

**WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2010, 12:00 P.M.**

The Wadena County Board of Commissioners Adjourned Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 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 12:00 p.m. by Chairman William Stearns and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was said.

Present: Commissioners Dave Schermerhorn, Lane Waldahl, Rodney Bounds, Ralph Miller, and Auditor/Treasurer Char West.

**Agenda:** Motion by Bounds, seconded by Miller, to approve the day's Agenda to include h.) Resolution South County Health Alliance, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Miller, seconded by Schermerhorn, to approve Board of Commissioners Meeting minutes of September 7, 2010, motion carried.

**Wadena Historical Society:** Rich Paper, Wadena Historical Society, came before the Board to inform them that the Historical Society's By-Laws allow for a member of the County Commissioners to serve as an ex-officio member of the Historical Society Board and invited the Commissioners to appoint a Commissioner to attend their meetings. He added that their meetings were held at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month and were one to two hours long. Mr. Paper pointed out that this was a County-wide museum.

Board discussion was held regarding the Board's previous decision to transfer participation in the WesMin RC&D Board to the Soil & Water Conservation District.

Chairman Stearns informed Mr. Paper that the Board would take the request under advisement.

**Highway Department:** Ryan Odden, Highway Engineer, requested Board approval of the final payment of \$6,230.08 to AAA Stripping Service Company for SP 80-070-01 for placing enhanced pavement marking on all County State Aide Highways.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Schermerhorn, to approve the final payment of \$6,230.08 to AAA Stripping Service Company for the completion of SP 80-070-01, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Odden requested approval of the final payment of \$66,352.77 to Tri-City Paving, Inc, for the completion of SP 80-621-11 for milling and overlaying CSAH 21 from the Menahga City limits to CSAH 23.

Motion by Schermerhorn, seconded by Miller, to approve the final payment of \$66,352.77 to Tri-City Paving, Inc. for the completion of SP 80-621-11, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Odden informed the Board that the 2010 gravel crushing contract with Sanders Construction was currently underway at the Brian Wedscheid gravel pit. He also advised the Board that the Bridge project had been opened to traffic September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Rescheduled December 20, 2010 Board Meeting:** Chairman Stearns rescheduled the December 20, 2010 Adjourned Board Meeting to December 23, 2010 due to a conflict in meetings.

**Building Maintenance Department:** Sean Uselman, Building Maintenance Director, came before the Board to remind them of the insufficiency of the Courthouse generator as it was only designed to run the Emergency Operations Center. He commented that the generator ran okay during the disaster, however, it was getting old and parts were hard to find. Mr. Uselman informed the Board that the generator service man had informed him that there was a used generator in Fargo from a vacated building, which was 3 years old, 2 ½ times the size output of the current generator and was a stand alone unit which could be located outside. He requested Board direction as to whether he should check on pricing and cost for hookup of this generator as well as their opinion on where to locate it outside the Courthouse. Mr. Uselman pointed out that the Emergency Manager was checking on available FEMA funds and Sheriff Carr was checking on available 911 funds. He advised that the price of the generator was \$50,000; it had 98 hours on it and was 250 kw.

Discussion was held as to possible location of the generator if purchased.

Board consensus was for Mr. Uselman to proceed in obtaining figures and installation costs for two different possible locations.

**4-H Building Repair/Rebuilding Project:** Commissioner Waldahl updated the Board on Committee Meeting discussions held relating to the repair and rebuilding of the 4-H Building; the 4-H Coordinator, Building Services Director and he met to view the leakage and mold in the building. He advised that he had contacted MCIT regarding the mold, which was not covered; the Emergency Manager regarding FEMA funds; and Homeland Security who would partially build a Safe Room. Commissioner Waldahl advised that he had received information from the State and the Highway Engineer had received Federal information. He recommended that a Committee be set up to include himself, the Highway Engineer, the 4-H Coordinator, the Building Services Director and the Auditor/Treasurer to meet with FEMA to discuss the possibilities for the project. Commission Waldahl pointed out that the Minnesota Design Team would like to provide recommendations on the rebuilding of the entire Fairgrounds. He noted that the 4-H Coordinator was concerned about not being able to rent storage this year and that he had advised her to inform the renters that it would not be available for rent this year but to please return the following year.

Discussion was held relating to FEMA Hazard Mitigation Funds that may be available to rebuild and repair the 4-H Building stronger for the purpose of withstanding high winds in the future. Discussion was also held regarding the pros and cons of repairing and rebuilding the 4-H Building immediately or postponing until additional information could be obtained.

Motion by Schermerhorn, seconded by Bounds, to approve the necessary repairs to make the 4-H Building west wall temporarily weather secure and not to rebuild until spring,

Board discussion was held regarding the possibility of the immediate repairs being done by the Sentence To Serve Program; the Highway Engineer would research the possibility.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Schermerhorn, to approve the establishment of a Committee that would consist of the Building Services Director, Auditor/Treasurer, Highway Engineer, 4-H Coordinator, Commissioners Waldahl and Chairman Stearns, and to continue to work with FEMA on the 4-H Building Project, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Schermerhorn, to approve the payment of \$1,750.00 to the Wadena County 4-H Program for their lost winter rental income from storage in the 4-H Building, to be paid from the MCIT dividend, motion carried.

**Motion to Refund Advance Human Services to Solid Waste:** Ms. West informed the Board that the previously approved August 19, 2010 Resolution refunding the cash advance from the Human Services Fund to the Solid Waste Fund did not include a 2009 interest payment or the rounding off of \$.38. She requested Board approval of the repayment.

