

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARTIN
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005
@ 7:00 A.M.
RANCH RESTAURANT, FARIMONT

The Board met at the Ranch Restaurant, Fairmont, MN at 7:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Dan Schmidtke, Steve Pierce, Steve Donnelly, Jack Potter and Gerald Boler. Also present were Scott Higgins, County Coordinator, James Forshee, County Auditor, Kevin Peyman, County Engineer.

Those attending the Road and Tax Forfeiture Tour were Commissioners Schmidtke, Donnelly, Boler, Potter, Forshee, and Peyman. Board placed values on tax forfeited land and toured various road projects.

The Board convened at Courthouse at 2:00pm. Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Donnelly at 2:10pm. Those present were Commissioners Pierce, Boler, Potter, James Forshee, Auditor/Treasurer, Scott Higgins, County Coordinator, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, Rod Halverson, KFMC/KSUM. Also present were Richard Heins and Scott Morrow. Absent Commissioner Schmidtke.

Higgins reviewed the preliminary budget and tax levy for CY2006. Higgins stated that after the previous budget meeting, the county staff made the budget changes as recommended by the Board. Higgins stated that the total proposed expenditures for CY2006 is \$17, 018, 846, total revenues (excluding tax levy and county program aid (CPA) is \$7, 644, 271, with revenues of \$1, 129,951 from CPA the needed levy is \$8, 456, 012 (total revenues of \$17, 230, 234). This equated to an 8.99% levy increase from CY2005 of \$7, 758,087. The total increase in levy is \$697,925 increase from CY2005. Higgins stated that the budget will add to fund balance in the amount of \$211, 388. Higgins stated that the Board would need to certify the proposed levy for CY2006 of \$8,456,012 to the Auditor prior to September 15, 2005. After further review and consideration,

Motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Boler,

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R E S O L U T I O N

PROPOSED TAX LEVY FOR CY2006

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of Commissioners met to review the recommended CY2006 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the CY2006 recommended budget and levy was prepared with the participation of the Martin County Department Directors, Elected Officials, and the Martin County Board of Commissioners; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on September 12th, 2005 after review of the budgetary needs of the County for CY2006 and following discussion by the Martin County Board of Commissioners, the Board establishes the 2006 Proposed preliminary levy at \$8,456,012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the preliminary levy is the needed levy of \$9,585,963 less \$1,129,951 in County Program Aid (CPA).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that before adoption of the final CY2006 budget, the Board may reduce the proposed levy but cannot increase the levy from the amount set this date.

UPON, motion by Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Boler, and unanimously carried said resolution was duly passed and adopted this 12th day of September, 2005.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

Dan Schmidtke, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator

AYES: Potter, Boler, Pierce, Donnelly. NAYES: None Resolution passed and approved this 12th day of September 2005.

Commissioner Schmidtke was present at 2:31pm. Also present were Eric Anderson, Mayor of the City of Welcome, Jerry Westphal, Welcome City Clerk, and John Edman, City Attorney for Welcome.

Keith Bruinsma, Business Director for VeraSun, (Sioux Falls, South Dakota) was present to announce that Vera Sun, LLP was continuing to proceed with locating and constructing a 110 million gallon ethanol refinery facility near the City of Welcome. Mr. Bruinsma stated that VeraSun was in the permitting process and would be purchasing land near the City.

The Board stated their appreciation and willingness to assist with the facilitation of the project as they could.

With no further business to wit, the meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Dan Schmidtke, Chair

Attest: Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator