

WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2009, 10:15 A.M.

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners Special Meeting was held on Monday, June 15, 2009, at the Wadena County Courthouse in the Commissioners Room at 415 Jefferson St. S., Wadena Minnesota. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chairman Dave Schermerhorn.

Also present: Commissioners Lane Waldahl, Ralph Miller, Auditor/Treasurer Char West, and Deana Skov, Zoning/Parks Director. Absent: Commissioners William Stearns and Rodney Bounds.

The purpose of the Meeting was for the Board to review and take action on a draft letter to Governor Pawlenty regarding the 2009 Un-allotment of State Aid to Wadena County, as presented by the Wadena County Management Team and directed by the Board.

Ms. Skov stated that during the previous Department Head Meeting the group discussed the potential of un-allotment of County Program Aid by Governor Pawlenty and the need to send a letter to the Governor. She pointed out that Commissioner Stearns had stated that he had started a letter which could be used as a draft. Ms. Skov stated that she and Dave Anderson, Veteran's Service Office, had volunteered to refine the letter, which included all of the same points as Commissioner Stearns letter, and their recommendation was to move forward in sending the letter.

The letter to Governor Pawlenty requested a "Waiver of Un-allotment of County Program Aid" for Wadena County due to the population and age of the County, unemployment rate, per capital income, average net tax capacity from 2000 to 2007, tax capacity rate compared to smaller counties, inflationary property values, increase in law enforcement and human services budgets, burden of previous un-allotment of County Program Aid and County employees agreeing to a freeze of wages for 2009.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Miller, to approve and sign the letter to Governor Pawlenty requesting a Waiver of Un-allotments of County Program Aid to Wadena County, as presented by the Management Team, motion carried.

Chairman Schermerhorn adjourned the Special Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Charleen West, Auditor/Treasurer

David Schermerhorn, Chairman