Motion by Schermerhorn, seconded by Waldahl, to approve the additional repayment of the Solid Waste Fund from the Human Services Fund in the amount of \$2,708.00 - 8/09 Interest Expense advance and (\$.38) rounding of 8/19/10 Repayment Resolution; total repayment of \$2,702.62, motion carried unanimously.

**Tax Forfeited Land Bud Capping Bid:** Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Schermerhorn, to approve the total bid of \$2,700.00 to Bryan and Kira Reoh for bud capping of tree seedlings on County Tax Forfeited land, motion carried unanimously.

**SCHA Resolution:** Chairman Stearns advised the Board that three counties had voted to exit South Country Health Alliance (SCHA); Crow Wing, Cass and Freeborn, with Freeborn being with SCHA the longest. He pointed out that the Department of Human Services had requested SCHA to be the provider for Freeborn County in 2011 and presented the Board with a Resolution authorizing this request.

## **WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION**

Commissioner Schermerhorn offered the following and moved adoption,

WHEREAS; South Country Health Alliance is a 14 County Minnesota Managed Care Organization authorized to provide managed care services in various Minnesota counties; and

WHEREAS; South Country Health Alliance has entered into a contract with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and is participating in Medicare Advantage as a Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (SNP); and

WHEREAS; Freeborn County has been a participating Member County of South Country Health Alliance since 2001, but has chosen to discontinue its membership with South Country Health Alliance beginning 1/1/11; and

WHEREAS; South Country and Freeborn County have developed a mature and successful provider network that serves a significant Medicare and Medicaid enrollee membership located in Freeborn County; and

WHEREAS; the Freeborn County Board of Commissioners has approved Freeborn County Resolution #HS-10-6012010 in support of continuing to contract for the provision of managed care services to eligible Freeborn County residents through South Country Health Alliance for the 2011 service year; and

WHEREAS; to avoid disruption of service to the eligible enrollees, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has acknowledged that South Country Health Alliance would continue to serve the eligible enrollees of Freeborn County in 2011 as a part of its approved service area; and

WHEREAS; the member counties of South Country Health Alliance, in accordance with Minn. Stat. 471.59 and through Resolutions passed by their respected County Boards, have duly empowered the Joint Powers Board of South Country Health Alliance to provide managed care services as authorized under the term of the Joint Powers Agreement and By-Laws; and

WHEREAS; to ensure minimal disruption of service to the citizens of Freeborn County, the South Country Health Alliance Joint Powers Board has unanimously approved South Country Health Alliance Resolution #01-0610-0001 authorizing South Country Health Alliance to continue to provide managed care services to eligible enrollees living in Freeborn County in 2011;

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved; that Wadena County hereby ratifies the action of the South Country Health Alliance Joint Powers Board regarding the continuing provision of managed care service to eligible enrollees living in Freeborn County,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wadena County recognizes and acknowledges that the provision of managed care services to enrollees living in Freeborn County is subject to all the rights, obligations and conditions incident thereto; including those described in the South Country Health Alliance Joint Powers Board Articles and By-Laws and any contractual obligations incident thereto.

Commissioner Bounds seconded the motion, and upon being put to a vote, was carried unanimously.

Adopted at Wadena, Minnesota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2010.

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William Stearns, Chairman

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Charleen West, Auditor/Treasurer

The Board recessed at 1:03 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

**Solid Waste Department:** Mike Hanan, Solid Waste Director, reminded the Board of the request for a Leave of Absence from one of the Transfer Station Attendants and that the three remaining temporary emergency employees would be done soon. He added that the Board had requested that he look into the possibility of having one of the Otter Tail Solid Waste employees assist, when available, at the Wadena County Transfer Station. Mr. Hanan pointed out that this would be possible but it would be a County cost of \$28.00 per hr. plus mileage versus retaining one of the temporary emergency employees at \$11.00 per hr. He informed the Board that a temporary employee would become union eligible once employment exceeded 67 days.

Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of retaining one of the temporary emergency employees or hiring one of the Otter Tail Solid Waste employees.

Motion by Waldahl, seconded by Schermerhorn, to approve the request for a two week Leave of Absence for Solid Waste Attendant Chris Harshaw from October 4, 2010 to October 16, 2010, motion carried.

Motion by Bounds, seconded by Schermerhorn, to approve the hiring of an Otter Tail Solid Waste employee as needed at the Wadena County Transfer Station, Bounds, Schermerhorn, Miller and Stearns voting aye, Waldahl voting nay.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bounds, seconded by Schermerhorn, to approve payment of the Board of Commissioner bills in the amount of \$431,908.25, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Schermerhorn – none

Commissioner Miller – Wadena Soil & Water Conservation District – 2010 budget is balanced but if provide pay raises and return to a five day work week 2011 will be over budget \$9,000 to \$11,000; Law Library Committee Meeting.

Chairman Stearns – 2.0 Committee Meeting – MN Design Team to be in Wadena October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Bounds – Ottertail Wadena Community Action Council.

Commissioner Waldahl – National Joint Powers Alliance Meeting; Todd Wadena Community Corrections; AMC Policy Community – County Preliminary Levy increases were 0% to 9.5% with an average of 2.06%; CHAMPS Meeting; SHIPS Meeting.

Chairman Stearns closed the Adjourned Board of Commissioners Meeting at 1:48 p.m. for the purpose of strategizing for the upcoming 2011 Labor Negotiations. Present: Commissioners Schermerhorn, Stearns, Bounds, Waldahl, Highway Engineer Ryan Odden, and Auditor/Treasurer Char West. Absent: Commissioner Miller due to a conflict of interest relating to the subject matter.

Chairman Stearns opened the Board of Commissioners Meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Chairman Stearns adjourned the Board of Commissioners Meeting at 2:03 a.m.

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Charleen West, Auditor/Treasurer

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William Stearns, Chairman