

WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EMERGENCY MEETING
JUNE 21, 2010/8:40 A.M.

The Wadena County Emergency Board of Commissioners Meeting was held on Monday, June 21, 2010, at the Wadena County Courthouse in the Commissioners Room at 415 Jefferson St. S., Wadena Minnesota. The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chairman William Stearns.

Present: Commissioners Lane Waldahl, Rodney Bounds, Dave Schermerhorn, Ralph Miller, Auditor/Treasurer Char West and County Attorney Kyra Ladd. Also present were Wayne Wolden, Wadena City Mayor, Don Niels, Wadena City Council Member, Jeff Nardello, Mike Olson and Sheldon Monson, Wadena County Agriculture Society representatives, and Senator Dan Skogen.

Chairman Stearns informed those in attendance that the purpose of the Emergency Meeting was to discuss and take possible action in response to the Wadena County Disaster Recovery effort relating the June 17, 2010 Tornado.

The Board and City representatives discussed the current operations of the Debris Management Site located at the City owned "Old Airport".

Sheldon Monson, informed the Board that the Agriculture Society was in the process of cleaning up the County Fair Grounds for the purpose of holding the 2010 Wadena County Fair.

Mayor Wolden commented that the City strongly encouraged City and County discussion on the future planning process as the Fair Grounds. He added that the Wadena City Council had passed a motion in support of the reconstruction of Highway 10 through the City. Mayor Wolden pointed out that Congressman Oberstar would be coming to Wadena to view the Disaster Area, at which time the City would be discussing with him the possibility of the reconstruction of Highway 10 through the City due to the destruction of businesses along Highway 10.

Jeff Nardelo informed the Board that the Agriculture Society had contacted Schafer Metals out of Menahga for a quote to bale and purchase the metals at the County Fair Grounds; they would prepare the metal for \$80 per ton and remove it from the property.

Discussion was held regarding the need to follow the bidding process seeing as the removal of this debris would not be considered a disaster response. It was also pointed out that the County Attorney and City Attorney should have discussions relating to the County Fair Grounds.

Kyra Ladd, County Attorney pointed out that the sale of County property and County purchases were required to follow the bidding process.

The Board directed the Wadena County Agriculture Society to obtain several quotes from contractor for the removal of Tornado related debris from the Wadena County Fair Grounds and to return to the Board for review of such.

Discussion was held regarding the County and Agriculture Society's combined MCIT insurance coverage for debris removal.

Chairman Stearns appoint Commissioners Miller and Bounds, Solid Waste Director Mike Hanan, Auditor/Treasurer Char West and Elections Coordinator Rosie Miller to work with the Wadena County Fair Board.

Discussion was held as to the need to ensure that all existing Fairgrounds Buildings were safe to enter, the need to have them inspected. It was pointed out that even through the City of Wadena did not enforce the State Building Code public propriety was not exempt from abiding by the Code.

Chairman Stearns adjourned the Wadena County Board of Commissioners Emergency Meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Charleen West, Auditor/Treasurer

William Stearns, Chairman