

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARTIN
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2006
@ 9:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Gerald Boler.

Those present were Commissioners Pierce, Donnelly, Potter, and Schmidtke. Also present were James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Kevin Peyman, Martin County Engineer, Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Brookens, Sentinel Newspaper, and members of staff and public.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the minutes of the October 3, 2006 regular Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Carried unanimously.

Terry Viesselman, Martin County Attorney, presented an update that included receiving an appeal from K-Mart for the 2007 taxes. Viesselman noted that K-Mart has the right to appeal early and has chosen to do so which now makes three years of property taxes we are dealing with. Viesselman went on to say that a pretrial conference has been scheduled for January, 2007. Viesselman stated that Martin County Drug Court will be in operation by January 1, 2007 with referrals possibly commencing in December; and Beverly Snow, is the new Martin County Drug Court Coordinator and will introduce at the next Board meeting. Viesselman concluded that he has received a letter from the Attorney General's Office to consider another lifetime commitment of a convicted sex offender.

Kevin Peyman, Martin County Engineer, presented a department update that included progress on the grading of County Road 37; Highway 53 bituminous overlay project; and bridge replacements for two box culverts in Jay and Fairmont Townships. Peyman noted projects are either already complete or will be within the next week.

Tanya Skow, Corrections Officer with the Martin County Sheriff's Office, was present and stated that the Sheriff's Office is considering a combination of products and services from Midwest Monitoring (Fairmont) for those clients on electronic monitoring. Skow went on to state that the Department has concerns regarding the higher cost of equipment and repairs through the current provider BI (Behavioral Interventions), as well as anticipating that the main frame system (K2 System purchased in the year 2000), will have met its useful life and the county would therefore need to purchase a new system

unless services are obtained from a private vendor. Skow noted that the proposal from Midwest Monitoring would include equipment (Sobrioters and FMD's), maintenance of equipment, 24 hour monitoring as needed and/or staff backup. Skow continued that at this point, the county would look at monitoring services by Midwest Monitoring on an emergency basis; however, Midwest Monitoring is able to provide all electronic monitoring services if needed.

The cost for services by Midwest Monitoring would be as follows:

- RF monitoring (9000 or Home Guard) at the rate of \$5.50/day
- For Alcohol monitoring only (Sobriotor) at the rate of \$5.50/day
- For RF and Alcohol monitoring at the rate of \$8.00/day

Skow continued, comparing equipment and services provided by BI and Isecuretrac (current providers). Skow noted that costs associated with leasing 1-25 units with Isecuretrac is \$4.75/day, will continue at that rate throughout the life of the lease, and it is not required to purchase any units at the end of the lease period. However BI offers a 12 month, 24 month, and 36 month lease purchase at a cost of \$104.00 per unit plus additional expenses of all maintenance and repairs. After much discussion, it was determined that more information is needed on all equipment options and total costs associated with proposed monitoring services. No action taken on proposal from Midwest Monitoring in providing Electronic Monitoring.

Sheriff Brad Gerhardt, Deputy Matt Owens, and Mike Schultz were present to update the Board on the Martin County Sheriff's Mounted Posse/Reserve, noting that the purpose of the Mounted Posse/Reserve is to assist the Sheriff in emergencies and participate in parades, charitable events and other functions as deemed appropriate. Gerhardt went on to say that the Mounted Posse/Reserve is expected to be formed by 2007 and is seeking approval to recruit volunteers for the Martin County Sheriff's Posse.

Deputy Owens presented the Mounted Posse/Reserve By-Laws, and Mike Schultz displayed the uniform that will be worn. It was noted that while the Posse's duties may be similar to the former Fairmont Explorers Group for teens, Posse members will need to be at least 18 years of age. Members also must provide their own horses and trailers and pay a \$50 membership fee. Uniforms will be paid for by the Posse members. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize the Martin County Sheriff's Office to move forward soliciting members to serve on the Martin County Sheriff's Mounted Posse/Reserve; contingent upon insurance coverage review by Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust and Martin County Attorney. Carried unanimously.

