pursuant to

Minnesota Laws of 1973, Chapter 401, to participate in the Community Corrections Act subject to the preparation and approval of a comprehensive plan by the Counties of Todd and Wadena and the Commissioner of Corrections for the State of Minnesota and

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED pursuant to the revision of said law, that the following persons are hereby appointed by the Chairperson of each County Board of Commissioners, with the advice and consent of each, to the Community Corrections Advisory Board.

1. Serving in the capacity of Citizen Member shall be Mark Hepokoski.
2. Serving in the capacity of Citizen Member shall be Naomi Moyer.
3. Serving in the capacity of Ethnic Minorities shall be Judy Denny.
4. Serving in the capacity of Victim Services shall be Connie Nelson.
5. Serving in the capacity of Todd County Commissioner shall be Mark Blessing
6. Serving in the capacity of Todd County Commissioner shall be Mark Nelson
7. Serving in the capacity of Wadena County Commissioner shall be Orv Meyer
8. Serving in the capacity of Wadena County Commissioner shall be Lane Waldahl
9. Serving in the capacity of District Court Judge shall be Honorable Sally Ireland Robertson.
10. Serving in the capacity of Prosecuting Attorney shall be Jane Gustafson.
11. Serving in the capacity of Public Defender shall be Gregory Peters.
12. Serving in the capacity of Police Chief shall be Kyle Huber.
13. Serving in the capacity of Wadena County Sheriff shall be Michael Carr, Jr.
14. Serving in the capacity of Todd County Sheriff shall be Peter Mikkelson.
15. Serving in the capacity of Health Professional shall be Cheryl Schneider.
16. Serving in the capacity of Social Services Director shall be Frank Sandelin.
17. Serving in the capacity of Educational Administrator shall be James Hofer.
18. Serving in the capacity of Corrections Agent shall be Sarah Urbach.
19. Serving in the capacity of Correctional Administrator shall be Katherine Langer.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF THE WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS has caused this resolution to be adopted this 8th day of January, 2008.

ATTEST: WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wadena County Auditor

By _____
Chairperson

Motion carried.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Schermerhorn, to adopt the following Resolution;

RESOLUTION OF SPONSORSHIP
Youth Intervention Program

Resolution authorizing submission of the grant application and execution of the grant agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Wadena County Board of Commissioners that Todd County act as sponsoring unit of government and fiscal agent for the projects titled Wadena County Community Concern For Youth and Todd County Community Concern For Youth to be conducted by Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, grantee, during the period from 01-01-08 through 12-31-09. The Chairperson of the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and funding with the Justice Program, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, as necessary to implement the project on behalf of Wadena County.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Wadena County on January 8, 2008 .

SIGNED:

WITNESSED:

Chairperson 1/8/08

County Auditor 1/8/08

Motion carried.

Motion by Harrison, seconded by Stearns, to adopt the following Resolution;

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Todd County Board of Commissioners and the Wadena County Board of Commissioners, on November 1, 2007, reviewed the 2008-2009 Comprehensive Community Corrections Plan and 2008 Budget for Todd and Wadena Community Corrections and

WHEREAS, In compliance with the regulations contained in the Community Corrections Plan, it is required that membership of the Executive Committee be confirmed by the Todd and Wadena Counties Boards of Commissioners and the Community Corrections Advisory Board for Todd and Wadena Counties.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the members of the Executive Committee are appointed as follows:

1. Mark Blessing, Todd County Commissioner.
2. Mark Nelson, Todd County Commissioner.
3. Orville Meyer, Wadena County Commissioner.
4. Lane Waldahl, Wadena County Commissioner.
5. Judy Denny, Chairperson of the Community Corrections Advisory Board.
6. Mark Hepokoski, Vice-Chairperson of the Community Corrections Advisory Board from Wadena County.
7. Honorable Sally Ireland Robertson, Todd and Wadena Counties Court Judge.

BE IT FURTHER JOINTLY RESOLVED, the Todd and Wadena Counties Boards of Commissioners vest authority in the Executive Committee, by this resolution, to implement and maintain the Comprehensive Community Corrections Plan for Todd and Wadena Counties.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF THE WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS has caused this resolution to be adopted this 8th day of January, 2008.

ATTEST:

WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wadena County Auditor

By _____
Chairperson

Joel Ulring, Highway Engineer, came before the Board to provide an update on the Depot Renovation Project. He stated that the project was about 80% completed with a substantial completion by the end of January.

Mr. Ulring shared with the Board a letter regarding the MinnCan Pipeline construction stating that the project remained on schedule for a late 2008 completion date.

Mr. Ulring requested Board authorization of his attendance of the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) annual conference in Portland, Oregon April 20 – 22, 2008. He added that the registration deadline was January 30, 2008.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Schermerhorn, to authorize the Highway Engineer to attend the National Association of County Engineers Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon, April 20 – 22, 2008, motion carried.

Chairman Meyer closed the Board of Commissioners Meeting at 11:00 a.m. for a Closed Board Meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Present: Wadena County Commissioners Orville Meyer, Dave Schermerhorn, Mary Harrison, Bill Stearns, Lane Waldahl, Highway Engineer Joel Ulring and Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Tammy Lupkes.

Chairman Meyer reopened the Board of Commissioners Meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Chairman Meyer informed the Board that the salary for the Auditor/Treasurer had to be revisited as a round figure was used and it did not reflect 3%.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Schermerhorn, to approve the 2008 wage for Auditor/Treasurer Char West in the amount of 59,301.63, which reflected a 3% increase, motion carried.

Motion by Schermerhorn, seconded by Stearns, to rescind the following motion; “Motion by Schermerhorn, seconded by Stearns, to approve the 2008 annual salary for Auditor/Treasurer, Char West, in the amount of \$62,000.00”, motion carried.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Schermerhorn, to approve payment of the Board of Commissioner Bills in the amount of \$134,021.57, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop in the amount of \$21,723.10 and Stoneman Oil in the amount of \$5,259.26, motion carried.

Chairman Meyer authorized Vice Chair Dave Schermerhorn to use his signature stamp for payment of the January 8, 2008 Board of Commissioner bills due to his need to leave prior to their signing.

Motion by Stearns seconded by Harrison, to adjourn the Board of Commissioners Meeting at 11:35 a.m., motion carried.

Tammy Lupkes, Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Orville Meyer, Chairman