Greg Gellert, Blizzard Snowmobile Club, presented a capital improvement project grant application to be used for bridge replacement on snowmobile trails. Gellert noted that this is a new State funding program with the intent that trail grooming and maintenance

dollars are not spent on capital improvement projects. Gellert stated that he is seeking Board approval to submit the funding application to the State.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair to sign the Minnesota Snowmobile Trail Assistance Program Capital Improvement Project Application in the amount of \$7,800; and to approve the Snowmobile Blizzard Club submit the capital grant on behalf of Martin County. Carried unanimously.

Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, stated that Tad Dechaine and Willie Urban, d/b/a Sportsmen's Pub, LLC in Pleasant Prairie Township – Imogene, MN have applied for a 3.2% On & Off Sale Liquor License. James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, stated that approval would need to be contingent upon receipt of certificate of insurance.

Motion by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Schmidtke, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve 3.2% On & Off Sale Liquor License for Tad Dechaine and Willie Urban, d/b/a Sportsmen's Pub, LLC in Pleasant Prairie Township – Imogene, MN; contingent upon receipt of certificate of insurance. Carried unanimously.

Higgins noted that the County Board must approve Tobacco License Applications and that Tad Dechaine and Willie Urban, d/b/a Sportsmen's Pub, LLC in Pleasant Prairie Township – Imogene, MN has submitted their application for a Tobacco License.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly,

R-#55/'06

RESOLUTION

ISSUANCE OF TOBACCO LICENSE

WHEREAS, the County of Martin, MN (County) has established a Tobacco Ordinance (Ordinance) relating to the sale, possession, and use of tobacco in Martin County and to reduce the illegal sale, possession, and use of such items to and by minors, along with compliance with Minnesota Statutes and Rules; and,

WHEREAS, applications for a tobacco license to sell tobacco shall be made through the County and its required forms as established by the Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of Commissioners (Board) may either approve or deny the license, or delay it for such reasonable period of time as necessary to complete any investigation of the application or the applicant it deems necessary. If the Board approves the application, the County Coordinator shall issue the license. If the application is denied, notice of the denial shall be given to the applicant along with notice of the applicants right to appeal the Board's decision; and,

WHEREAS, all licenses shall be valid under the Ordinance for one calendar year from the date of issuance; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize tobacco license for the following Retail Establishments, and valid for the year October 17, 2006 through October 16, 2007.

License Approved for:

- Sportsmen’s Pub, LLC – Pleasant Prairie Township

Upon this motion made by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, was duly made and passed this 17th day of October, 2006.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Gerald Boler, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Potter, Schmidtke, Donnelly, Pierce, and Boler.

NAYS: None. Duly passed and adopted this 17th day of October, 2006.

Higgins stated that the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) requests that each county approve and provide for voting delegates to the Annual Conference. The Conference will be held December 4-6, 2006.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby appoint the following individuals as voting delegates to the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Annual Conference to be held December 4-6, 2006 in Rochester, MN: Commissioners Steve Pierce, Steve Donnelly, Gerald Boler, Jack Potter, and Dan Schmidtke; and Kevin Peyman, Martin County Engineer, James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, and Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator. Carried unanimously.

Higgins state that the Sheriff is recommending that each Commissioner appoint someone from their district to serve on and attend the monthly Martin County Justice Council Planning Committee meetings. After discussion,

It was determined by consensus of the Board to table appointments of Commissioner representatives to serve on Martin County Justice Council Planning Committee until the

next regular Board of Commissioners meeting and that the additional appointments to the Committee should come from the rural areas of the County.

The Board recessed at 10:00 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Higgins introduced John Chabot with Hanratty & Associates, to review the county's health insurance plan. Chabot noted that he had met with the County Insurance Committee and reviewed the current Health Insurance Plans with MEDICA and the 105 Plan. Chabot continued that the County received a 39% renewal premium increase from MEDICA for the current \$1,500 Deductible health plan, and after requesting proposals from other health insurance carriers, BlueCross/BlueShield through the South Central Coop came in with a bid proposal for an 11.01% increase over 2006 for a \$3,000 Deductible health plan and includes changes to the prescription drug benefit as follows: current \$11 co-pay for generic drugs to \$10 co-pay for generic drugs; \$11 co-pay for brand name drugs on formulary list to \$25 co-pay for brand name drugs on formulary list; and \$26 co-pay for non-formulary drugs to \$40 co-pay for non formulary drugs. Chabot went on to state that MEDICA met the same proposal with a 25.03% increase. Chabot further stated that due to current utilization of the health plan, the county would be taking a minimal increase in risk in purchasing the \$3,000 Deductible Plan. Chabot presented a spreadsheet review of 2006 current premium contributions versus 2007 proposed plan contributions. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be it Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, on an annual basis reviews and determines the county health plans and employee contributions to health insurance premiums for non-union staff; hereby approves the purchase of the \$3,000 Deductible Health Plan from BlueCross/BlueShield through the South Central Coop; and establishes the non-union employee contributions for single and family plans as follows: Plan A (\$20 Co-pay) Single \$101.66, Family \$678.87; Plan B (\$250 Ded.) Single \$50.96, Family \$489.34; and Plan C (\$1,000 Ded.) Single \$0.00 and Family \$280.00 for CY2007; and to approve and authorize the Board Chair and/or the County Coordinator to sign the necessary documents with BlueCross/BlueShield and/or Hanratty & Associates relating to the health insurance plan(s). Carried unanimously.

Higgins reviewed that initially the County received a 39% renewal premium increase from MEDICA. Our insurance broker, Hanratty & Associates took our health plan out for bid to other providers and ended up receiving a bid of 11.01% increase from BlueCross/BlueShield for a \$3,000 Deductible plan along with changes to the Prescription Drug Plan. MEDICA was able to get their initial proposal down to 25.03% with prescription drug changes. The County Insurance Committee has met on the proposed changes and has given their approval and recommends that the Board change Health Insurance carrier to BlueCross/BlueShield of Minnesota Insurance Company through the South Central Coop.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly,

R-#54/'06

RESOLUTION APPROVING BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD
OF MINNESOTA GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGE
FOR CY2007

WHEREAS, Martin County, MN has established and maintains certain benefit plans, particularly group health plans; and

WHEREAS, Martin County, MN has established and maintained a group health plan; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the County may change group health plan coverage's as it deems necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board believes that it is in the best interest of the county and its employees to review and seek other potential health insurance providers; and

WHEREAS, the County received a 39% renewal premium increase from MEDICA for the current \$1,500 Deductible health plan, and after requesting proposals from other health insurance carriers, Blue Cross/Blue Shield through the South Central Coop came in with a bid proposal for 11.52% increase over 2006 for a \$3,000 Deductible health plan and changes to the prescription drug benefit as follows: current \$11 co pay for generic drugs to \$10 co pay for generic drugs; \$11 co pay for brand name drugs on formulary list to \$25 co pay for brand name drugs on formulary list; and \$26 co pay for non formulary drugs to \$40 co pay for non formulary drugs. For CY2007. MEDICA met the same proposal with a 25.03% increase; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon a motion by Commissioner Pierce, and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, upon the recommendation of the County Health Insurance Committee, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair and/or the County Coordinator to sign and execute the necessary documents for Group Select 105 Health Insurance Coverage to purchase from BlueCross BlueShield of Minnesota Insurance Company a \$3,000 Comprehensive Major Medical Plan (Deductible) health coverage for CY2007; and to provide the following health plans to it's employees through the Select 105 plan with changes to the prescription drug plan as stated in this resolution: Plan A \$20 Co-pay, Plan B,-\$250 Deductible, Plan C-\$1,000 Deductible as presented.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2006.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Gerald Boler, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Potter, Schmidtke, Donnelly, Pierce, and Boler.
NAYS: None. Duly passed and adopted this 17th day of October, 2006.

Higgins stated The Municipal Pool – Minnesota Life Insurance Company has reviewed our census and experience in relation to the other Minnesota Municipal Pool members and has determined that our BASIC life rate will remain unchanged for the coming policy year at \$.26 per month per thousand and \$.03 per month per \$1,000 for AD&D. The OPTIONAL employee/spouse and dependent life rates will also remain unchanged.

Higgins continued the Voluntary Long Term Disability rates will remain unchanged in 2007. However, anyone moving into a new age bracket will have an increase in premiums as of January 1, 2007.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby accept and receive and file the renewals from The Municipal Pool – Minnesota Life Insurance Company Life Insurance Policy No. 32597 and Assurant Employee Benefits Voluntary Long Term Disability Policy No. 5248040 policy renewals through Ochs, Inc. for CY2007. Carried unanimously.

Higgins noted that at the September 5, 2006 regular Board of Commissioners meeting, it was the Board's intent to establish an EDA Exploratory Committee consisting of no more than fifteen members. Fourteen individuals have been appointed to serve on the committee. Commissioner Jack Potter has named Cory Ebeling as the fifteenth member to serve on this committee from Martin County's Fifth District. Notification has been sent to Mr. Ebeling informing him that he has been appointed to serve on the Exploratory Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve the appointment of Cory Ebeling, representing Martin County's Fifth District, to serve on the newly formed EDA Exploratory Committee; and to receive per diems and expenses consistent with established rates for all County Advisory Committees and Boards. Carried unanimously.

Higgins informed the Board of a proposal for a small "prairie grass" display be planted on the Courthouse grounds in conjunction with the Courthouse Centennial and Sesquicentennial Celebrations to be held in June, 2007. Rich Perrine, SWCD District Technician, and Greg Johanson, SWCD Program Specialist, were present to open discussion on different types of prairie plantings to fill an area approximately 50 to 100 square feet in full sun as well as plantings along the courthouse foundation and sidewalk areas. After discussion,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize SWCD to move forward with native prairie grass display on Courthouse lawn and plantings along the foundation of the Courthouse. Carried unanimously.

Higgins continued that Fairlakes Transportation has submitted an invoice to Martin County for vehicle insurance charges over and above the \$20,000 maximum amount to be paid by Fairlakes Transportation. Vehicle insurance charges for the year are \$24,588 and Fairlakes Transportation is requesting that Martin County pay the difference in the amount of \$4,588.

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Potter, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, hereby approve and authorize Board Chair to sign amendment to Purchase of Service Agreement with Fairlakes Transportation, Inc. (Fairmont) for the operation of the Martin County Express public transit system with an increase in the Cost of Delivery of Purchased Services of \$4,588 for 2006, due to the unexpected increase in vehicle insurance premiums. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, Be It Resolved that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, approve the payment of claims for the month of October, 2006 as presented; and to ratify approval of claims as presented that did not meet the county billing cycle (Dan and Kay Madsen-\$419.50, Jerry Voyles- \$6,840, Mel Carlson Chevrolet- \$15,875, Van Oel and Evans-\$9,792). Carried unanimously.

Warrants received and paid 10-17-06 are registered on file in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office as follows:

Revenue Fund – Warrants Approved 10-17-06	Totaled	\$200,289.13
Park & Recreation Fund		\$ 8,009.62
Enhanced 9-1-1 Fund		\$ 3,457.27
Solid Waste Management Fund		\$ 15,758.46
Law Library Fund		\$ 2,012.03
Martin County Transit Fund		\$ 41,145.11
Ind. Sewage Treatment Sys. Loan Fd (ISTS)		\$ 55,281.00
Building – CIP – Fund		\$ 52,085.80
Bank Building Fund		\$ 3,149.10
Refunding Fund		\$ 1,406.00
Forfeited Tax Fund		<u>\$ 6.21</u>
	Grand Total	\$382,599.73
Martin County Ditch Fund – Warrants Totaled		\$ 7,169.22
Road and Bridge Fund – Warrants Totaled		\$106,415.23

Higgins presented and reviewed the 3rd Quarter Departmental Budget Reports.

The Board gave their reports and reviewed their calendars of previous and upcoming meetings and activities.

With no further business to wit, Motion by Commissioner Schmidtke, seconded by Commissioner Donnelly, to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Gerald Boler, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator